

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION June 5, 2025 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Monty Crump

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Commissioner Wes Seegars

INVOCATION – Commissioner John Alexander

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 APRIL 17 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the April 17, 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

Habitat, Nongame, and Endangered Species Committee – June 4, 2025 – Kelly Davis, Chair Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee – June 4, 2025 – Jim Ruffin, Chair Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee – June 4, 2025 – Landon Zimmer, Chair Education and Communication Committee – June 4, 2025 – Tom Haislip, Chair Committee of the Whole – June 4, 2025 – Monty Crump, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – NCWRC Prescribed Burning Program – Building, Training, Innovating – Casey Phillips, Land and Water Access, Forestry Program Leader

CONSIDERATION OF NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS – Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-335, consider appointment of members to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee – *Kyle Briggs, Executive Director* (**EXHIBIT C**)

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Inland Fisheries rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Land and Water Access rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to Wildlife Management rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10H .1400 Wildlife Captivity and Rehabilitation – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 10H .01401 through .1406. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Brad Howard* (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0325 Sea Trout – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary size and creel limits for sea trout in inland waters and for hook-and-line in joint fishing waters – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10D .0260 Pisgah Game Land – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary rules for permitted activities on the Lutz Tract of Pisgah Game Land – *Will Casola* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Crump

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Executive Director Briggs

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