



**AGENDA**  
**N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**  
**April 16, 2026, 9:00 a.m.**  
**1751 Varsity Drive**  
**NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.ncwildlife.gov).**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

**INVOCATION** – *Commissioner Joe Budd*

**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 FEBRUARY 9, 2026 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the February 9, 2026 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 19, 2026 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the February 19, 2026 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)**

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2026 MEETING MINUTES** – Take action on the March 24, 2026 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT C)**

**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 D)*

**ENDOWMENT FUND EXPENDABLE INCOME ALLOCATION** – Consider Approval of Calendar Year 2025 Investment Income Allocation – *Jason Cottle (EXHIBIT E)*

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

**Wild Turkey Committee – March 17, 2026 – Joe Budd, Vice Chair**

**Habitat Nongame & Endangered Species Committee – April 15, 2026– Brad Stanback, Chair**

**Finance, Audit, & Compliance Committee – April 15, 2026 – Monty Crump, Chair**

**Migratory Birds & Waterfowl Committee – April 15, 2026 – John Coley, Chair**

**Education & Communication Committee – April 15, 2026 – Tom Haislip, Chair**

**Land Acquisition and Property Committee – April 15, 2026 – Tom Berry, Chair**

**Executive Committee – April 15, 2026 – Mark Craig, Chair**

**Committee of the Whole – April 15, 2026 – Mark Craig, Chair**

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Genetic Applications for Conservation and Management – Dr. Heather Evans, Conservation Genetics Manager**

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

**2026-2027 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons** – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments, and select the 2026-2027 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4)*

**2026 Migrant Peregrine Falconry** – Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 5 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2026 – *Brad Howard (EXHIBIT G)*

## 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*

- Little Snowbird Tract – Cherokee and Graham Counties **(EXHIBIT H-1)**
- Franklin Bog – Henderson County **(EXHIBIT H-2)**
- Sparta Bog – Alleghany County **(EXHIBIT H-3)**
- Tallulah Bog – Graham County **(EXHIBIT H-4)**
- Jackson Tract – Bladen County **(EXHIBIT H-5)**
- Catherine Creek – Gates County **(EXHIBIT H-6)**
- Welch Tract – Chowan County **(EXHIBIT H-7)**
- Egypt Road – Brunswick County **(EXHIBIT H-8)**
- Odom Correctional Facility Re-allocation – Northampton County **(EXHIBIT H-9)**
- Buffalo Creek Headwaters – Watauga and Caldwell Counties **(EXHIBIT H-10)**

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

- Easement Request (**EXHIBIT I**) Request from Tyr Energy Development (TED) Renewables for a utility easement on Bertie County Game Land

## **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 15A NCAC 10F .0305 Brunswick County** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10F .0305 – *Will Casola, Policy Analyst (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

## **RULEMAKING**

**Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0425 Sheepshead** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt temporary amendments to 10C .0425 – *Corey Oakley, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)*

**Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – License Fees** – Review public comments and consider request to adopt amendments to 10A .1601 and 10H .1801 – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

**Petition for Rulemaking – 10D .0211 Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land** – Review petition and consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to 10D .0211. Review and consider approval of fiscal note. – *Will Casola (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2, M-3)*

**Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – CWD Management Areas** – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for temporary amendments to 10B .0203 & 10B .0502 – *Brad Howard (EXHIBIT N)*

**CONSIDERATION OF NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS** – Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-335, consider appointment of members to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee – *Kyle Briggs, Executive Director (EXHIBIT O)*

**SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN** – Consider staff recommendation for final adoption of the Yellow Lampmussel Conservation Plan – *Rachael Hoch, Inland Fisheries Division Assistant Chief (EXHIBIT P)*

**COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN** – *Chairman Craig*

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Executive Director Briggs*

**ADJOURN**