



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 25, 2024 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th 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 www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Chairman Monty Crump*

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*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2024 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONER HAYDEN ROGERS - 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 2024 Statement of Economic Interest for Hayden Rogers – *Margo Minkler*

APPROVAL OF JUNE 6, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the June 6, 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

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 B)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Ad Hoc Agency Supplemental Funding Model Committee – July 24, 2024 – David Hoyle, Chair

Boating Safety Committee – July 24, 2024 – J.C. Cole, Chair

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – July 24, 2024 – Tom Berry, Chair

Small Game & Wild Turkey Committee – July 24, 2024 – Jim Ruffin, Chair

Fisheries Committee – July 24, 2024 – John Stone, Chair

Committee of the Whole – July 24, 2024 – Monty Crump, Chair

Executive Committee– July 24, 2024 – Monty Crump, Chair

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Billions in Benefits: Valuing Fish and Wildlife Management –
Cristina Watkins, Lead Social Scientist**

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following property – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBIT C)*

- Greens Thoroughfare – Craven County (C)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Final Adoption and Review Public Comments – 15A NCAC 10F .0321 Pender County, Town of Surf City – Review public comments and consider final adoption of amendments to create two no-wake zones along the Surf City waterfront in parts of Topsail Sound and Topsail Creek, north and south of the Intracoastal Waterway from east of the N.C. Highway 210 Surf City Bridge, and to incorporate into the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) four boating access areas (BAA's) in Pender County – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Applications – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County and Town of Sunset Beach; Adopt Fiscal Note for Two Locations in Town of Sunset Beach – Consider an application from the Town of Sunset Beach to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with open comment period and public hearings to create a no-wake zone in South Jinks Creek to include the navigation channel, the Feeder Channel and four canals at the end of that channel, and the Bay Area shore to shore and revise the Brunswick County Rule for technical corrections to correct coordinates for the no-wake zone at Ocean Isle Beach in the vicinity of the N.C. Highway 904 Odell Williamson Bridge and Ocean Isle Beach BAA, and to remove from the NCAC the Dutchman Creek BAA in Southport, as it is a duplicate entry in the NCAC; and consider an application from the Town of Sunset Beach to create a no-wake zone in a portion of the navigation channel of Fox Creek along North Shore Drive between 28th and 40th Street. Consider adoption of the Fiscal Note for rulemaking for the Town of Sunset Beach at South Jinks Creek and at Fox Creek– *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4)*

Permanent Rulemaking Application – 15A NCAC 10F .0330 Carteret County – Consider an application from Carteret County to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with open comment period and public hearing to create a no-wake zone in Peletier at Raymond's Gut; and clarify descriptions in the Rule and incorporate into the NCAC ten boating access areas in Carteret County – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0332 Alexander County – Consider agency request to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing for two proposed amendments on Lake Hickory, to extend the no-wake zone from the Rink Dam to a point 200 yards southeast of the Rink Dam Bridge near the Sand Bar Marina and Grill; at the request of Duke Energy, to establish a Restricted Area to exclude vessel entry in the small cove south of the Wittenburg BAA where the swim beach is located, and to add to the NCAC two boating access areas maintained by the WRC – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Applications – 15A NCAC 10F .0333 Lake Wylie Marine Commission – Consider three applications from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing, to create a no-wake zone in Mecklenburg County in a cove on the northeast side of the Buster Boyd Bridge, at Joyner’s Marina; to extend the no-wake zone around Sadler’s Island in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties; and to create a no-wake zone in the waters north and east of Sunset Island in Mecklenburg County; to revise the coordinates that define the no-wake zone around Buster Boyd Bridge on the North Carolina side of the lake; and to remove from the N.C. Administrative Code ambiguous text that is not the responsibility of the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for public facilities, marked swim areas, and mooring areas on Lake Wylie, unless clearly stated in Rule – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4)

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – Periodic Review Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for 10G .0501, and 10J .0103 and .0104 – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst* (EXHIBIT I)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10I Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species Rules – Review public comments and consider request to amend 10I .0102 through .0105 – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – Land and Water Access Rules – Review public comments and consider request to amend the 2024-2025 deer season companion rules – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10H .1800 Commercial Use Permitting Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt 10H .1801 through .1803 – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10D .0252 Needmore Game Land – Review public comments and consider request to amend the Needmore Game Land rule to match the 2024-2025 western deer season framework – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0307 Flounder – Review public comments and consider request to amend the flounder rule – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief* (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Emergency Adoption and Temporary/Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10F .0304 Bladen County – Consider request to adopt an emergency amendment and notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for changes to the White Lake restricted area. – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT O)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

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