



**Land Use and Access Committee  
Meeting Summary – July 15, 2015  
Commission Room, Raleigh NC**

*Land Use and Access Committee Chair* Tom Berry called the meeting to order at 2:20 pm on July 15, 2015.

**Attendees**

**Committee Members**

Tom Berry, Chair  
Joe Barker  
Garry Spence  
Richard Edwards

John Coley, Vice Chair  
Ray Clifton  
Tommy Fonville

**Commissioners**

Wes Seegars  
Joe Budd  
John Litton Clark

Tim Spear  
David Hoyle, Jr.  
Brian White

**Staff**

Gordon Myers  
Betsy Haywood  
Alan Boynton  
Cameron Ingram  
Jodie Owen  
Christian Waters

Mallory Martin  
Carolina Medina  
Erik Christofferson  
Philip Lucas  
George Norris  
Bob Curry

**Guests**

Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited

Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation

## **Phase I Land Acquisitions**

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, reviewed seven Phase I land acquisitions for consideration by the Commission at the meeting on July 16:

- Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract – Warren County (**E-1**)
- Eure/Horton Tracts – Gates County (**E-2**)
- Faircloth Access Tract – Bladen County (**E-3**)
- NC 41 Big Swamp Access Tract – Robeson County (**E-4**)
- Sylvia Green Tract – Richmond County (**E-5**)
- Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract – Craven County (**E-6**)
- Womble Tract – Scotland County (**E-7**)

## **Phase II Land Acquisitions**

Isaac Harrold reviewed three Phase II tracts with a recommendation for the WRC to proceed with acquisition of the properties:

- Billups Tract – Bladen County (**F-1**)
- Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts – Pender County (**F-2**)
- Max Lake Tract – Richmond County (**F-3**)

**Easement Request, Burke County** – the committee reviewed an easement request from Marshall Duckworth in **Exhibit G**, to provide access to private property across a portion of Johns River Game Land in Burke County. The committee agreed to recommend adoption of the easement request with the following conditions:

- WRC bear no associated expense
- The easement serve no commercial purpose
- The easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided
- The easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance, and/or public use of the game land.

**Easement Request, Pender County** – the committee recommended that the Commission take no action on a request by private property owner Norwood Blanchard in **Exhibit H**, to memorialize an easement to his landlocked property adjacent to Angola Bay Game Land. The committee directed staff to explore the possibility of acquiring Mr. Blanchard's tract in fee simple, or otherwise evaluate the potential to trade the subject property for state property of like value elsewhere.

**Easement Request, Ashe County** – the committee recommended that the Commission approve an easement request from Carolina Investment Group in **Exhibit I**, across a portion of Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County for the purpose of accessing private property. The committee recommended approval with the following conditions:

- WRC bear no associated expense
- The easement serve no commercial purpose
- The easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided
- The easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land
- The WRC have first right of refusal if the property is to be sold.

**Easement Request, Halifax County** – the committee recommended approval of a request from N.C. Department of Transportation in **Exhibit J**, for easements across a portion of Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County to facilitate a bridge improvement project.

**Easement Request, Caswell County** – the committee recommended approval of an easement request from Duke Energy across a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County, presented in **Exhibit K**, for the purpose of relocating an existing power transmission line. A condition of the recommendation is to include the value of merchantable timber as part of the approval.

**Easement Request, Richmond County** – the committee recommended approval of an easement to Duke Energy presented in **Exhibit L**, across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County to facilitate provision of underground electrical service to a new WRC building.

**Proposed Archery Zone on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – Exhibit M**, a proposal to create an archery-only zone near school property adjacent to the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land, was reviewed by agency staff with a recommendation for no action. Further evaluation will be conducted before the recommendation will be explored by the Commission at a later meeting.

**Other Business** – Chairman Tom Berry announced that improvements to roads and parking lots and development of impoundments are being undertaken at Texas Plantation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 pm.