

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN 2025 REVISION

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission is the agency entrusted with the management and conservation of North Carolina's wildlife resources for the enjoyment of all people;

WHEREAS, State Wildlife Action Plans are intended to help conserve and enhance the state's full array of fish and wildlife species and their habitats through the identification of Species of Greatest Conservation Need and other priority fish and wildlife;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan was first developed in 2005 with appropriations from the United States Congress for the State and Tribal Wildlife Grants Program;

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan, in conjunction with the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission's Strategic Plan, provides a blueprint to guide and direct conservation priorities of wildlife resources and habitats, emphasizing the use of best available science to keep common species common;

WHEREAS, Congress has mandated that the state's eligibility for receiving State and Tribal Wildlife Grants to conserve wildlife resources and habitats is dependent upon maintaining an approved State Wildlife Action Plan and subsequent revisions; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan has undergone comprehensive review and revision by North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission staff and commissioners in concert with numerous federal, state and local partners as well as stakeholders;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission endorses the revised 2025 North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan as the blueprint to guide conservation of wildlife resources and habitats in North Carolina.

This resolution was introduced by the Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee and unanimously approved by acclamation by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in its duly assembled meeting on July 24, 2025 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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