



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
July 30, 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 Monty Crump*

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. *Chairman Craig*

APPROVAL OF JUNE 18, 2026 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the June 18, 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

Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee – July 29, 2026 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee – July 29, 2026 – *J. C. Cole, Chair*

Land Acquisitions & Property Committee – July 29, 2026 – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Habitat Nongame & Endangered Species Committee – July 29, 2026 – *Brad Stanback, Chair*

Big Game Committee – July 29, 2026 – *David Hoyle, Chair*

Wild Turkey Committee – July 29, 2026 – *Steve Windham, Chair*

Executive Committee – July 29, 2026 – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Committee of the Whole – July 29, 2026 – *Mark Craig, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Coastal Game Land Waterfowl Impoundments – *Nick Shaver, Coastal Ecoregion Supervisor*

MEMORIAL REQUEST – Consider a memorial request for former staff member Doug Howell – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBIT C)*

2027 WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING SCHEDULE – Consider approval of the proposed 2027 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*

- Jones Tract – Bladen County **(EXHIBIT E-1)**
- Thoroughfare Island - Currituck County **(EXHIBIT E-2)**
- Low Tract – Yancey County **(EXHIBIT E-3)**
- Mile 106 – Macon County **(EXHIBIT E-4)**
- Mason Branch – Cherokee County **(EXHIBIT E-5)**
- Queen Bog – Wilkes County **(EXHIBIT E-6)**
- Friedberg Marsh – Forsyth County **(EXHIBIT E-7)**

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

- Easement Request - Perquimans County **(EXHIBIT F-1)**
- Easement Request – Bertie County **(EXHIBIT F-2)**
- Easement Request – Henderson County **(EXHIBIT F-3)**
- Holly Shelter Game Land Articles of Dedication – Pender County **(EXHIBIT F-4)**

Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – Review and consider approval of the proposed archery zone at Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBIT G)*

RULEMAKING

Petition for Rulemaking – 10D .0211 Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10D .0211 – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 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 .0103-.0105. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Emergency & Temporary Rulemaking – 10F .0303 Beaufort County – Consider emergency and temporary rulemaking for a request to expand the no-wake zone in the waters of Blounts Creek as part of N.C. Department of Transportation’s bridge replacement project – *Will Casola (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 – *Will Casola (EXHIBIT K)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Craig*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Briggs*

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