



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

July 30, 2026, 9:00 a.m.
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Approval of June 18, 2026, Meeting Minutes – The Commission approved the June 18, 2026, Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

Habitat, Nongame & Endangered Species Committee Motion – The Commission approved a motion to award Dr. Theodore Simons as the 2026 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award recipient.

Big Game Committee Motion – The Commission approved a motion to select the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation as the nonprofit wildlife conservation organization to conduct an auction for one Elk Permit for the 2027 hunting season.

Big Game Committee Motion – The Commission approved a motion directing the executive director to write and issue a blanket permit to allow youth under the age of 16 and the accompanying properly licensed adults assisting them to hunt deer on the Saturday of the Youth Deer Hunting Days with dogs on the Sandhills Game Land.

Memorial Request – The Commission approved the memorial request for former staff member Doug Howell. **(EXHIBIT C)**

2027 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Schedule – The Commission approved the proposed 2027 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule. **(EXHIBIT D)**

Phase II Land Acquisition – The Commission approved the acquisitions of Jones Tract – Bladen County **(EXHIBIT E-1)**, Thoroughfare Island – Currituck County **(EXHIBIT E-2)**, Low Tract – Yancey County **(EXHIBIT E-3)**, Mile 106 – Macon County **(EXHIBIT E-4)**, Mason Branch – Cherokee County **(EXHIBIT E-5)**, Queen Bog – Wilkes County **(EXHIBIT E-6)**, and Friedberg Marsh – Forsyth County **(EXHIBIT E-7)**

Other Property Matters – The Commission tabled the Perquimans County easement request **(EXHIBIT F-1)** and approved the Bertie County easement request **(EXHIBIT F-2)**, the Henderson County easement request **(EXHIBIT F-3)**, and the Pender County Holly Shelter Game Land Articles of Dedication **(EXHIBIT F-4)**

Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – The Commission approved the proposed archery zone at Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land. **(EXHIBIT G)**

Petition for Rulemaking – 10D .0211 Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – The Commission reviewed public comments (**EXHIBIT H-1**) and did not adopt the amendments to 10D .0211 (**EXHIBIT H-2**)

Permanent Rule Notice of Text – Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species Rules – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10I .0103-.0105 (**EXHIBIT I-1**) and approved fiscal note for proposed rules (**EXHIBIT I-2**)

Emergency & Temporary Rulemaking – 10F .0303 Beaufort County – The Commission adopted an emergency rule and concurrently approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the proposed temporary rule to expand the no-wake zone in the waters of Blounts Creek as part of N.C. Department of Transportation’s bridge replacement project (**EXHIBIT J**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 Pitt County –The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0354 (**EXHIBIT K**)

Adjournment – Chairman Mark Craig adjourned the meeting at **9:57 a.m.**