



MINUTES
December 16, 2025
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission
Special Webinar Meeting

Chairman Mark Craig called the December 16, 2025, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Special meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Craig reminded everyone that the meeting is being audio streamed live and will be available at www.ncwildlife.gov.

ROLL CALL

Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison, called the roll. Landon Zimmer, John Coley, Tom Berry, Ray Clifton, Steve Windham, John Stone, Hayden Rogers, John Alexander, and J.C. Cole were absent.

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Mark Craig	Brad Stanback	Joe Budd
David Hoyle	Jim Ruffin	Reid Smith
Wes Seegars	Monty Crump	Justin Boyd
Tommy Fonville	Mike Alford	Tom Haislip (Audio Issues)

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Chairman Craig advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as mandated in NCGS §138A-15.

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Emergency & Temporary Rulemaking – 10F .0314 New Hanover County – On a motion by Monty Crump and second by David Hoyle, the Commission adopted an emergency rule and concurrently approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for the proposed temporary rule to create a no-wake zone in the waters of the

Cape Fear River in Wilmington 160 yards southwest of the Cape Fear Memorial Bridge presented in **EXHIBIT A** by *Will Casola, Policy Analyst*.

EXHIBIT A is incorporated into the official record of this meeting

RULEMAKING

On a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Brad Stanback, the Commission approved the following rules presented in **EXHIBITS B and C** by *Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*:

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary amendments to 10C .0218 (**EXHIBIT B**)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0414 Bluefish – The Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and a public hearing for proposed temporary amendments to 10C .0414 (**EXHIBIT C**)

EXHIBITS B and C are incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN – Chairman Craig expressed his appreciation to the Board members for attending the Special Commission Webinar Meeting. He encouraged all North Carolinians to take advantage of and enjoy the state’s outstanding wildlife resources. He concluded by extending holiday well wishes to everyone.

COMMENTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Director Briggs thanked those in attendance and extended holiday well wishes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the WRC meeting was adjourned at **9:10 A.M.**

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.



Landon Zimmer, Vice Chairman 02/19/2026
Date



Kyle Briggs, Executive Director 02/19/2026
Date