



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION WEBINAR MEETING April 22, 2021 9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE- *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Mike Johnson*

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 David Hoyle, Jr.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 25, 2021 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the February 25, 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit (**EXHIBIT A**)

2020 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION – Present the 2020 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Allen Boynton – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Receive a Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Operating Fund – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT B)*

ENDOWMENT FUND – Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2020 Expendable Investment Income and June 2020 Endowment Fund Balances – *Dr. DP Singla (EXHIBITS C-1, C-2)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Ad hoc Land Strategy Committee Report – March 15, 2021 – Tommy Fonville, Chair
Fisheries Committee Report – April 20, 2021 – Tommy Fonville, Chair
Boating Safety Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Mike Johnson, Chair
Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Tom Berry, Chair
Education, Shooting and Archery Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Kelly Davis, Chair
Finance Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Landon Zimmer, Chair
Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report – April 21, 2021 – Wes Seegars, Vice Chair
Committee of the Whole Report – April 21, 2021 – David Hoyle, Jr., Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Alabama Bass Invasions in North Carolina – The Changing Landscape of Black Bass Fisheries in Our State – Lawrence Dorsey, Piedmont Fisheries Research Coordinator

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

2021-2022 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 2021-2022 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4)

2021 Migrant Peregrine Falconry - Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2021 – Brad Howard (EXHIBIT E)

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Rulemaking – 15A NCAC 10C – Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed technical changes and readoption of rules for Game Fish, Primary Nursery Areas, and Anadromous Fishing Spawning Areas. – Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBIT F)

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

Temporary Rulemaking – 15 A NCAC 10D .0103 – Hunting on Game Lands – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for temporary amendments to game land rules – Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBIT G)

Land Acquisition and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisitions – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following property – *Jessie Birckhead, Land Acquisition and Grants Manager* (**EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4**)

- Leonard Tract – Bertie County (**H-1**)
- Geneva Bigelow Tracts – Caswell County (**H-2**)
- Queen Tract – Wilkes County (**H-3**)
- Pontiac Plywood Tracts – Warren County (**H-4**)

Other Property Matters – Consider staff recommendation for other property matters – *Jessie Birckhead* (**EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4**)

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

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0329 – Rowan County – Consider application from Rowan County to publish 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 – *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Coordinator* (**EXHIBIT J**)

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0327 – Montgomery County - Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with a public hearing and open comment period to incorporate a marked no-wake zone into the NCAC, that is located at the Old North State Marina fuel dock on Badin Lake in Montgomery County – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT K**)

Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 – Stanly County - Consider request to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with a public hearing and open comment period for a proposed no-wake zone within 50 yards northeast and southwest of the abandoned railroad

trestle bridge on Badin Lake near the Stanly/Montgomery County line – *Betsy Haywood*
(EXHIBIT L)

OTHER RULEMAKING

Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10I – Endangered and Threatened Species –
Consider request to publish 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. Review and approve fiscal note – *Todd Ewing, Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Program Manager* **(EXHIBIT M-1, M-2)**

Controlled Fox Hunting Preserve Petition – Review public comments and consider public request for rulemaking to amend rules 15A NCAC 10H .1201, .1202, .1203 and .1204 regulating controlled fox hunting preserves – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator* **(EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)**

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Hoyle*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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