



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
October 16, 2025 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Mark Craig*

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 Monty Crump*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner David Hoyle*

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 Craig*

NOTICES OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Receive Notices of Appointments by Governor Josh Stein of Hayden A. Rogers, for a term ending June 30, 2029; J. Carlton Cole (District 1), Stephen L. Windham (District 4), and James M. Ruffin (District 7), for terms ending June 30, 2031. **(EXHIBITS A-1, A-2, A-3, A-4)**; Appointments by Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger of Mark R. Craig, Thomas A. Berry, John M. Alexander, Landon Zimmer, and Joseph R. Budd for terms ending June 30, 2027 **(EXHIBITS A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8, A-9 Appointments Bill)**; Appointments by House Speaker Destin Hall of John A. Stone, John T. Coley IV, Vernon Ray Clifton, Jr., Thomas L. Fonville, and Reid M. Smith for terms ending June 30, 2027 **(EXHIBITS A-10, A-11, A-12, A-13, A-14 Appointments Bill)**; and Appointment by Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler of Justin D. Boyd for a term ending June 30, 2027 **(EXHIBIT A-15)** – *Margo Minkler*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2025 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONER JUSTIN D. BOYD - Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2025 Statement of Economic Interest for Justin D. Boyd, Commissioner of Agriculture Steve Troxler Appointee – *Margo Minkler*

APPROVAL OF JULY 24, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the July 24, 2025 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)*

LAWRENCE G. DIEDRICK SMALL GAME AWARD – Present the 2025 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award posthumously to the Family of Mr. Walter Cross – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Boating Safety Committee – October 15, 2025 – *Ray Clifton, Vice Chair*
Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee – October 15, 2025 – *Monty Crump, Chair*
Big Game Committee – October 15, 2025 – *David Hoyle, Chair*
Small Game Committee – October 15, 2025 – *Jim Ruffin, Chair*
Land Acquisition and Property Committee – October 15, 2025 – *Tom Berry, Chair*
Executive Committee – October 15, 2025 – *Mark Craig, Chair*
Committee of the Whole – October 15, 2025 – *Mark Craig, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Forging the Future- NC Wildlife Law Enforcement Training Academy– *Lieutenant Darby Enoch and Sergeant Garrett Gooch, Law Enforcement Division*

2026 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – Consider approval of the proposed 2026 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule – *Kyle Briggs, Executive Director (EXHIBIT D)*

LAND ACQUISITIONS AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Ben Solomon, Land and Water Access Division Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager*

- Cardinal Drive Tracts – Montgomery County **(EXHIBIT E-1)**
- Gentry Tract – McDowell County **(EXHIBIT E-2)**
- Shutt Property – Richmond County **(EXHIBIT E-3)**
- Washburn-Spears Property – Franklin County **(EXHIBIT E-4)**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters – *Ben Solomon*

- Easement Request – Request from Lumbee River Electric Membership Corporation for a transmission line right of way on Sandhills Game Land in Scotland County **(EXHIBIT F)**

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10F .0301 General Provisions – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to clarify text in 15A NCAC 10F .0301 – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst (EXHIBIT G)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10F .0303 Beaufort County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0303 – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBIT H)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0310 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT I)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10F .0329 Rowan County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0329 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT J)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text 15A NCAC 10F .0354 Pitt County – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10F .0354 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT K)*

Permanent Rulemaking Proposed Repeal of 15A NCAC 10F .0368 Town of Nags Head – Consider request to publish Notice of Text with an open comment period and public hearing for proposed repeal of 15A NCAC 10F .0368 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBIT L)*

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to Inland Fisheries rules – *Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to Land and Water Access rules – *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2026-2027 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to Wildlife Management rules – *Brad Howard (EXHIBITS O-1, O-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10H .1400 Wildlife Captivity and Rehabilitation – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10H .1401 through .1406. – *Brad Howard (EXHIBITS P-1, P-2)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Craig*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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