



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 28, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Commissioner Recusal – Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused himself from discussion and vote on **Exhibit G** – Permanent Right of Way Easements on Sandhills Game Land, and **Exhibit J** – McDowell County Shooting Range.

Approval of Minutes - the Commission approved the December 7, 2017 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. **Exhibit A**

Presentation of the 2017 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Awards – the Commission awarded the 2017 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award to Terry Sharpe in the Individual category and to the North Carolina Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation in the Organization category.

Resolution Regarding the Hunting of Migratory Birds on Sunday in North Carolina – the Commission approved a Resolution Regarding the Hunting of Migratory Birds on Sunday in North Carolina for presentation to the N.C. General Assembly, which directs agency staff to examine in greater detail the social, economic and biological impacts of Sunday hunting on migratory birds before taking any additional actions.

Changes in 2018-2019 Inland Fisheries Rules – the Commission adopted 10 changes in Inland Fisheries Regulations for 2018-2019. **Exhibit C-2**

Changes in 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rules – the Commission adopted rules for deer seasons and implementation of a new statewide bag limit with modifications. The Commission adopted a modified Rule to align bear hunting seasons in the Coastal Bear Management Unit and moved Pamlico County to Zone 5. The Commission adopted a Rule to shift either-sex days for deer hunting to the beginning of the Introductory, Conservative, and Moderate Gun Either-Sex Season without modification. Also adopted without modification were the Rule proposing a season for the limited take of alligators as prescribed by the North Carolina Alligator Management Plan, an amendment to the rule regulating possession of non-native species; an amendment to clarify the definition of a black powder firearm; and a technical correction clarifying that hunting seasons for pheasant, rabbits, and fox by archery open on the Saturday before Thanksgiving. The Commission voted not to approve a change for bear hunting in the Mountain Bear Management Unit. **Exhibit D-2-B**

Coyote Management Plan – the Commission adopted the Coyote Management Plan. **Exhibit E**

Phase I Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved development of acquisition plans for two Phase I Land Acquisition requests – Corpening Tract in Burke County, and Camp McCall in Rutherford County. **Exhibits F-1 and F-3.** The Commission voted to not move forward with developing an acquisition plan for the Aydlette Tract in Camden County. **Exhibit F-2**

Easement Requests – with Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused, the Commission approved a request from NCDOT for an easement across Sandhills Game Land in **Exhibit G.** The Commission approved a request from Mrs. Wanda Nicholson for access to her property across the Wood Tract of Nantahala Game Land in Jackson County with the recommendation to offer a license and not an easement. **Exhibit H**

Property Exchange – the Commission approved a request from the Outer Banks Dare Challenge Project for a land swap to obtain 4 acres of Roanoke Island Marshes Game Land adjacent to their property in exchange for 12 acres of land in Currituck County. The swap is dependent upon the results of an appraisal and determination that there will be no loss to the State. **Exhibit I**

McDowell County Shooting Range – with Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused, the Commission approved partnering with McDowell County and executing a Memorandum of Agreement to design and construct a shooting range facility near Marion. **Exhibit J**

Changes in 2018-2019 Game Land Management Rules – the Commission adopted without modification eleven changes in Game Land regulations, presented in G1 – G11 of **Exhibit K-2b.** G12, G14, and G15 were adopted with modifications. The Commission voted to not approve G13 and G16. **Exhibit K-2b**

Notice of Text and Fiscal Note – Local Water Safety Regulations – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 5 water safety Rules and readoption of two water safety Rules under 15A NCAC 10F .0300, holding one public hearing, and opening the public comment period. The Commission approved the Fiscal Note. **Exhibits L-1, L-2**

Approval for Notice of Text and Fiscal Note for No-Wake Zone at Queens Creek in Hubert, Onslow County – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register*, holding one public hearing, and opening the public comment period for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0320, to establish a no-wake zone on Queens Creek in Hubert in Onslow County. The Commission approved the Fiscal Note. **Exhibits M-1, M-2**

Adjournment - Chairman John Coley adjourned the meeting at 11:00 a.m.