



*Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Summary  
November 6, 2013 at 1:30 pm  
NCWRC, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Room*

**Meeting Attendees**

• **Committee Members:**

Tom Berry, Chair

John Coley, Vice Chair

Garry Spence

Ray Clifton

Joe Barker

Tommy Fonville

• **Commissioners:**

Richard Edwards

John Litton Clark

Michell Hicks

Wes Seegars

Jim Cogdell

• **Staff:**

Mallory Martin

Bob Curry

Kyle Briggs

Travis Casper

Mark Hamlett

Isaac Harrold

Geoff Cantrell

Gordon Myers

George Norris

Betsy Haywood

Chris Dillon

Tommy Clark

Preston Royster

Dale Caveny

David Cobb

Erica Garner

• **Guests:**

Fred Harris, NC Wildlife Federation

David Keeley, State Property Office

Keith Miller, NCSU Rifle Team

Johnny Hutchins, Cleveland County

Sam Lockridge III, Cleveland County

Tom Berry, Land Use and Access Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm. Isaac Harrold, Public Lands Section Manager, gave an overview of the

### **ACQUISITIONS DISCUSSION**

Isaac Harrold presented an overview of five properties in Exhibits J-1, J-2, J-3, J-4, J-5 with a recommendation to be presented to the entire Commission to proceed with acquisition of the properties:

- Capel Tract – Montgomery County (J-1)
- Humpback Mountain Tract – Avery/McDowell Counties (J-2) – a donation if closing occurs before year end
- Duvall Tract, Little Tennessee River – Macon County (J-3)
- Hayesville Fishing Access Area, Hiwassee River – Clay County (J-4)
- Lewiston Boating and Fishing Access Area, Roanoke River – Bertie County (J-5)

The Committee will recommend that the Commission approve the acquisitions.

### **PROPERTY MATTERS**

**Shooting Range, Cleveland County** – the Committee received an overview from Johnny Hutchins, Cleveland County Commissioner, about a proposal for the WRC to partner with Cleveland County for design and construction of a state-of-the-art shooting range facility in Cleveland County. Discussion of the concept included agreement that such a facility that offers shooting sports opportunities is important to the sustainability of the NCWRC and is attractive to young people who want to shoot but not to hunt. Anticipated funding from the WRC would come from Pittman Robertson funds (ammunition and pistol sales) and from the agency cash balance. The Committee endorsed the project concept. Cleveland County will provide more information about the project cost and proposal at a later Land Use and Access Committee meeting before bringing before the entire Commission.

**Surplus Property, Pender County** - the Committee received an update on a recommendation that was tabled at an earlier WRC meeting to dispose of three 20-year old residential structures at the Watha State Fish Hatchery in Pender County. The committee will recommend approval of the disposal of the structures to the entire Commission at the August 29, 2013 meeting.

**2013-2014 Field Trial Schedule** – the Committee received the proposed 2013-2014 Field Trial Running Schedule and will recommend adoption by the Commission at the meeting on August 29, 2013.

**Discussion** – it was requested that an area of Brices Creek near Wilmington be investigated as a possible boating access area. Comprehensive Management Plans for seven game lands are being developed.

Chair Tom Berry adjourned the meeting at 1:45 pm.