



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
December 5, 2024 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This 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.newildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Tom Berry*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Joe Budd*

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*

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 3, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the October 3, 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)*

2025 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – Consider approval of the proposed 2025 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Cameron Ingram, Executive Director (EXHIBIT C)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Boating Safety Committee – December 4, 2024 – *J.C. Cole, Chair*

Small Game & Wild Turkey Committee – December 4, 2024 – *Jim Ruffin, Chair*

Fisheries Committee – December 4, 2024 – *John Stone, Chair*

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – December 4, 2024 – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Big Game Committee – December 4, 2024 – David Hoyle, Chair
Executive Committee – December 3, 2024 – Monty Crump, Chair
Committee of the Whole – December 4, 2024 – Monty Crump, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Invasive catfish management in the Coastal Plain – TD
VanMiddlesworth, District 2 Fisheries Biologist II

LAND ACQUISITIONS AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4, D-5, D-6, D-7)*

- Pork Palace Tract – Bladen County **(D-1)**
- Big Swamp – Robeson County **(D-2)**
- Morris Tract Donation – Pender County **(D-3)**
- Heitman Tract – Davidson County **(D-4)**
- Randy Mabry Tract – Davidson County **(D-5)**
- Ripshin Ridge – Caldwell County **(D-6)**
- White Oak-Ardaman Tract – Haywood County **(D-7)**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters – *Ben Solomon (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)*

- Sandhills Game Land – Request for ingress, egress and utilities easement on Sandhills Game Land **(E-1)**
- Neuse River Game Land – Request for ingress, egress and utilities easement on Neuse River Game Land **(E-2)**

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County – Review public comments and consider adoption of a technical correction to a coordinate at Odell Williamson Bridge in the Town of Ocean Isle Beach. Remove Dutchman Creek BAA in Southport from the NCAC as it is a duplicate entry – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0330 Carteret County – Review public comments and consider adoption of text changes to clarify address and incorporate into the NC Administrative Code the names and addresses of ten Boating Access Areas maintained by the WRC in Carteret County- *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0332 Alexander County – Review public comments and consider adoption amendments to extend the no-wake zone on Lake Hickory in Taylorsville east of the Rink Dam; to create a Restricted Area where vessel entry is prohibited at the Wittenburg Access Area on Lake Hickory in Bethlehem; to incorporate into the NCAC the Dusty Ridge BAA and the Wittenburg BAA; to correct names of some facilities; and to assign responsibility for placement of markers to Alexander County in some areas, and placement and maintenance of markers at some areas to the Wildlife Resources Commission and to Duke Energy LLC – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCACA 10F .0333 Mecklenburg and Gaston Counties – Review public comments and consider adoption of a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the docks at Joyner’s Marina and the cove southeast of the docks; define the no-wake zone around the Buster Boyd Bridge with coordinates in North Carolina waters; and remove responsibility from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission at some areas and facilities that are not the responsibility of the LWMC unless specifically stated in Rule – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0347 Craven County – Consider Application from Craven County to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing to establish a no-wake zone in Brice’s Creek near Merchant’s Grocery, docking facilities and fuel dock, and public boat access area, beginning north of Brice’s Creek Bridge to a line southeast of the peninsula and sharp curve on the east side of Brice Creek – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT J)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0363 Caswell and Person Counties – Consider agency request to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing for a technical correction to assign responsibility for place and maintenance of markers on Hyco Lake to the Boards of Commissioners of Caswell and Person counties – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT K)*

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – Periodic Review Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to 10G .0501, and 10J .0103 and .0104 – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10D .0252 Needmore Game Land Rule – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to the 2024-2025 Annual Cycle deer season companion rule – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – Youth Definitions – 10B, 10C and 10D Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to the 10B, 10C and 10D rules – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT N)*

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – Vessel Liveries – 10F .0307 Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg Counties – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for vessel livery restrictions and regulations on Lake Norman – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT O)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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