



**Committee of the Whole
Meeting Summary August 27, 2014
Commission Room, Raleigh NC**

Commission Vice Chairman John Litton Clark called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 4:10 pm.

Attendees

Commissioners

John Litton Clark – Vice Chair
Joe Barker
Tim Spear
Brian White
Joe Budd
Tom Berry
David Hoyle, Jr.
Nat Harris
Dell Murphy

Wes Seegars
John Coley
Tommy Fonville
Neal Hanks
Richard Edwards
Mark Craig
Ray Clifton
Garry Spence

Staff

Mallory Martin
Betsy Haywood
Dale Caveny
Brad Howard
Jon Evans
Evin Stanford
Bob Curry
Kate Pipkin
Erica Garner
Erik Christofferson
Lisa Hocutt

Gordon Myers
Russell Wong
Isaac Harrold
David Sawyer
Kyle Briggs
Christian Waters
David Cobb
Todd Kennedy
Chris Dillon
Tommy Clark
Brad Gunn

Guests

Dick Hamilton – NC Wildlife Federation
Pete Benjamin – USFWS
Jett Ferebee
Wilson Laney – USFWS

Jon Charles – Delta Wildlife Management
Harry Ennis – ENCFHA
Henri McClees – NC Sporting Dog Association

Discussion - Restricted Deer Hunting Zone on Bladen Lakes Game Land

Isaac Harrold reported that the public hearing for a proposed restricted deer hunting zone on Bladen Lakes State Forest Game Land was held on July 8, 2014. Two attendees supported the proposed zone and 18 opposed it. The Bladen County Board of Education supports the restricted zone because of the location of the school. The Committee will recommend a proposal for three tracts on Bladen Lakes Game Land for possible action at the WRC meeting on August 28, 2014.

Initial Review of Proposed Rules for 2015-2016

Dr. David Cobb presented an initial review of 2015-2016 proposed wildlife management rules for consideration by the Commission at a later meeting. Bob Curry presented thirty-four proposals for fisheries to be considered at a later meeting.

Temporary Rulemaking for Captive Cervids

The Committee discussed recent legislation by the General Assembly pertaining to cervid farming in North Carolina. Temporary rules must be promulgated to comply with the legislation. Two public hearings will be held to hear concerns and discuss objectives. On October 7 a hearing will be held in Statesville and on October 14 a hearing will be held in Raleigh.

Depredation Permit Conditions Allowing Retention of Edible Portions

The Committee discussed depredation permit conditions allowing retention of edible portions of animals other than cervids.

Resolution

Dr. Cobb presented a resolution regarding the use of processed food products. The Commission voted to adopt the resolution and to incorporate the resolution into the minutes of this meeting.

Other Discussion

Jett Ferebee, who owns property in the area of the Red Wolf Reintroduction Area, send a FOIA request to the USFWS and discovered that 64 red wolves were released by the USFWS onto private land, which Ferebee stated is illegal. Ferebee requested assistance from the WRC and stated that 300 landowners in that area have requested removal of the wolves from private property. Director Gordon Myers stated that a consultation will be held with the Attorney General for a legal opinion.

At 5:55 pm the COW moved into closed session to discuss a legal matter.

At 6:28 pm the COW returned to open session and adjourned the meeting.