



MINUTES
October 3, 2024
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Chairman Monty Crump called the October 3, 2024 N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission webinar meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Crump announced that the webinar meeting audio is being streamed live and will be available on www.ncwildlife.org. He reminded Commissioners to speak their names before making motions or comments and to mute their devices when not speaking. Crump announced that by the statutory requirement, the roll will be called for attendance and for each vote.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, *Commission Liaison*, called the roll. John Stone, Hayden Rogers, John Alexander, and JC Cole were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Monty Crump	Wes Seegars	Jim Ruffin	Landon Zimmer	Reid Smith
Mark Craig	Thomas Fonville	Ray Clifton	Tom Haislip	
David Hoyle	Tom Berry	Kelly Davis	Mike Alford	
John Coley	Brad Stanback	Steve Windham	Joe Budd	

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Crump advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

MINUTES OF JULY 25, 2024 MEETING

On a motion by Mike Alford and second by Landon Zimmer, the Minutes of the July 25, 2024 meeting was approved as presented in **EXHIBIT A**.

Exhibit A is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

On a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Tom Berry, the Commission approved the FY 2025 Internal Audit Plan presented in **EXHIBIT B** by Elizabeth Davis, *Internal Auditor*

EXHIBIT B is incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

LAND ACQUISITION AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – On a motion by Brad Stanback and second by Wes Seegars, the Commission approved proceeding with acquisition of the following properties presented in (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4**) by *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager*

- West Tract – Cherokee County (**C-1**)
- Turkey Ridge – Callaway Mountain Tract – Yancey County (**C-2**)
- White Oak Mountain Tract – Haywood County (**C-3**)
- Marshall Tract – Bladen County (**C-4**)

EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County – On a motion by Ray Clifton and a second by Mike Alford, the Commission reviewed public comments presented in (**EXHIBIT D-1**) and adopted a temporary rule to require motorboats to travel perpendicular to the shore and at no-wake speed within the restricted area at White Lake in Bladen County presented in (**EXHIBIT D-2**) by *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator*

EXHIBITS D-1, D-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – On a motion by Mark Craig and second by Joe Budd, the Commission reviewed public comments presented in (**EXHIBIT E-1**) and adopted proposed changes to Inland Fisheries rules presented in (**EXHIBIT E-2**) by *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

EXHIBITS E-1, E-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – On a motion by Landon Zimmer and second by Mike Alford, the Commission reviewed public comments presented in (**EXHIBIT F-1**) adopted proposed changes to Land and Water Access rules presented in (**EXHIBIT F-2**) by *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief*

EXHIBITS F-1, F-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by David Hoyle, the Commission reviewed public comments presented in (**EXHIBIT G-1**) adopted proposed changes to Wildlife Management rules presented in (**EXHIBIT G-2**) by *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

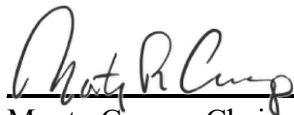
EXHIBITS G-1, G-2 are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump expressed gratitude to the staff for their hard work and contributions in supporting the board’s work throughout the year. On behalf of the board, he acknowledged the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene and commended staff members involved in the agency's rescue and relief efforts. The board extended their full support to those affected by the hurricane and the ongoing recovery efforts. The Chairman also provided a status update on the search for the new Executive Director, noting that the process is ongoing and progress is being made.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Director Ingram provided an update on the agency's involvement in the rescue and relief efforts following Hurricane Helene. He expressed relief and gratitude to hear that employees and Commissioners living in the affected areas are safe and shared that they remain in his thoughts. He emphasized the agency’s continued commitment to supporting the recovery, noting that while significant resources have already been allocated, the agency will remain engaged in relief efforts for the long term. In closing, the Executive Director mentioned the recent "Back in the Woods Hunt" in Chatham County, an event that gives disabled sportsmen the opportunity to return to the woods for deer hunting. He expressed appreciation for the staff members who attended and assisted in making the event a success.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC webinar meeting was adjourned at 9:51 a.m.
All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.



Monty Crump, Chairman

12/05/2024

Date

12/05/2024

Cameron Ingram, Executive Director

Date