

# AGENDA N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION April 20, 2023, 9:00 a.m. 1751 Varsity Drive NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Monty Crump

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at <a href="https://www.ncwildlife.org">www.ncwildlife.org</a>.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner John Coley

**INVOCATION** –Commissioner John Alexander

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 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 inquires 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 Crump* 

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 23, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the February 23, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)** 

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 30, 2023 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the March 30, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)** 

**FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT** – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Jason Cottle, Chief Financial Officer* (**EXHIBIT C**)

**ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENDABLE INCOME ALLOCATION** – Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2022 Investment Income Allocation – *Jason Cottle* (**EXHIBIT D**)

# **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Migratory Birds & Waterfowl Committee Report – April 19, 2023 – John Coley, Chair Education & Communication Committee Report – April 19, 2023 – Kelly Davis, Chair

Land Acquisitions & Property Committee Report – April 19, 2023 – Tom Berry, Chair Finance Committee Report – April 19, 2023 – Landon Zimmer, Chair Committee of the Whole Report – April 19, 2023 – Monty Crump, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Reptile Trafficking Trends, International and Domestic-Chad Arnold, Lieutenant Special Operations Unit, Law Enforcement Division

## RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – Various 10A Rule Readoptions** – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed amendments to rules 10A .0401, .0402, .1101 and .1201 – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator* (**EXHIBIT E**)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10D .0235 Gull Rock Game Land – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed change to Gull Rock Game Land Rule – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

**Petition for Rulemaking** – Consider petition received February 14 requesting rulemaking to prohibit the use of dogs when hunting deer on a portion of Columbus County Game Land south of NC 214 – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT G)

# WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption** – **15A NCAC 10F .0308 Clay County** – Review public comments and consider final adoption of amendments to extend the no-wake zone at the Ho Hum Campground boat ramp; remove the no-wake zone in McCracken Cove; incorporate a marked Swim Area at the Clay County Recreational Park; and incorporate a Restricted Area denoting the existing Jack Rabbit swimming area and no-wake zone – *Carrie Ruhlman* **(EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)** 

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0316 Forsyth, Rockingham, and Stokes Counties – Review public comments and consider final adoption of amendments to establish no-wake zones at two locations at Humphrey's Ridge Marina and Campground on Belews Lake in Stokesdale – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0333 Lake Wylie Marine Commission, Mecklenburg County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to establish a no-wake zone in the waters of Withers Cove on Lake Wylie – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0355 Perquimans County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to extend the existing no-wake zone in the Perquimans River – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0379 City of Roxboro** – Review public comments and consider adoption of a new Rule to establish a no-wake zone in Lake Roxboro – *Carrie Ruhlman* (**EXHIBITS L-1, L-2**)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Town of Sunset Beach, Brunswick County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed temporary Rule in the waters of South Jinks Creek for a dredging project in the creek navigation channel – Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT M)

# LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2, N-3, N-4, N-5, N-6, N-7, N-8)

- Lakey Creek Farms Tract Macon County (N-1)
- South Fork New River Access Ashe County (N-2)
- Simp Gap Access Tract Graham County (N-3)
- Simp Gap Main Tract Graham County (N-4)
- Doll Tract Caldwell County (N-5)
- Shecut Tract Haywood County (N-6)
- Bay River Tract Pamlico County (N-7)
- Sleepy Creek Farm Tract Pender County (N-8)

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters - Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBITS O-1, O-2, O-3)

- Holly Shelter Building Disposition Request to dispose of an old office building at the Holly Shelter Depot (O-1)
- Ledford Chapel Disposition Request to dispose of 0.054 acres at the Ledford Chapel Access Area (O-2)
- Request for Easement NC DOT requests to purchase a Permanent Right of Way for a bridge re-routing project in Rowan County (O-3)

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**2023-2024** Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments, and select the 2023-2024 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* (EXHIBITS P-1, P-2, P-3, P-4)

**2023 Migrant Peregrine Falconry** – Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2023 – *Brad Howard* (**EXHIBIT Q**)

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – Chairman Crump

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – Executive Director Ingram

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