



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
April 17, 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 Joe Budd*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Wes Seegars*

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 FEBRUARY 6, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the February 6, 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)*

ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENDABLE INCOME ALLOCATION – Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2024 Investment Income Allocation – *Jason Cottle (EXHIBIT C)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Migratory Birds & Waterfowl Committee – **April 16, 2025** – *Wes Seegars, Vice Chair*

Rules Committee – **April 16, 2025** – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – **April 16, 2025** – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee – **April 16, 2025** – *J. C. Cole, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Recent Capital Improvements and Construction Projects – Jody Reavis, Capital Improvements Coordinator, and Jim Sullivan, Engineer

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

2025-2026 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 2025-2026 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* **(EXHIBITS D-1, D-2, D-3, D-4)**

2025 Migrant Peregrine Falconry – Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2025 – *Brad Howard* **(EXHIBIT E)**

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 F-1, F-2)**

- Harris Cove Tract – Madison County **(F-1)**
- Gladly Fork Fish Hatchery – Transylvania County **(F-2)**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters – *Ben Solomon* **(EXHIBITS G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4)**

- Land Trade – NCDOT requests a property trade in Dare and Tyrrell Counties **(G-1)**
- Lease Renewal – Duke Energy requests a lease renewal for the Foothills Trail on Toxaway Game Land **(G-2)**
- Disposition – Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy requests the disposition of an easement area on a property in Avery County **(G-3)**
- Easement Request – Private landowner requests an ingress and egress easement on Holly Shelter Game Land **(G-4)**

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0347 Craven County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of an amendment to create a no-wake zone shore to shore in Brice Creek from north of the Brice's Creek Bridge, south-southwestward around Merchant's Grocery, docking facilities, fuel dock and public boat ramp, ending at a line southeast of the peninsula and sharp curves on the east side of Brice Creek – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rulemaking Coordinator* **(EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)**

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0368 Caswell and Person Counties – Review public comments and consider adoption of an amendment to designate responsibility for placement and maintenance of markers on Hyco Lake to the Person and Caswell Boards of Commissioners – *Betsy Haywood* **(EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)**

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0338 Caldwell County – Consider agency request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment on Gunpowder Creek on Lake Hickory in Caldwell County, to establish a no-wake zone shore to shore within 50 yards northeast and 50 yards southwest of the Adam W. Klutz Bridge on Grace Chapel Road – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT J)*

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10B, 10C and 10D Rules – Youth Definitions & Deer Season – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed amendments to the 10B, 10C and 10D rules – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)*

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10C .0325 Sea Trout – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary closure of the sea trout season in inland waters and for hook-and-line in joint fishing waters – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS L-1, L-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 temporary amendments to sea trout size and creel limits in inland waters and for hook-and-line in joint fishing waters – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT M)*

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10D .0260 Pisgah Game Land in Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Haywood, Henderson, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Transylvania, Watauga, and Yancey Counties – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for temporary amendments to the activities allowed on the Lutz Tract in Caldwell County – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBIT N)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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