



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 19, 2026 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Vice Chairman Landon Zimmer*

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 Ray Clifton*

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. *Vice Chairman Zimmer*

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 4, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the December 4, 2025 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the December 16, 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)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Fisheries Committee – February 18, 2026 – *John Stone, Chair*

Big Game Committee – February 18, 2026 – *Monty Crump, Committee Member*

Small Game Committee – February 18, 2026 – *Jim Ruffin, Chair*

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – February 18, 2026 – *Brad Stanback, Vice Chair*

Committee of the Whole – February 18, 2026 – *Landon Zimmer, Vice Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – From Murphy to Manteo: Black Bass Management in North Carolina – *Kin Hodges, District 7 Fisheries Biologist, and Kevin Dockendorf, Coastal Region Fisheries Research Coordinator, Inland Fisheries Division*

LAND ACQUISITIONS AND PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief*

- Stone Morris Tract – Transylvania County (**EXHIBIT D-1**)
- Rose Creek Waterline – Mitchell County (**EXHIBIT D-2**)

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters – *Daron Barnes*

- Easement Request – Request from a private landowner for an ingress and egress easement on Juniper Creek Game Land in Brunswick County. (**EXHIBIT E**)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0301 General Provisions – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0301 – *Betsy Haywood, Water Safety Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0303 Beaufort County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0303 *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0310 Dare County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0310 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0329 Rowan County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0329 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 Pitt County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0354 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

Temporary Rule Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0314 New Hanover County – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10F .0314 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)*

Permanent Rule Repeal – 15A NCAC 10F .0368 Nags Head – Review public comments and consider repeal of 10F .0368 – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10C .0218 – *Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)*

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0314 Striped Bass – Review public comments and

consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10C .0314 – *Corey Oakley* (**EXHIBITS N-1, N-2**)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0414 Bluefish – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10C .0414 – *Corey Oakley* (**EXHIBITS O-1, O-2**)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0425 Sheepshead – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for temporary amendments to 10C .0425 – *Corey Oakley* (**EXHIBIT P**)

Periodic Rules Review – Initial Determinations – Consider request to approve initial determinations on all WRC rules and joint WRC/MFC rules and notice the reports for public comment. – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst* (**EXHIBIT Q**)

COMMENTS BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN – *Vice Chairman Zimmer*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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