



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
June 18, 2026, 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 Tom Berry*

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 Craig*

APPROVAL OF APRIL 16, 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the April 16, 2026 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

Rules Committee – **April 23, 2026** – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Fisheries Committee – **June 17, 2026** – *John Stone, Chair*

Small Game Committee – **June 17, 2026** – *Steve Windham, Vice Chair*

Committee of the Whole – **June 17, 2026** – *Mark Craig, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – **Blazing the Trail: NC BearWise** – *Ashely Hobbs, Special Projects Biologist – BearWise*

RULEMAKING

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – CWD Management Areas – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10B .0203 & 10B .0502 – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst (EXHIBITS C-1, C-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2027-2028 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 – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2027-2028 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 – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2027-2028 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 – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2027-2028 Annual Cycle Wildlife Education Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to shooting range rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2027-2028 Annual Cycle Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearings for amendments to 15A NCAC 10I .0102. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Periodic Rules Review – Final Determinations – Consider request to approve final determinations on all WRC rules and joint WRC/MFC rules – *Will Casola (EXHIBIT I)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Craig*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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