



Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary

August 26, 2015

Commission Chair John Litton Clark called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Attendees

Commissioners

John Litton Clark
David Hoyle, Jr.
Ray Clifton
Joe Budd
Neal Hanks
Tim Spear
Jim Cogdell
John Coley

Wes Seegars
Tom Berry
Mark Craig
Joe Barker
Garry Spence
Brian White
Tommy Fonville

Staff

Mallory Martin
Betsy Haywood
Thomas Harvey
Wes Barger
Gordon Myers
David Cobb
Jenny Harris
Erik Christofferson
Erica Garner
Andrew Helton

Ashton Godwin
Lisa Hocutt
Carolina Medina
Joe Fuller
Cindy Carr
Isaac Harrold
Bob Curry
Jon Evans
Mark Rich
Jodie Owen

Visitors

Wilson Laney – USFWS
Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited
Joe McClees – NC Sporting Dog Assn.

Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation
Henri McClees – NC Sporting Dog Association

Wildlife Action Plan Revision Final Review

Cindy Carr, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, provided a final update on the 2015 Wildlife Action Plan Revision prior to consideration by the WRC on August 27 of a Resolution endorsing the revision. Carr reported there were eleven submittals of comments about the revision, most of them on line. Of those comments, seventeen required no action, 30 comments have been incorporated into the revision, and 35 comments are for consideration in the future.

Mallory Martin, *Chief Deputy Director*, thanked Cindy Carr. He noted appreciation to Commissioner Mark Craig for his thoughtful and thorough participation and comments in the process. Martin stated that this will be a living document subject to revisions. Cindy Carr suggested that the agency and Commission examine the document every three years for possible revisions.

Chairman John Litton Clark added his thanks to Cindy Carr and to Mark Craig.

Initial Review of Proposed Rules for 2016-2017

David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented Commissioners with a handout of rules proposals for hunting, trapping, Sunday hunting, listed species, Wildlife Damage Control Agents, and consideration of a permit-only alligator season. Commissioners may consider the rules proposals at the October meeting to take to state-wide public hearings next January.

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, presented a handout of rules proposals for inland fishing seasons for 2016-2017, for consideration by the Commission at the October meeting to take to state-wide public hearings next January.

Isaac Harrold, *Public Lands Manager*, presented a handout concerning rules proposals from the Land and Water Access Section for game lands, impoundments, "Day Use Only Zones" on specific portions of game lands, and horseback riding, hunting, and geocaching on certain game lands. The proposals may be adopted by the Commission at the October meeting to be taken to state-wide public hearings in January 2016.

SEAFWA Update

Jenny Harris, *Marketing Director*, gave a brief overview of the upcoming SEAFWA meeting in Asheville, November 1-4, 2015. North Carolina is the host for fifteen southeastern states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The theme is "Conserving Large Landscapes." Harris encouraged the Commissioners to make plans to attend.

Adjourn

Chairman Clark adjourned the meeting at 5:10 pm.