



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 26, 2018, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Coley*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Monty Crump*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman John Coley*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Take action on the February 28, 2018 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Melissa Earp, Finance Office Chief* (**EXHIBIT B**)

2018-2019 Endowment Fund Annual Interest Allocation Report- Receive a financial status report and vote on the allocation of interest from the Endowment Fund for 2018-2019 *Melissa Earp* (**EXHIBIT C**)

RECOGNITION – EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS – Recognize and present service awards to Wildlife Resources Commission Employees - *Executive Director Gordon Myers*

RECOGNITION OF JOHNS RIVER LAND ACQUISITION – Receive comments on the acquisition of Johns River land from Duke Energy, as part of Johns River Game Land – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director* and *Steve Jester, Duke Energy*

CHECK PRESENTATION FROM NC WILDLIFE FEDERATION AND NATIONAL WILD TURKEY FEDERATION - Receive a check from the NC Wildlife Federation and National Wild Turkey Federation to purchase 40 cameras for the Law Enforcement Division – *Tim Gestwicki, NC Wildlife Federation*

Break for Photographs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report – *Richard Edwards, Chair*

Fisheries Committee Report - *Tommy Fonville, Chair*

Finance Committee Report – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee Report – *Mark Craig*

Big Game Committee Report – *John Litton Clark, Chair*

Committee of the Whole – *Chairman John Coley*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – FISH NC – WRC EFFORTS TO RECRUIT, RETAIN, AND REACTIVATE ANGLERS – *Kevin Hining, Northern Mountain Regional Education Specialist*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive a staff update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wildlife Management Division Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

2018-2019 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Falconry and Waterfowl Seasons – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments and select the 2018 – 2019 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, falconry, and waterfowl - *David Cobb (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4)*

Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcon for Use in Falconry – Consider staff recommendation to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E)*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief* and *Gary Gardner, Engineering Section Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5)*

- Church Tract – Haywood County (F-1)
- Parker Tract – Haywood County (F-2)
- Winslow Tract – Perquimans County (F-3)
- Duck Creek Tract – Craven County (F-4)
- McKnitt Tract – Granville County (F-5)

Phase II Land Acquisitions – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Brian McRae (G-1, G-2, G-3)*

- Warren Neck Tract – Martin County (G-1)
- Waccamaw Campbell Tract – Columbus County (G-2)
- NFWF Tracts – McDowell, Rutherford, and Burke counties (G-3)

Easement Request – Consider a request from NCDOT for an easement across Sandhills Game Land – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT H)*

Easement Request – Consider a request from NCDOT for an easement across Hunting Creek Swamp – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT I)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0300 – Local Water Safety Rules – Consider final adoption of amendments to 48 water safety rules and final readoption of two water safety rules as part of the 2016 Periodic Review of Rules - *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBIT J)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zone - Lake Hickory in City of Hickory, Caldwell County – Consider final adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0338 – Caldwell County, for a no-wake zone at Lake Hickory Marina on Lake Hickory – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT K)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zone – Sunset Beach ICW, Brunswick County – Review comments from public hearing and consider final adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0305 – Brunswick County, for a no-wake zone on the Intracoastal Waterway near the Sunset Beach Boating Access Area and bridge – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

Final Adoption, No-Wake Zone Extension – Falls Lake, Durham and Wake Counties – Consider final adoption of an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0350 – Durham and Wake counties, to extend the no-wake zone at Holly Point Boating Access Area on Falls Lake – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT M)*

Rulemaking Application and Fiscal Note – 15A NCAC 10F .0377, Lake Glenville, Jackson County – Receive public comments and consider application and Fiscal Note for a no-wake zone at the northern end of Lake Glenville between the west shore of a portion of the lake and two islands east of the west shore - *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2, N-3)*

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0325, Pembroke Creek, Chowan County – Consider approval to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0325, to extend the no-wake zone on Pembroke Creek, shore to shore from the W. Queen Street bridge in Edenton to a line 200 yards southeast – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT O)*

PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES RULEMAKING

2016 Periodic Review – Water Safety Rules Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0100 Motorboat Registration, and 10F .0200 Safety Equipment and Accident Reports – Consider approval to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0100 Motorboat Registration, and 10F .0200 Safety Equipment and Accident Reports – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBIT P)*

2016 Periodic Review – Water Safety Rules Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0301 - General Provisions – Consider approval to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for readoption of 15A NCAC 10F .0301 General Provisions – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT Q)*

2016 Periodic Review – 15A NCAC 10H .0300 – Holding Wildlife in Captivity – Consider adoption of delayed repeal – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT R)*

2017 Periodic Review of Rules Readoption Schedule – Consider adoption of the 2017 Periodic Review of Rules Readoption Schedule for 15A NCAC 10B - Hunting and Trapping; 15A NCAC 10C - Inland Fishing; and 15A NCAC 03Q .0100 - Marine Fisheries – Classification of Joint Waters – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS S-1, S-2)*

2018 Periodic Review of Rules Initial Determinations – Consider approval of the initial classification reports for 15A NCAC 10A – Wildlife Resources Commission; 15A NCAC 10D – Game Lands Regulations; 15A NCAC 10E – Fishing and Boating Access Areas; 15A NCAC 10G – Distribution and Sale of Hunting; Fishing; and Trapping License; 15A NCAC 10I – Endangered and Threatened Species; 15A NCAC 10J – Wildlife Conservation Area Regulations; and 15A NCAC 10K – Hunter Education Course rules pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.3A – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT T)*

TECHNICAL CHANGE RULEMAKING

Adoption of Technical Amendment to 15A NCAC 10A .0401 – Consider adoption of technical amendment to 15A NCAC 10A .0401 to update the Commission’s physical address, pursuant to G.S. 150B-21.5 – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT U)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman John Coley*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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