



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 6, 2025 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 Haislip*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Tom Berry*

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 DECEMBER 5, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the December 5, 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)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

2024 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION – Present the 2024 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Dr. Wilson Laney – *Kyle Briggs, Executive Director*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – February 5, 2025 – Tom Berry, Chair

Fisheries Committee – February 5, 2025 – John Stone, Chair

Big Game Committee – February 5, 2025 – David Hoyle, Chair

Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee – February 5, 2025 – Brad Stanback, Vice Chair

Committee of the Whole – February 5, 2025 – Monty Crump, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – The History and Status of Canada Geese in North Carolina– Doug Howell, Migratory Game Bird Coordinator

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 C-1, C-2)

- Ransom Road Tracts – Haywood County (C-1)
- Bell Tract – Pender County (C-2)

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

- Sandhills Game Land – Request for ingress, egress and utilities easement on Sandhills Game Land. (D-1)
- Shocco Creek Game Land – NC DOT requests a permanent right of way easement, and a temporary construction easement along Highway 561 at Shocco Creek Game Land. (D-2)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes within the Restricted Area at White Lake in Bladen County – Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)

RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0307 – Lake Norman Vessel Liveries – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed vessel livery requirements on Lake Norman – Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10C .0325 Sea Trout – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for a temporary closure of the sea trout season in inland waters and for hook-and-line in joint fishing waters – Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBIT G)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Executive Director Briggs

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