



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
April 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.
301 North Water Street
Hotel Ballast, Cape Fear/Starboard Room
Wilmington, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This electronic 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.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Landon Zimmer*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Mike Alford*

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 19, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the December 19, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 22, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the February 22, 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)**

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 C)*

ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENDABLE INCOME ALLOCATION – Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2023 Investment Income Allocation – *Jason Cottle (EXHIBIT D)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Habitat, Nongame, & Endangered Species Committee – April 17, 2024 – *Kelly Davis, Chair*
Migratory Birds & Waterfowl Committee – April 17, 2024 – *John Coley, Chair*

Fisheries Committee – April 17, 2024 – John Stone, Chair
Big Game Committee – April 17, 2024 – David Hoyle, Chair
Land Acquisition & Property Committee – April 17, 2024 – Brad Stanback, Vice Chair
Committee of the Whole – April 17, 2024 – Monty Crump, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Law Enforcement Technology in the 21st Century – Lieutenant Scott Strickland, District 6, Law Enforcement Division

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

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 E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6)

- Hancock Tract – Halifax County (E-1)
- Klatt Wetland Tract – Macon County (E-2)
- Huckleberry Hill – Surry County (E-3)
- Mayo Tract – Beaufort County (E-4)
- Southport White Springs Tract – Brunswick County (E-5)
- Taylor Swamp Tract – Hertford County (E-6)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

2024-2025 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments, and select the 2024-2025 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4)

2024 Migrant Peregrine Falconry – Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2024 – Brad Howard (EXHIBIT G)

Species Conservation Plan – Consider staff recommendation for final adoption of the Virginia Big-eared Bat Conservation Plan – Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Wildlife Management Division Assistant Chief (EXHIBIT H)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0304 Bladen County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of amendments to create a no-wake zone at the Elwell Ferry adjacent to the Elwell’s Ferry Boating Access Area (BAA) on the Cape Fear River, clarify the description and regulated activities in the Restricted Area at White Lake, and incorporate into the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) BAA’s on the Cape Fear River and one BAA on the Black River – Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rules Coordinator (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to correct a coordinate at a point near the mouth of Motts Creek at Cape Hatteras National Seashore – Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 New Hanover County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of rulemaking as the result of a Petition, to extend the

no-wake zone in Bradley Creek shore to shore to a point closer to the mouth of the creek – *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Application and Fiscal Note – 15A NCAC 10F .0321 Pender County – Consider an application by the Town of Surf City to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing, to create two no-wake zones in parts of Topsail Sound and Topsail Creek, north and south of the Intracoastal Waterway from east of the N.C. Highway 210 Surf City Bridge to points approximately 500 yards eastward; and to incorporate into the NC Administrative Code (NCAC) four BAA’s in Pender County. Review and consider approval of fiscal note– *Betsy Haywood* (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10A .1601 License Fees Rule – Review public comments and consider request to adopt 10A .1601 License Fees rule – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst* (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10H .1800 Commercial Use Permitting Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for 10H .1801 through .1803 Commercial Permitting rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)

Temporary/Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Land and Water Access Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for the 2024-2025 Annual Cycle deer season companion rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS O-1, O-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet Rule – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet rule – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief* (EXHIBIT P)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements Rule – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements rule – *Christian Waters* (EXHIBIT Q)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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