

# AGENDA N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION December 9, 2021, 9:00 a.m. 1751 Varsity Drive NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Monty Crump

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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 Monty Crump* 

NOTICES OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Receive Notices of Appointments by Governor Roy Cooper of Hayden A. Rogers, At-Large (EXHIBIT A-1); and J. Carlton Cole, At-Large (EXHIBIT A-2), for terms ending June 30, 2025; and Appointments of Michael K. Alford, District 2 (EXHIBIT A-3); Thomas M. Haislip, Jr., District 5 (EXHIBIT A-4); and David Hoyle, Jr., District 8 (EXHIBIT A-5); for terms ending June 30, 2027.

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEWS OF 2021 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMISSIONERS J. CARLTON COLE, MICHAEL K. ALFORD, THOMAS M. HAISLIP, JR., – Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2021 Statements of Economic Interest for J. Carlton Cole, Michael K. Alford, Thomas M. Haislip, Jr., Governor Appointees – *Margo Minkler* 

**APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 28, 2021 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the October 28, 2021 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. – *Dr. DP Singla, Chief Financial Officer* (**EXHIBIT C**)

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – 2021 NATIONAL ARCHERY IN THE SCHOOLS PROGRAM (NASP) NATIONAL FEMALE CHAMPION – Special Recognition of Natalie Bell the 2021 NASP National Female Champion – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director* 

**2020 NORTH CAROLINA WILD TURKEY FEDERATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Present the North Carolina Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year Award to Master Officer Nathan Cox – *Howard Rumfelt, President of the NC State Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation* 

**2021 NORTH CAROLINA WILD TURKEY FEDERATION OFFICER OF THE YEAR** – Present the North Carolina Wild Turkey Federation Officer of the Year Award to Senior Officer Jenrette Springs – *Howard Rumfelt* 

**2021 NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE FEDERATION CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Present the 2021 North Carolina Wildlife Federation Conservationist of The Year Award to Dr. Matthew Godfrey – *Tim Gestwicki, CEO, NC Wildlife Federation* 

**Break for Photographs** 

# **COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS**

Boating Safety Committee Report – December 8, 2021 – John Coley, Chair Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report – December 8, 2021 – John Coley, Chair Big Game Committee Report – December 8, 2021 – David Hoyle, Chair Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – December 8, 2021 – Tom Berry, Chair Fisheries Committee Report – December 8, 2021 – John Stone, Chair Committee of the Whole Report – December 8, 2021 – Monty Crump, Chair

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – GAME LAND MANAGEMENT –***Chris Jordan, Game Lands and Forest Resources Manager* 

# LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

**Phase II Land Acquisitions** – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division* (**EXHIBIT D**)

• Rash Tract – Ashe County (**EXHIBIT D**)

### RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10H .1601 – Controlled Rabbit Hunting Preserves** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt rules for Controlled Rabbit Hunting Preserves – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS E-1, E-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Readoption – Hunting & Trapping** – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 10B .0100, .0200, .0300, and .0400 rules – *Brad Howard* (**EXHIBITS F-1**, **F-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Readoption** – **Inland Fishing General Regulations** – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 10C .0200 rules – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief* (**EXHIBITS G-1, G-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text** – **Inland Fishing Regulations** – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed changes to joint 10C .0100 rules, 10C .0300 and 10C .0400 rules for inland waters and adopt new 10C .0700 and 10C .0800 rules to provide clarity on inland game fish and hook and line fishing in joint and coastal waters. Review and consider approval of fiscal notes for proposed rule changes – *Christian Waters* (**EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3**)

# WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0317 Stanly County** – Consider application from Morrow Mountain State Park in Stanly County for 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 .0317, for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the shoreline on Lake Tillery at Morrow Mountain State Park. Consider technical changes to itemize Boating Access Areas in Stanly County on Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, and Tuckertown Reservoir and to make revisions that designate responsibility for placement and/or maintenance of no-wake markers. Review and consider approval of fiscal notes for proposed rule changes – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator* **(EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)** 

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0323 Burke County – Consider application from Lake James State Park for 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 .0323, for a no-wake zone shore to shore within 50 yards northwest and southeast of the Cove bridge at Mills Creek on Lake James. Incorporate existing Paddy's Creek Swim Area at Lake James State Park, where vessel entry is prohibited, into the North Carolina Administrative Code. Consider technical change under 15A NCAC 10F .0323(b) for regulation of vessel speed in those areas codified in the North Carolina Administrative Code as described in Paragraph (a) of the Rule. Review and consider approval of the Fiscal Note for the proposed Rule changes – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 Pitt County, City of Greenville – Consider application from the City of Greenville for 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 .0354, for a no-wake zone shore to shore in the waters of Barber Lake at Wildwood Park. Review and consider approval of fiscal notes for proposed rule changes – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0378 Halifax County** – Consider application from Halifax County to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing, and open the public comment period for a Rule under 15A NCAC 10F .0378, to establish a no-wake zone 50 yards north and south of the abandoned railroad trestle where Deep Creek meets Roanoke Rapids Lake in Roanoke Rapids. Review and consider approval of fiscal notes for proposed rule changes – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBITS L-1, L-2**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F.0327 Montgomery County** – Consider approval to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, hold one public hearing and open the public comment period for removal of amendment (a)(1)(A) on Badin Lake in the cove west of Lakeshore Drive and east of Strand Drive. Consider technical changes to itemize Boating Access Areas in Montgomery County on Badin Lake, Lake Tillery, and Tuckertown Reservoir and to make revisions that designate responsibility for placement and/or maintenance of no-wake markers – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT M**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text** – **15A NCAC 10F .0333 Lake Wylie** – Consider application from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to approve publishing 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 .0333, for a no-wake zone shore to shore in the portion of Brown's Cove where the cove makes a sharp bend north and east of 9500 Windy Gap Road – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT N**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text** – **15A NCAC 10F .0336 Northampton and Warren counties** – Consider proposal to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with one public hearing and open comment period, to combine amendments currently in 15A NCAC 10F .0318 for Warren County on Lake Gaston into 15A NCAC 10F .0336. Consider technical changes to itemize all Boating Access Areas on Lake Gaston and the Roanoke River in Northampton and Warren counties. Consider removal of general Speed Limit language that predates the North Carolina Administrative Procedure Act, that appears to create no-wake zones at certain facilities on Lake James without rulemaking and without statutory authority and is not enforceable – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT 0**)

**Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0318 Warren County** – Consider proposal to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with one public hearing and open comment period to repeal 15A NCAC 10F .0318 Warren County and remove it from the North Carolina Administrative Code – *Betsy Haywood* (**EXHIBIT P**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0312 Henderson County, Summit Lake – Consider proposal to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with one public hearing and open comment period to repeal 15A NCAC 10F .0312, Summit Lake in Henderson County, and remove it from the North Carolina Administrative Code – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBIT Q)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Executive Director Ingram

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