

## ACTIONS N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

## April 22, 2021 9:00 a.m. N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

**Roll Call of Commissioners** – Pursuant to NCGS §166A-19.24 (Public Bodies/Remote Meetings During Declared Emergencies), the roll call of Commissioners attending the webinar meeting was taken.

Approval of February 25, 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) Meeting Minutes – the Commission approved the February 25, 2021 NCWRC minutes as written in the exhibit. (Exhibit A)

**2020 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award Presentation** – the Commission awarded the 2020 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Allen Boynton of Troutdale, Virginia.

**2020 Expendable Investment Income and June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances** – the Commission approved the Calendar Year 2020 Expendable Investment Income and June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances. **(Exhibits C-1, C-2)** 

Adoption of 2021-2022 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons – the Commission approved staff recommendations for the 2021-2022 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons. (Exhibits D-3, D-4)

**Adoption of Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcons for Use in Falconry** – the Commission approved the staff recommendation to allow the take of up to five migrant peregrine falcons from the wild for use in falconry in 2021. (**Exhibit E**)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10C – Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed technical changes and readoption of rules for Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas. (Exhibit F)

**Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text** – **15 A NCAC 10D .0103 – Hunting on Game Lands** – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for a temporary rule amendment on game land rules. (**Exhibit G**)

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – the Commission approved the acquisition of the Leonard Tract in Bertie County (**Exhibit H-1**), the acquisition of the Geneva Bigelow Tract in Caswell County (**Exhibit H-2**), the acquisition of the Queen Tract in Wilkes County (**Exhibit H-3**), and the acquisition of the Pontiac Plywood Tract in Warren County. (**Exhibit H-4**)

Other Property Matters – the Commission approved a staff request to demolish an old well house at the Armstrong Fish Hatchery in McDowell County (Exhibit I-1), a staff request for the NC Department of Transportation for a Right of Way and Temporary Construction Easement at R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Lands in Caswell County (Exhibit I-2), a request from Duke Energy Progress for a Permanent Utility Easement at Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County (Exhibit I-3), and a staff request to lease a WRC-administered property to Currituck County. (Exhibit I-4)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0329 Rowan County, High Rock Lake – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with a public hearing and open comment period, for an amendment to extend the no-wake zone currently within 50 yards of the shoreline at Tamarac Shores Marina, northeast to a point in the water within 50 yards of the shoreline and including the cove northwest of the marina. (Exhibit J)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 Montgomery County, Badin Lake – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with a public hearing and open comment period, for a no-wake zone on Badin Lake in Montgomery County at the Old North State Marina fuel dock. The no-wake zone is marked. The NCWRC requests rulemaking to codify in the NCAC so that the no-wake zone is enforceable. (Exhibit K)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 Stanly County, Badin Lake – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with a public hearing and open comment period, for a no-wake zone on Badin Lake in Stanly County within 50 yards of both sides of the Badin Lake railroad trestle bridge near the Stanly/Montgomery County line. (Exhibit L)

Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10I – Endangered and Threatened Species – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed changes to the rules for state listed species. (Exhibit M-2)

**Controlled Fox Hunting Preserve Petition** – the Commission voted not to approve the proposed permanent amendments to rules 15A NCAC 10H .1201, .1202, .1203 and .1204 regulating controlled fox hunting preserves from the petition for rulemaking. (**Exhibit N-2**)

**Adjournment** – Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. adjourned the webinar meeting at 10:35 a.m.