



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 24, 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.ncwildlife.gov.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Landon Zimmer*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Tom Haislip*

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 JUNE 5, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the June 5, 2025 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)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Executive Committee – **July 23, 2025** – *Monty Crump, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee – **July 23, 2025** – *J.C. Cole, Chair*

Fisheries Committee – **July 23, 2025** – *John Stone, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee – **July 23, 2025** – *Landon Zimmer, Vice Chair*

Land Acquisition and Property Committee – **July 23, 2025** – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Committee of the Whole – **July 23, 2025** – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Pathways of Progress – 20 years of Conserving North Carolina’s Aquatic Species of Greatest Conservation Need – Rachael Hoch, Inland Fisheries Division Assistant Chief

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

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)*

- Dennis Creek – Watauga and Caldwell Counties **(D-1)**
- Buffalo Creek Headwaters – Watauga and Caldwell Counties **(D-2)**
- Caddell/BLATCO – Richmond County **(D-3)**
- Loblolly Group LLC – Hoke County **(D-4)**
- Great Dismal Swamp Restoration Bank – Camden County **(D-5)**
- Shark Island Reallocation – Carteret County **(D-6)**

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

- Easement Request – Request from NCDOT for a permanent right of way and temporary construction easement on Green River Game Land in Henderson County **(E-1)**
- Disposition – Request to demolish a storage building at Armstrong Fish Hatchery **(E-2)**
- Property Trade – City of Salisbury **(E-3)**

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text and Review of Fiscal Note – 10F .0338 Caldwell County – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment to 10F .0338 to enlarge the no-wake zone on Lake Hickory in the City of Hickory. Review and consider approval of fiscal note for the proposed no-wake zone in the City of Hickory and the no-wake zone around the Adam W. Klutz Bridge in Granite Falls – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10F .0324 Davidson County – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 10F .0324 for no-wake zones on High Rock Lake, Badin Lake, Tuckertown Reservoir, and Yadkin River. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10F .0307 Catawba, Iredell, Lincoln, and Mecklenburg Counties – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 10F .0307 for vessel livery requirements on Lake Norman. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10D .0295 Paynes Branch Game Land – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed adoption of 10D .0295. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola* (**EXHIBITS I-1, I-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10H .1100 Furbearer Propagation – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 10H .1100 Rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola* (**EXHIBITS J-1, J-2**)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – Rule Readoption: 10G .0400 Wildlife Service Agents – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 10G .0400 Rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola* (**EXHIBITS K-1, K-2**)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN – Consider staff recommendation for final adoption of the Black Rail Conservation Plan – *Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Wildlife Management Division Assistant Chief* (**EXHIBIT L**)

ELECTION OF OFFICERS – Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute § 143-243, at the first scheduled meeting of the Commission after July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall select from among its membership a chairman and a vice chairman who shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

- Vote for Vice Chairman
- Vote for Chairman

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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