Meeting Summary

August 26, 2015

HNGES Chairman Mark Craig called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Attendees

Committee Members
Mark Craig, Chair
Wes Seegars
John Coley

Commissioners
Brian White
Joe Barker
David Hoyle, Jr.
Tom Berry

Staff
Mallory Martin
Susan Bunn
Thomas Harvey
Ashton Godwin
Erik Christofferson
Andrew Helton
Kate Pipkin
Kyle Briggs
Allen Boynton
Shannon Deaton

Visitors
Henri McClees – McClees Consultation
Joe McClees – McClees Consultation
Justin Boner – The Conservation Fund

Wilson Laney - USFWS
Sarah McRae – USFWS
Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation
Summer 2015 Augmentation proposals

The WRC Augmentation Policy requires staff to present any species augmentation project involving listed species to the HNGES committee for their review and approval before animals can be returned to the wild.

Todd Ewing summarized augmentation project proposals for four freshwater mussels using hatchery produced animals. The project proposals will enhance existing populations of the Triangle Floater, Atlantic Pigtoe, Carolina Heelsplitter and Tar River Spinymussel. Staff will release them into the same stream reaches where brood stock was originally collected and the species are still found.

**ACTION ITEM:** The HNGES Committee unanimously approved a motion authorizing staff to implement the augmentation plans for the Triangle Floater, Atlantic Pigtoe, Carolina Heelsplitter, and Tar River Spinymussel as presented.

Other Business

No additional business was discussed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Craig adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.