



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION WEBINAR MEETING October 28, 2021 9:00 am

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman Monty Crump*

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.

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 Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger of John M. Alexander, Jr., Mark Craig, Landon G. Zimmer, and Thomas “Tom” Berry for terms ending June 30, 2023; and Appointments by House Speaker Tim Moore of Vernon Ray Clifton, Jr., John A. Stone, John T. Coley, IV, and Tommy Fonville for terms ending June 30, 2023 (**EXHIBIT A**)

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEWS OF 2021 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMISSIONER JOHN M. ALEXANDER, 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 Statement of Economic Interest for John M. Alexander, Jr., President Pro Tempore Appointee – *Margo Minkler*

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 26, 2021 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the August 26, 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)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Land Acquisitions and Property Committee Report – September 20, 2021 – *Tom Berry, Chair*
Habitat, Nongame, Endangered Species Committee Report –October 27, 2021– *Mark Craig, Chair*
Education and Communication Committee Report – October 27, 2021 – *Kelly Davis, Chair*
Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Report – October 27, 2021 – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*
Joint Land Acquisitions and Property/ Small Game Wild Turkey Committee Report – October 27, 2021 – *Tom Berry, Chair and Jim Ruffin, Chair*
Joint Fisheries/Rules Committee Report – October 27, 2021 –*John Stone, Chair and Wes Seegars, Chair*
Committee of the Whole Report – October 27, 2021 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Overview of the Capital Projects Program and an Updated Project List – *Brad Kleinmaier, Capital Projects Coordinator*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

Land Acquisition and Property Matters

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

- SME Tracts – Ashe County (**EXHIBIT D-1**)
- Warren Tract – Halifax County (**EXHIBIT D-2**)

Other Property Matters – Consider staff recommendation for other property matters – *Brian McRae (EXHIBIT E)*

- Perrigo Easement Request – Consider conveyance of an easement at Needmore Game Land to a private property owner (**EXHIBIT E**)

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Land and Water Access – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to land and water access rules. Review and consider approval of the fiscal note for proposed rule changes. – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Wildlife Management – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to wildlife management rules. Review and consider approval of the fiscal note for proposed rule changes. – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Rehabilitation & License Fees – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to rehabilitation and license fee rules. – *Daron Barnes, Office of Wildlife Interaction, Regulation Activities and Permits Program Manager (EXHIBIT H)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2022-2023 Annual Cycle Rules – Inland Fisheries – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearings for proposed changes to inland fisheries rules. Review and consider approval of the fiscal note for proposed rule changes. – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBIT I-1, I-2)*

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10C .0314 Striped Bass – Review public comments and consider adoption for proposed temporary changes to the Striped Bass Rule – *Christian Waters (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0201 Safety Equipment – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and virtual public hearing for proposed changes to safety equipment rule. – *Ben Meyer, Law Enforcement Division, Major of Administration (EXHIBIT K)*

2022 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE - Consider approval of the proposed 2022 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director (EXHIBIT L)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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