



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

August 27, 2015, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Litton Clark*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Nat Harris*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Brian White*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e) 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 inquire 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 John Clark*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Take action on the July 16, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund – *Cecilia Edgar, Budget Director (EXHIBIT B)*

2015-2016 Endowment Fund Annual Interest Allocation Report- Receive a financial status report and take action on the allocation of interest from the Endowment Fund for 2015-2016 – *Cecilia Edgar (EXHIBIT C)*

NOTICE OF REAPPOINTMENT – Receive into the Minutes the Notice of Reappointment by Governor Pat McCrory of Nat Harris as District 5 Commissioner, for a term ending June 30, 2021 (**EXHIBIT D**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Report - *John Coley, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Report – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Joint HNGES/Big Game Report – *Mark Craig and David Hoyle, Jr., Chairmen*

Big Game Report – *David Hoyle, Jr., Chair*

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Fisheries Report – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Small Game Report – *Garry Spence, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *John Litton Clark, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Northern Long-eared Bats: Implications of Federal Listing – Receive a presentation highlighting the special provisions of federal listing under the Endangered Species Act for the Northern Long-eared bat and implications of federal listing– *Katherine Caldwell, Wildlife Diversity Program Biologist*

WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN REVISION ENDORSEMENT – Consider endorsement of the Wildlife Action Plan 2015 revision – *Mallory Martin, Chief Deputy Director (EXHIBIT E)*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wildlife Management Division Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Dr. David Cobb, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

2015-2016 Waterfowl Seasons – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments and select the 2015 – 2016 season Dates and bag limits for waterfowl - *David Cobb (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2, F-3)*

Season for Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcon for Use in Falconry – Consider staff recommendation to establish a season for taking a migrant peregrine falcon for use in falconry – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT G)*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive a staff update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

EDUCATION DIVISION

Education Division Update – Receive an update on the recent activities and programs of the Education Division – *Kris Smith, Education Division Chief*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager EXHIBITS H-1, H-2, H-3, H-4, H-5, H-6)*

- Cumberland Farms Tract – Cumberland County (H-1)
- Deviney Brier Creek Tracts – Rutherford/Cleveland County (H-2)
- McGee Tract – Caldwell County (H-3)
- Porter Capital Corp. Tract – Polk County (H-4)
- Sorrells Meadow – Haywood County (H-5)
- Waccamaw Campbell Group Tract – Columbus County (H-6)

Phase II Land Acquisitions - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4, I-5, I-6)*

- Ashley Tract (donation) – Bladen County (I-1)
- Graves Addition Tract – Caswell County (I-2)
- Pioneer Tract (donation) – Brunswick/Columbus County (I-3)
- Sheepback Mountain Tract – Haywood County (I-4)
- Stolting Tract – Richmond County (I-5)
- VOA Tract (donation) – Beaufort County (I-6)

Easement Request, Polk County - Consider reciprocal access easements across a portion of Green River Game Land and adjacent private property in Polk County – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT J)*

Easement Request, Columbus County - Consider a request from N.C. Department of Transportation for easements across a portion of Columbus County Game Land in Columbus County to facilitate two bridge improvement projects – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT K)*

Easement Amendment Request, Burke County - Consider a request to amend an existing utility easement across a portion of Johns River Game Land in Burke County for the purpose of correcting alignment issues – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT L)*

ZONE DESIGNATIONS

Zone Designations, Durham County – Consider a staff recommendation to designate Safety and Restricted Firearms Zones on a portion of Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land in Durham County – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT M)*

FIELD TRIAL SCHEDULE

Field Trial Schedule - Consider approval of the 2015-2016 Running Schedule for the J. Robert Gordon Sandhills Field Trial Area – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT N)*

PUBLIC HEARINGS SCHEDULE – Consider adoption of schedule for January 2016 state-wide public hearings – *Mallory Martin (EXHIBIT O)*

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – *Chairman John Litton Clark*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *John Litton Clark*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

ADJOURN



EXHIBIT A

August 27, 2015

MINUTES - July 16, 2015 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

The July 16, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting was called to order by *Commission Vice Chairman* John Litton Clark at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters in Raleigh. *Chairman* Jim Cogdell was absent due to illness.

Vice Chairman Clark reminded the assembly that the meeting is being recorded as a public record and is audio streaming live at www.ncwildlife.org. He asked everyone to turn off cell phones during the meeting.

Commissioner Ray Clifton led the Pledge of Allegiance. *Commissioner* Joe Budd gave the invocation.

WELCOME AND MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY

Vice Chairman Clark welcomed the Commissioners and guests present, including award winners and their families, and Ned Jones of N.C. Trout Unlimited and Russell Rhodes of Neuse Sport Shop, who donated the Fish for Fun prizes.

Vice Chairman Clark read the ethics inquiry mandated in North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(e).

COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

John Litton Clark
Joe Barker
Nat Harris
David Hoyle, Jr.
John Coley
Garry Spence
Tom Berry
Tommy Fonville

Brian White
Wes Seegars
Joe Budd
Neal Hanks
Ray Clifton
Mark Craig
Tim Spear
Richard Edwards

VISITORS

Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation
Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited
Joanna St. Clair – Wake County Parks
Jay Duncan
Faith Duncan
Stacey Ball
Joe Ball
Glenn Heath
Ed Carey – NC State Parks
John Finney – NC Natural Heritage Program
Linda Pearsall
Scott Pohlman – NC Natural Heritage Program
Bryan Stuart – NC Museum of Natural Sciences
Jeff Lineberger – Duke Energy
Ann Somers – UNC-G
Lacey Rose
Stephanie Horton - NCMNS
Heather Leslie – NCMNS
Bill Palmer - NCMNS

Russell Rhodes – Neuse Sport Shop
Jim Pierce
Wilson Laney – USFWS
Michelle Duncan
Dylan Duncan
Hannah Ball
Kathy Heath
Josh Elrich
Karen Beck – NCDA & CS
Alvin Braswell
Jeff Beane – NC Museum of Natural Sciences
Sam Pearsall
John Crutchfield – Duke Energy
Steve Jester – Duke Energy
Shannon Rose
Fred Rose
Sam Eliades - NCMNS
Anne Runyon – freelance illustrator
Dave Woodward

MINUTES

Upon a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved the May 21, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes as presented in **Exhibit A**. The minutes are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ADMINISTRATION

Cecilia Edgar, *Budget Director*, presented in **Exhibit B** a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and the Wildlife Endowment Fund as of May 31, 2015. The Operating Fund cash balance was \$14,687,005.52. The Endowment Fund balance was \$112,270,020.03. Expendable interest was \$19,567,736.53. **Exhibit B** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION – NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK LIFETIME LICENSE WINNERS

Bob Curry, *Fisheries Division Chief*, and Vice Chairman Clark presented a lifetime sportsman license, donated by Neuse Sport Shop, to Hannah Ball from Deep Run. A lifetime fishing license donated by the N.C. Council of Trout Unlimited was presented to Faith Duncan from Madison. The girls won the licenses from drawings held at state-wide Fish for Fun events during National Fishing and Boating Week. Vice Chairman Clark thanked Russell Rhodes of Neuse Sport Shop and Ned Jones of N.C. Trout Unlimited for their ongoing support of youth and wildlife related recreation.

2015 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION

Executive Director Gordon Myers introduced the winner of the 2015 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award. The award, established in 2006 by the WRC with the Nongame Wildlife Diversity Committee (NWAC) in honor of Dr. Thomas L. Quay, is awarded each year to someone who has made long-lasting contributions to wildlife diversity. Myers read a Resolution, introduced by Vice Chairman John Litton Clark and adopted by acclamation upon a motion by Mark Craig and second by Garry Spence, naming Jeff Beane as the 2015 recipient. Beane is a distinguished herpetologist whose dedication has provided a better understanding of taxonomy, distribution, ecology and status of reptiles and amphibians and their conservation. Beane was presented with a plaque and framed picture of his recent magazine article about wildlife diversity. The Resolution is hereby incorporated by reference into the official record of this meeting.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM DUKE ENERGY

On behalf of the WRC, Executive Director and Vice Chairman John Litton Clark received two checks from Duke Energy. Steve Jester, *Duke Energy Vice President, Water Strategy, Hydro Licensing and Lake Services*, presented a check for \$240,000 to be used by the WRC for the operation of Public Access Areas on Lake Tillery and Blewett Falls. Another check for \$25,000 will be used for construction of an ADA-accessible fishing pier and trail at Stony Mountain Recreation Area on Lake Tillery. The monies are awarded as part of the 40-year Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) licensing agreement that was received on April 1, 2015 for the Yadkin-Pee Dee hydropower project.

Photo Break – Vice Chairman Clark announced a short break for photographs to be taken. The meeting reconvened at 9:35 a.m.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries Committee Meeting Summary – Wes Seegars, *Chairman*, reported that the Fisheries Committee met on July 15. The committee received an update on the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters Program. The committee approved the proposed process for considering new requests for participation in the Mountain Heritage Trout Waters program and recommended approval by the full Commission at the meeting on July 16.

The Fisheries Committee recommended that the Commission designate the Town of Bryson City as a Mountain Heritage Trout City and recognize the Delayed Harvest Trout Waters section of Tuckasegee River as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters. The request will be presented for consideration by the full Commission.

Bob Curry provided a trout production update. Staff has worked to recover from the loss of fish at the Armstrong Fish Hatchery. There are enough trout to meet all stocking requests for the 2015 season (through August). Delayed harvest stockings starting in October will not be impacted but there is no reserve.

Committee of the Whole Meeting Summary – Vice Chairman Clark reported that the Committee of the Whole met on July 15. Cindy Carr, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, provided the Commissioners with an overview of draft revisions that are being made to the Wildlife Action Plan prior to approval by the Commission in August. Carr noted that species of greatest need for conservation have been reduced by five percent since 2005 with the assistance of the State Wildlife Grants (SWG) program.

Chris Goudreau, *Fisheries Biologist*, provided an overview of the Duke Progress Yadkin-Pee Dee FERC Relicense Agreement. The 50-year license was issued this year with Lake Tillery and Blewett Falls as the focus of management and mitigation processes. Some recreation upgrades such as a new boating access area and fishing area on Lake Tillery have been completed. There is a new access area at Blewett Falls. Land conveyances include two donations and three restrictive easements.

Kate Pipkin, *Rules Biologist*, reviewed a permanent rule to replace a temporary rule for no wake zones at Sadler Island on Lake Wylie. The full Commission consider adoption of the permanent rule later in this meeting.

The committee received a recap of nine state-wide deer management forums from David Sawyer, Brad Howard, Jonathan Shaw, and Chris Serenari. They shared biological data from a three-year analysis and discussed concerns about deer harvest with hunters. The consensus was that deer seasons across the state may not be the best fit for the health of the populations, since peak breeding times vary widely in the state. The objective is to ensure that does are bred at the biologically correct time.

Nick Gould, *N.C. State University*, provided an update of the Urban Bear Study in Asheville, which is in its second year. Objectives include determining causes of mortality, travel corridors, movement and activity and reproduction parameters. Gould discussed the GPS collars that provide data every 15 minutes while the bears are inside Asheville. Twenty dens have been found with 40 percent inside the city limits. Seventeen females reproduced 45 cubs. Of the GPS collared bears there have been eight mortalities.

Terry Morris, *Eastern Carolina Houndsmen Alliance*, provided an update about the Alliance, which was formed to address deer dog problems. Morris stated that the Alliance is working with Weyerhaeuser on a 26,000-acre tract for deer dog hunting with hope that Weyerhaeuser will continue to allow the use of their property for the sport.

Gordon Myers gave a brief overview of the six open seats on the NWAC Committee including an unexpired term. He has made his recommendations. The entire Commission will vote on the appointments at the July 16, 2015 meeting.

Myers passed out a draft public hearing schedule for January 2016 state-wide public hearings. The Commission will vote on the schedule at the August meeting.

Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Meeting Summary – John Coley, *Chairman*, reported that the Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee met on July 15. Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, reviewed the exhibits for selection of 2015-2016 seasons and bag limits for webless migratory game birds, resident Canada geese and falconry. Cobb noted that expanded hunting methods are allowed only west of U.S. Highway 17. Cobb noted that at the request of hunters, teal season will open September 12, a different day than opening of dove season. Cobb also reviewed the exhibit for extended falconry seasons for webless migratory birds. The Commission will discuss adoption of the seasons later in this meeting.

Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Summary – Tom Berry, *Chairman*, reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on July 15. Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, reviewed seven Phase I land acquisitions for consideration by the Commission at the meeting on July 16. The committee endorsed approval of three Phase II acquisitions.

The committee agreed to endorse an easement request by a landowner to provide access to private property across a portion of Johns River Game Land in Burke County, with stipulations that will be presented to the entire Commission for consideration.

The committee recommended that the Commission take no action on a request by private property owner Norwood Blanchard to memorialize an easement to his landlocked property adjacent to Angola Bay Game Land in Pender County. The committee directed staff to explore the possibility of acquiring Mr. Blanchard's tract in fee simple, or otherwise evaluate the potential to trade the subject property for state property of like value elsewhere.

The committee recommended that the Commission approve an easement request from Carolina Investment Group across a portion of Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County for the purpose of accessing private property. The committee recommended approval with conditions for consideration by the entire Commission.

The committee recommended that the Commission approve a request from N.C. Department of Transportation for easements across a portion of Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County to facilitate a bridge improvement project.

The committee recommended approval of an easement request from Duke Energy across a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County for the purpose of relocating an existing power transmission line. A condition of the recommendation is to include the value of merchantable timber as part of the approval.

The committee recommended approval of an easement to Duke Energy across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County to facilitate provision of underground electrical service to a new WRC building.

The proposal to create an archery-only zone near school property adjacent to the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land was reviewed by agency staff with a recommendation for no action. Further evaluation will be conducted before the Commission considers a proposal at a later meeting.

Chairman Tom Berry announced that improvements to roads and parking lots and development of impoundments are being undertaken at Texas Plantation.

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT –OVERVIEW OF GREEN RIVER GAME LAND MANAGEMENT PLAN

Erik Christofferson, *Deputy Director of Operations*, introduced Biologists Kip Hollifield and Gordon Warburton. Warburton updated the Commission on the new planning process to enhance game lands. He provided an overview of efforts to modernize the 14,000-acre Green River Game Land that was purchased in the 1950s. Guided by the Wildlife Action Plan, Strategic Plan, best science and unique game land attributes, staff has sought public involvement to gather input in a regional context about needs for infrastructure, forest management, important habitats and species, and alternative game land uses. Discussion of Game Land user fees was discussed. A commercial use policy is needed. Camping is new to the Green River Game Land. Warburton stated that the Green River Game Land costs approximately \$40,000 to operate. Warburton told the Commission that a Plan Development team will prepare guidelines for all programs on the Game Land.

INLAND FISHERIES UPDATE

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, presented an update on the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division. Curry thanked the sponsors of the Fish for Fun activities that reached 3900 youth at forty events state-wide. Curry noted that staff will be sampling catfish populations in District 4.

BRYSON CITY MOUNTAIN HERITAGE TROUT CITY REQUEST

Upon a motion by Wes Seegars and second by Joe Barker, the Commission approved a request from the Town of Bryson City, presented in **Exhibit C**, to be added to the Mountain Heritage Trout City Program. The 2.2 mile reach of the Tuckasegee River will be recognized as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters and is further classified as Delayed Harvest Trout Waters. The Town has provided unrestricted access to this reach. **Exhibit C, Bryson City Mountain Heritage Trout City Request**, is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division. Cobb stated that the three-year cooperative project with Morrow Mountain State Park for sustainability of the deer herd continues. On August 4 a herd health check will be conducted. Cobb announced that the *Upland Gazette* will be inserted into the Fall and Spring Guides, thereby reaching a larger audience. Cobb stated that the WRC and USFWS have conducted research about market and non-market value of tundra swans in a five-county area of eastern North Carolina. Tourists in the winter generate \$1.63 million in revenue. Swan hunters alone add \$1.03 million to the local economy. Cobb mentioned the E-mammal project with the N.C. Museum of Natural Science, with cameras being used by citizen scientists to monitor animals.

PROPOSED 2015-2016 EARLY HUNTING SEASON FRAMEWORKS FOR CERTAIN MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit D-1**, outlining Department of the Interior frameworks for season lengths, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and outside dates within which States may select seasons for hunting waterfowl and coots between the dates of September 1, 2015 and March 10, 2016.

Exhibit D-1 is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EARLY SEASON FRAMEWORKS

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit D-2**, a summary of public comments regarding the proposed Early Migratory Game Bird Season Frameworks. **Exhibit D-2** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

2015-2016 EARLY SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS AND WATERFOWL

Upon a motion by Joe Barker and second by David Hoyle, Jr., the Commission adopted 2015-2016 early seasons, bag limits, and shooting hours for webless migratory game birds and waterfowl seasons beginning prior to October 1, in **Exhibit D-3**. Dove season will open on September 5, the Saturday before Labor Day. The Commission voted to open teal season east of U.S. Highway 17 on September 12, so as not to interfere with the opening of dove season.

[The Commission voted for shooting hours on all migratory birds to be from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset for the entire season, including doves. Possession is three times the daily bag for all species]

- Mourning Dove and White-winged Dove - Sept. 5 – Oct. 10 and Nov. 23 - Jan. 15; daily bag 15
- King and Clapper Rails - Sept. 1 – Oct. 10, Oct. 23 – Nov. 28; daily bag 15
- Sora and Virginia Rails - Sept. 1 – Oct. 3, Oct. 23 - Nov. 28; daily bag 25
- Gallinule and Moorhens - Sept. 1 – Oct. 3, Oct. 23 - Nov. 28; daily bag 15
- Woodcock- Dec. 17 – Jan. 30; daily bag 3
- Common Snipe - Nov. 13 - Feb. 27; daily bag 8
- Canada Goose - Sept. 1 – 30 statewide; daily bag 15; **extend shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset; allow use of unplugged guns; allow use of electronic calls- these expanded methods are allowed only west of U.S. 17]**
- September Teal Season - Sept. 12 – 30 (East of U.S. 17 Only); daily bag 6

Exhibit D-3 is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

2015-2016 EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS FOR WEBLESS MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS

Upon a motion by Joe Barker and second by Nat Harris, the Commission adopted the following options for 2015-2016 Extended Falconry Seasons for webless species, presented in **Exhibit D-4**:

- Mourning Doves/White-winged dove: Oct. 15 – Oct. 31
- Rails, Gallinule, and Moorhens: Dec. 5 – Jan. 9:
- Woodcock: Nov. 7 – Dec. 5 and Feb. 1 – Feb. 27

The falconry daily bag limit is three permitted migratory game birds, singly or in aggregate.

Exhibit D-4 is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

PROPERTY MATTERS

Phase I Land Acquisitions

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, presented to the Commission the recommendation for agency staff to begin working with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties:

- Coppedge Hwy 58 Tract – Warren County **(E-1)**
- Eure/Horton Tracts – Gates County **(E-2)**
- Faircloth Access Tract – Bladen County **(E-3)**
- NC 41 Big Swamp Access Tract – Robeson County **(E-4)**
- Sylvia Green Tract – Richmond County **(E-5)**
- Weyerhaeuser Shooting Range Tract – Craven County **(E-6)**
- Womble Tract – Scotland County **(E-7)**

Tom Berry made a motion to approve the Phase I properties. The motion was seconded by Tommy Fonville and carried. **Exhibits E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, and E-7** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Phase II Land Acquisitions

On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission gave final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties:

- Billups Tract – Bladen County **(F-1)**
- Landfall-Mayfaire Tracts – Pender County **(F-2)**
- Max Lake Tract – Richmond County **(F-3)**

Exhibits F-1, F-2, and F-3 are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Easement Request, Burke County – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission approved an easement request from Marshall Duckworth, presented in **Exhibit G**, across a portion of Johns River Game Land in Burke County for the purpose of accessing private property with conditions:

- WRC bear no associated expense
- The easement serve no commercial purpose
- The easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided
- The easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land.

Exhibit G is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Easement Request, Pender County – The Commission withdrew consideration of an easement request by Norwood Blanchard, in **Exhibit H**, across a portion of Angola Bay Game Land in Pender County for the purpose of accessing private property. The committee directed staff to explore the possibility of acquiring Mr. Blanchard's tract in fee simple, or otherwise evaluate the potential to trade the subject property for state property of like value elsewhere.

Easement Request, Ashe County – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville the Commission approved an easement request by Carolina Investment Group in **Exhibit I**, across a portion of Pond Mountain Game Land in Ashe County for the purpose of accessing private property with the following conditions:

- WRC bear no associated expense
- The easement serve no commercial purpose
- The easement become null and void if the subject property is ever subdivided
- The easement include a liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with operation, maintenance and/or public use of the game land
- The WRC have first right of refusal if the property is to be sold

Exhibit I is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Easement Request, Halifax County – On a motion by Tom Berry and second by Tommy Fonville, the Commission approved a request presented in **Exhibit J**, from N.C. Department of Transportation for easements across a portion of Brinkleyville Game Land in Halifax County to facilitate a bridge improvement project. **Exhibit J** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Easement Request, Caswell County – On a motion by Tommy Fonville and second by Tom Berry the Commission approved a right-of-way easement request from Duke Energy in **Exhibit K** across a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County for the purpose of relocating an existing power transmission line. The value of merchantable timber within the right of way will be compensated. **Exhibit K** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Easement Request, Richmond County – On a motion by Tommy Fonville and second by Tom Berry the Commission approved granting an easement to Duke Energy across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County to facilitate provision of underground electrical service to a new WRC building, presented in **Exhibit L**. **Exhibit L** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

Archery Zone Designation, Durham County – The proposal presented in **Exhibit M**, to create an archery-only zone near school property adjacent to the Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land, was reviewed by agency staff and recommended for no action. The Commission instructed staff to conduct further evaluation before the recommendation will be explored by the Commission at a later meeting.

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

No Wake Zones - Lake Wylie, Gaston and Mecklenburg Counties

Summary of Public Comments - Kate Pipkin, No Wake Zone Coordinator, presented in **Exhibit N-1** a summary of comments from a public hearing for two no wake zones at Sadler Island on Lake Wylie.

Permanent Rule Adoption – Upon a motion by Joe Barker and second by Mark Craig, the Commission voted to adopt proposed permanent amendments for 15A NCAC 10F .0333, presented in **Exhibit N-2**. The amendments will create two no-wake zones on Lake Wylie at Sadler Island east and Sadler Island west. **Exhibits N-1 and N-2** are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Upon a motion by David Hoyle, Jr. and second by Wes Seegars, the Commission approved the recommendation of the Executive Director for six appointments to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee, presented in **Exhibit O**:

1. Judith A. Ratcliffe – to fill an unexpired term ending June 30, 2017
2. Kenneth Neil Medlin – for term ending June 30, 2018
3. Jesse Edward Corey III – for term ending June 30, 2018
4. Elizabeth L. Kalies – for term ending June 30, 2018
5. G. Lane Sauls, Jr. – for term ending June 30, 2018
6. James Robert Pendergrass – for term ending June 30, 2018

Exhibit O is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Pursuant to NCGS 143-243, at the first scheduled meeting of the Commission after July 1 of each odd-numbered year the Wildlife Resources Commission shall select from among its membership a chairman and a vice chairman, who shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified. Wes Seegars nominated John Litton Clark as Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Joe Barker. The Commission unanimously elected John Litton Clark as Chair. David Hoyle, Jr. nominated John Coley as Vice Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Garry Spence. The Commission unanimously elected John Coley as Vice Chairman.

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman John Litton Clark thanked former Chairmen under whom he had served – Wes Seegars, Steve Windham, David Hoyle, Jr. and Jim Cogdell – for their guidance. Clark promised to do his best as Chairman.

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Executive Director Gordon Myers congratulated John Litton Clark on his election. He thanked Clark for his tireless assistance with legislative issues this session.

Myers commended agency staff for their work with constituents at the deer forums and for their ongoing analysis of issues pertaining to deer seasons and desires of hunters.

Myers stated that budget negotiations at the General Assembly are ongoing. While the agency is on the path to self-sufficiency, there is a concern that the Legislature is proceeding too quickly adding recurring cuts to the agency budget before there are adequate revenues to meet budget requirements.

Myers stated that the Outdoor Heritage Act is an historic change for North Carolina. He noted that the new Outdoor Heritage Council will be established and it is critical that this agency provide them with administrative support.

Myers closed by stating his gratitude for the recent meeting with the Governor, Commissioners, and some senior staff members and looks forward to more interagency collaboration in wildlife-related issues.

COMMENT BY THE VICE CHAIRMAN

John Coley thanked the Commission for electing him as Vice Chairman.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Wildlife Resources Commission will be held in Raleigh on Thursday, August 28, 2014. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Clark at 10:45 a.m.

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

John Litton Clark, Chairman

Date

Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

Summary and Analysis of Agency Operating Cash Balance - Code 14350, 24350, 24351 and 24352

	Jun-14			Jun-15		
Cash Balance July 1		\$ 21,922,571.86			\$ 17,507,785.09	
Appropriations	2013-2014 Authorized Budget	Actual	% of	2014-2015 Authorized Budget	Actual	% of
Appropriations	\$ 12,615,418.00	\$ 12,449,257.73	98.68%	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 11,168,261.00	98.55%
Total	\$ 12,615,418.00	\$ 12,449,257.73	98.68%	\$ 11,332,557.00	\$ 11,168,261.00	98.55%
Receipts						
License Receipts	\$ 18,781,270.00	\$ 17,231,491.75		\$ 19,022,957.00	\$ 20,570,731.40	
Vessel Receipts	9,875,186.00	9,325,005.00		11,296,581.00	10,569,215.00	
Federal Funds	24,631,281.00	22,923,464.92		25,480,525.00	24,941,032.73	
Publications	345,437.00	391,588.43		342,517.00	481,851.61	
Professional Services	8,171,401.00	8,069,506.38		8,703,086.00	9,578,557.46	
Agency Reimbursements	2,939,468.00	2,944,266.84		3,544,336.00	3,461,870.01	
Other Receipts	1,154,671.00	1,836,766.88		2,079,349.00	2,027,459.88	
Total	\$ 65,898,714.00	\$ 62,722,090.20	95.18%	\$ 70,469,351.00	\$ 71,630,718.09	101.65%
Expenditures						
2100 Administration	\$ 8,031,086.00	\$ 7,651,805.10		\$ 8,199,193.00	\$ 7,775,853.16	
2120 Enforcement	22,235,228.00	21,904,575.71		21,636,852.00	20,334,580.29	
2130 Education	4,047,342.00	3,275,497.45		3,867,093.00	3,438,745.48	
2140 Inland Fisheries	9,620,622.00	8,238,812.75		9,723,779.00	9,255,147.70	
2150 Management	8,975,434.00	8,312,664.54		10,887,468.00	9,698,029.81	
2160 Engineering Services	21,170,693.00	20,248,989.66		28,309,974.00	28,085,588.45	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	10,698,674.00	9,953,789.49		10,551,131.00	10,409,071.50	
Total	\$ 84,779,079.00	\$ 79,586,134.70	93.87%	\$ 93,175,490.00	\$ 88,997,016.39	95.52%
Cash Balance June 30		\$ 17,507,785.09			\$ 11,309,747.79	

NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

ENDOWMENT FUND YEAR-TO-DATE

	<u>June 2014</u>	<u>June 2015</u>
Balance June 1	\$ 104,602,069.45	\$ 112,270,020.03
Plus: Revenues from Sales	291,944.71	272,250.00
Return on Investment	855,406.64	290,701.09
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	105,749,420.80	112,832,971.12
Less: Transfers Out	<hr/>	<hr/>
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Balance June 30	<u>\$ 105,749,420.80</u>	<u>\$ 112,832,971.12</u>
Market Value	\$ 108,846,931.94	\$ 112,214,564.78

Endowment Fund Interest

<u>Sources of Interest Available</u>	<u>Expendable</u>	<u>Non Expendable</u>	<u>Transferred to Operations</u>	<u>Transferred to Capital Projects</u>
ADULT Licenses	\$ 18,697,469.34	\$ -	\$ 864,668.32	\$ 1,679,277.00
INFANT Licenses	-	9,923,377.71		
YOUTH Licenses	-	812,766.92		
Magazine Subscriptions	301,624.18	-		
Contributions - General	792,055.16	-		
Contributions - Diversity	847.89			
TOTAL	<u>\$ 19,791,996.57</u>	<u>\$ 10,736,144.63</u>	<u>\$ 864,668.32</u>	<u>\$ 1,679,277.00</u>

2014-15 Budgeted Obligated

Allocation of Endowment Interest - Sportsman Fund	4,718,554.87
Allocation of Endowment Interest - Magazine Fund	184,668.32
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	<u>\$ 4,903,223.19</u>

2014-15 Transferred To Date

To Sportsman Fund	680,000.00
To Magazine Fund	184,668.32
To Capital Projects	1,679,277.00
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	<u>\$ 2,543,945.32</u>



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Gordon Myers, Executive Director

2015-2016 Allocation of Endowment Fund Interest

		Sportsman Funds
Endowment Fund Balances:	6/30/13	94,903,955.54
	6/30/14	100,921,694.89
	6/30/15	<u>109,925,838.51</u>
		\$ <u>305,751,488.94</u>
Average Balance		\$ 305,751,488.94
		÷ <u>3</u>
		\$ 101,917,162.98
Total Allocation		\$ 101,917,162.98
		x <u>5%</u>
		\$ <u>5,095,858.14</u>

The formula for determining the amount of interest available to the Wildlife Commission to support fish and wildlife programs was passed in a resolution by the Commission on October 9, 1992:

“.....an amount equal to 5% (five per cent) of the most recent three year average of the year-end balance in the Wildlife Endowment Fund will be allocated to the Wildlife Resources Fund in August of each year for use by the Executive Director to support high priority fish and wildlife programs....”

The formula for determining the amount of interest available to support *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine was passed in a motion by the Commission on May 18, 2007. The motion allocated 100 percent of the interest earned from magazine lifetime subscriptions to the magazine budget.

2015-2016 Allocation - **\$271,965.73**

NOTICE OF REAPPOINTMENT

Pursuant to G.S. 143-47.7

EXHIBIT D

August 27, 2015

Notice is given that Mr. Nathaniel T. Harris Jr.

is hereby appointed to the following public office:

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

Citation to Law or Other Authority Authorizing the Appointment:

General Statute §143-241

Specific Statutory Qualification for the Public Office (if applicable):

5th Wildlife District Representative

Address of Appointee:

7241 Burlington Road, Whisnett, NC 27377

County of Residence of the Appointee: Alamance

Date Term of Appointment Began: 2/12/2004

Date Term of Appointment Ends: 6/30/2021

Date of Reappointment: 8/5/2015

Signature:

s/ Pat McCrory

Office of Appointing Authority:

Office of the Governor, Boards and Commissions

Distribution:

Governor

Secretary of State

Senate President Pro Tempore

Speaker of the House

Department of Cultural Resources

Ethics Commission

Board Contact



EXHIBIT E

August 27, 2015

RESOLUTION ENDORSING THE NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE ACTION PLAN 2015 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; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan, a comprehensive fish and wildlife management plan, was developed in 2005 with appropriations by the United States Congress for the State Wildlife Grants Program; and

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

WHEREAS, Congress has mandated that the state's eligibility for receiving State Wildlife Grants for management of non-game species is dependent upon maintaining the approved North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan and subsequent revisions; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission endorses the revised North Carolina Wildlife Action Plan as the blueprint for comprehensive management of wildlife resources in North Carolina.

This resolution was introduced by Wildlife Commissioner Mark Craig and unanimously approved by acclamation by the Wildlife Resources Commission in its duly assembled meeting on August 27, 2015 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

John Litton Clark
Chairman

Gordon S. Myers
Executive Director

EXHIBIT F-1

August 27, 2015

Proposed Regulations Frameworks for 2015–16 Late Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds

Pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and delegated authorities, the Department of the Interior approved the following frameworks, which prescribe season lengths, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and outside dates within which States may select seasons for hunting waterfowl and coots between the dates of September 1, 2015, and March 10, 2016. These frameworks are summarized below.

General

Dates: All outside dates noted below are inclusive.

Shooting and Hawking (taking by falconry) Hours: Unless otherwise specified, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Possession Limits: Unless otherwise specified, possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

Permits: For some species of migratory birds, the Service authorizes the use of permits to regulate harvest or monitor their take by sport hunters, or both. In many cases (e.g., tundra swans, some sandhill crane populations), the Service determines the amount of harvest that may be taken during hunting seasons during its formal regulations-setting process, and the States then issue permits to hunters at levels predicted to result in the amount of take authorized by the Service. Thus, although issued by States, the permits would not be valid unless the Service approved such take in its regulations.

These Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take migratory birds at levels specified in the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferrable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

Flyways and Management Units

Waterfowl Flyways:

Atlantic Flyway—includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

Definitions:

For the purpose of hunting regulations listed below, the collective terms “dark” and “light” geese

include the following species:

Dark geese: Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant (except in California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other goose species except light geese.

Light geese: Snow (including blue) geese and Ross's geese.

Waterfowl Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway

In the Atlantic Flyway States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania, where Sunday hunting is prohibited Statewide by State law, all Sundays are closed to all take of migratory waterfowl (including mergansers and coots).

Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days

Outside Dates: States may select 2 days per duck-hunting zone, designated as “Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days,” in addition to their regular duck seasons. The days must be held outside any regular duck season on a weekend, holidays, or other non-school days when youth hunters would have the maximum opportunity to participate. The days may be held up to 14 days before or after any regular duck-season frameworks or within any split of a regular duck season, or within any other open season on migratory birds.

Daily Bag Limits: The daily bag limits may include ducks, geese, tundra swans, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and gallinules and would be the same as those allowed in the regular season. Flyway species and area restrictions would remain in effect.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Participation Restrictions: Youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. In addition, an adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field. This adult may not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day. Tundra swans may only be taken by participants possessing applicable tundra swan permits.

Atlantic Flyway

Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots

Outside Dates: Between the Saturday nearest September 24 (September 26) and the last Sunday in January (January 31).

Hunting Seasons and Duck Limits: 60 days. The daily bag limit is 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards (no more than 2 of which can be females), 1 black duck, 2 pintails, 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 2 canvasbacks, and 4 scoters.

Closures: The season on harlequin ducks is closed.

Sea Ducks: Within the special sea duck areas, during the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may choose to allow the above sea duck limits in addition to the limits applying to other ducks during the regular duck season. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks and are part of the regular duck season daily bag (not to exceed 4 scoters) and possession limits.

Merganser Limits: The daily bag limit of mergansers is 5, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. In States that include mergansers in the duck bag limit, the daily limit is the same as the duck bag limit, only two of which may be hooded mergansers.

Coot Limits: The daily bag limit is 15 coots.

Zoning and Split Seasons: Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Virginia, and West Virginia may split their seasons into three segments; Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, and Vermont may select hunting seasons by zones and may split their seasons into two segments in each zone.

Canada Geese

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: Specific regulations for Canada geese are shown below by State. These seasons also include white-fronted geese. Unless specified otherwise, seasons may be split into two segments. In areas within States where the framework closing date for Atlantic Population (AP) goose seasons overlaps with special late-season frameworks for resident geese, the framework closing date for AP goose seasons is January 14.

North Carolina:

SJBP Zone: A 70-day season may be held between October 1 and December 31, with a 5-bird daily bag limit.

RP Zone: An 80-day season may be held between October 1 and March 10, with a 5-bird daily bag limit. The season may be split into 3 segments.

Northeast Hunt Unit: A 14-day season may be held between the Saturday prior to December 25 (December 19) and January 31, with a 1-bird daily bag limit.

Light Geese

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select a 107-day season between October 1 and March 10, with a 25-bird daily bag limit and no possession limit. States may split their seasons into three segments.

Brant

Season Lengths, Outside Dates, and Limits: States may select a 30-day season between the Saturday nearest September 24 (September 26) and January 31, with a 1-bird daily bag limit. States may split their seasons into two segments.

Tundra Swans

In portions of the Atlantic Flyway (North Carolina and Virginia) and the Central Flyway (North Dakota, South Dakota [east of the Missouri River], and that portion of Montana in the Central Flyway), an open season for taking a limited number of tundra swans may be selected. Permits will be issued by the States that authorize the take of no more than 1 tundra swan per permit. A second permit may be issued to hunters from unused permits remaining after the first drawing. The States must obtain harvest and hunter participation data. These seasons are also subject to the following conditions:

In the Atlantic Flyway:

—The season may be 90 days, between October 1 and January 31.

—In North Carolina, no more than 5,000 permits may be issued.

Area, Unit, and Zone Descriptions

Geese

Atlantic Flyway

North Carolina

SJBP Hunt Zone: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Anson, Cabarrus, Chatham, Davidson, Durham, Halifax (that portion east of NC 903), Montgomery (that portion west of NC 109), Northampton, Richmond (that portion south of NC 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74), Rowan, Stanly, Union, and Wake.

RP Hunt Zone: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Alamance, Alleghany, Alexander, Ashe, Avery, Beaufort, Bertie (that portion south and west of a line formed by NC 45 at the Washington Co. line to U.S. 17 in Midway, U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor, U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line), Bladen, Brunswick, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Carteret, Caswell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Columbus, Craven, Cumberland, Davie, Duplin, Edgecombe, Forsyth, Franklin, Gaston, Gates, Graham, Granville, Greene, Guilford, Halifax (that portion west of NC 903), Harnett, Haywood, Henderson, Hertford, Hoke, Iredell, Jackson, Johnston, Jones, Lee, Lenoir, Lincoln, McDowell, Macon, Madison, Martin, Mecklenburg, Mitchell, Montgomery (that portion that is east of NC 109), Moore, Nash, New Hanover, Onslow, Orange, Pamlico, Pender, Person, Pitt, Polk, Randolph, Richmond (all of the county with exception of that portion that is south of NC 73 and west of U.S. 220 and north of U.S. 74), Robeson, Rockingham, Rutherford, Sampson, Scotland, Stokes, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Vance, Warren, Watauga, Wayne, Wilkes, Wilson, Yadkin, and Yancey.

Northeast Hunt Unit: Includes the following Counties or portions of Counties: Bertie (that portion north and east of a line formed by NC 45 at the Washington County line to U.S. 17 in Midway, U.S. 17 in Midway to U.S. 13 in Windsor, U.S. 13 in Windsor to the Hertford Co. line), Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Hyde, Pasquotank, Perquimans, Tyrrell, and Washington.

EXHIBIT F-2

August 27, 2015

Opening Statement

The North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission urges the public to provide input into the selection process for regular waterfowl seasons (duck, goose, brant). Each year, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service develops frameworks which establish the opening and closing dates of waterfowl seasons and season structure (i.e. split seasons), and the Commission must remain within those established guidelines. We have provided a recommended season structure under the various species categories for which we are requesting feedback. Please feel free to respond to any or all of the species season structure recommendations. After reviewing the recommendations, you may add additional comments. The Commission values your comments and will consider them if applicable when discussing future season date selections; however, we do not plan to respond to individual comments posted here.

Click on the link below to view the season frameworks or guidelines for regular waterfowl seasons.

Click on the link below to view the 2015 video report on North America's Waterfowl Populations and Habitat Conditions. **Note: You will leave the Wildlife Commission's web site by following this link.**

Status of Waterfowl 2015 <http://flyways.us/status-of-waterfowl/video-report-2015>

Click on the link below to view the North Carolina Canada goose hunt zone map.

Click on the link below to view a poster of last year's season dates.

Command	Species season options
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS1. General Duck Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS2. Special Sea Duck Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS3. Resident Population (RP) Zone Goose Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS4. Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone Goose Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS5. Northeast Hunt Zone Goose Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS6. Light Goose (snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese) <u>Regular</u> Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS7. Light Goose (snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese) Conservation Order Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS8. Brant Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS9. Tundra Swan Season Dates
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS10. Youth Waterfowl Day
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS11. Extended Falconry Season Dates for Ducks
ADD NEW COMMENT	LS12. Provide additional comment(s) on the regular waterfowl season or other issues regarding migratory game bird species.

LS1. General Duck Season Dates

Frameworks: 60 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: September 26th

Latest Closing date: January 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for the general duck season are proposed for: **October 7th – October 10th, November 14th – December 5th, December 19th – January 30th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **29 responses**
- Disagree **15 responses**

LS2. Special Sea Duck Season Dates (In special sea duck areas only)

Frameworks: 107 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: September 15th

Latest Closing date: January 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for the special sea duck season are proposed for: **October 1st – January 30th**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **9 responses**
- Disagree **No response**

LS3. Resident Population (RP) Zone Goose Season Dates

Frameworks: 80 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1st

Closing date: March 10th

The 2015-16 season dates for Canada geese in the Resident Population (RP) Zone are proposed for: **October 7th – October 17th, November 14th – December 5th, December 19th – February 13th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **8 responses**
- Disagree **2 responses**

LS4. Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone Canada Goose Season Dates

Frameworks: 70 days, no more than 2 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1st

Closing date: December 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for Canada geese in the Southern James Bay Population (SJB) Zone are proposed for: **October 7th – November 9th, November 14th – December 31st.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **5 responses**
- Disagree **1 response**

LS5. Northeast Hunt Zone Canada Goose Season Dates

Frameworks: 14 consecutive hunting days

Earliest opening date: December 19th

Closing date: January 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for Canada geese in the Northeast Hunt Zone are proposed for:
January 15th – January 30th.

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **4 responses**
- Disagree **2 responses**

LS6. Light goose regular season dates

(includes snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese)

Frameworks: 107 days, no more than 3 splits

Earliest opening date: October 1st

Closing date: March 10th

The 2015-16 season dates for the regular light goose season are proposed for:
October 13th – February 13th.

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **4 responses**
- Disagree **No response**

**LS7. Light goose Conservation Order season dates
(includes snow geese, blue geese, and Ross' geese)**

Frameworks: Must occur when no other waterfowl seasons are open

The 2016 season dates for the Light Goose Conservation Order season are proposed for:
February 15th – March 31st.

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **4 responses**
- Disagree **No response**

LS8. Brant Season Dates

Frameworks: 30 days, no more than 2 splits
Earliest opening date: September 26th
Closing date: January 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for brant are proposed for: **December 28th - January 30th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **6 responses**
- Disagree **No response**

LS9. Tundra Swan Season Dates

Frameworks: 90 days, no season splits allowed, permit only (5,000 permits)

Earliest opening date: October 1st

Closing date: January 31st

The 2015-16 season dates for tundra swan are proposed for: **November 7th – January 30th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **13 responses**
- Disagree **No response**

LS10. Youth Waterfowl Day(s)

Two youth waterfowl hunting days are allowed. Guidelines for selecting youth days include:

1. The day(s) can occur up to 14 days before or after any regular duck season or in the closed portion between season segments.
2. The day must occur on any non-school day. In North Carolina, this includes Saturdays and any statewide holidays.

The 2015-16 youth waterfowl days are proposed for: **February 6th and February 13th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **8 responses**
- Disagree **3 responses**

LS11. Extended Falconry Season Dates for Ducks

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Days allocated to the gun season + extended falconry days may not exceed 107 days

The 2015-2016 extended falconry season dates for ducks are proposed for: **October 26th – November 7th, February 1st – February 20th.**

Do you agree with the proposed dates listed above?

- Agree **1 response**
- Disagree **No response**

LS12. Additional comment(s)

Use this space to provide any additional comment(s) regarding the regular waterfowl season or issues relating to migratory game bird species.

- 3 responses**

Late Season Waterfowl Report For 2015

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS1	District 1	Option 2	Leave it as last year last split starts dec 12	Dare	PARKER JR, JAMIE S
LS1	District 8	Option 2	Start the season like every year, about the same time that we have in the past. The first split September 30 - October the 3rd . I have no preference to the second split. Guides that have made plans to start hunting off of the last couple years start dates will have to back up and punt, not to mention how much rearranging they will have to do!!!! also start the third split the same as last year in December starting around the 14th, Why move dates around? I don't get it. If there is no decline in the population of waterfowl why change ?	Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
LS1	District 5	Option 1	Glad to see the season pushed back to the end of Jan. Would always like to see the season start later in Nov. and go as far as possible in Jan. Last year we lost the last week in Jan. due to opening week early in Nov.	Guilford	HESTER, KEVIN B
LS1	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
LS1		Option 1	Use the 2 Canvasback daily limit as allowed by feds.		TRIPP III, GUY T
LS1	District 5	Option 1		Guilford	KRAMER, MARTIN M
LS1	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	HUFFINES, HUNTER T
LS1	District 8	Option 1	PLEASE GO AHEAD AND SET DATES ASAP....	Lincoln	FARMER JR, LEWIS J
LS1	District 2	Option 1	As a coastal hunter, the longer the time we have to wait for the migration to push down the better. So ending the season as late as possible is also a plus.	Lenoir	HOUSTON, MITCHELL D
LS1	District 4	Option 1	As an avid duck hunter in eastern NC, I see hunters taking over their limit as well as the number of ducks over the last few years seem to be getting smaller. I love to hunt but I fear that the population can not overcome the abusive and some illegal tactics that many young hunters are taking. Many hunters are all about the number of ducks killed not the quality of the hunt. I feel the season should be shorter some what and defiantly more Wildlife enforcement. We only have two officers in our rural county of Columbus but we have one of the highest ratios of hunters per house hold. IN summary we need more enforcement of laws as well as better management practices.	Columbus	SUGGS, JUSTIN E
LS1	District 2	Option 1		New Hanover	LYNN, GILBERT K
LS1	District 8	Option 1	I have absolutely no problem with current proposed season. I would like to see more days in October and cut back a few in 2nd or 3rd split. Thank you, Jesse Allred	Lincoln	ALLRED, JESSE C
LS1	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	MCADEN III, JOHN W
LS1	District 7	Option 1	Remove the October season and allow Sunday hunting during the November and December seasons.	Stokes	WILLIAMS, GREGG M
LS1	District 5	Option 1	I think that one new problem with our waterfowl season is that the ducks are just getting here when the season ends. Although we do have good numbers of resident birds for the earlier splits. Our season is not allowing for the hunts on the later arriving birds. With increasingly warmer winters it is allowing the birds to stay farther north longer.	Lee	mcneill, zachary

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS1	District 4	Option 1	what will it take to back the season into feb.	Harnett	PEERY, BENJAMIN A
LS1	District 5	Option 1	Looks good, nice to see the season last until the end of january.	Randolph	Dobias, Ryan
LS1	District 3	Option 1	looks good to me	Wake	HARRINGTON, DONALD W
LS1	District 2	Option 2	I would remove the October season and move it to February. Here in NC waterways near Jacksonville there are more ducks here in January and February than in October. It would allow us a better chance at harvesting scaup than in October. With a two bird limit it is hard to get a 6 duck bag limit in early season dates.	Onslow	BONIFACE SR, PAUL F
LS1	District 1	Option 2	I hunt the outer banks, which is already a hard place to hunt waterfowl. But these dates which you consider is not optimal for eastern NC. I think the season should open later and close later, this would allow more birds to come down with the colder weather since we do not get strong cold fronts here until late october.	Currituck	GREENE, RYAN C
LS1		Option 1	The more days the better		DEFORD, TODD C
LS1	District 3	Option 1	The late dates help. After 20 yrs in the field every day I have notice more ducks in late January and early February with regular weather. Thanks	Nash	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER S
LS1	District 5	Option 2	Keep the season the same as last year. Make Wednesday's a lay day with no waterfowl hunting.	Granville	COPELAND, CRAIG H
LS1	District 8	Option 2	The 3rd split needs to come in on Dec 14th, or at least by Dec 17. this give anyone traveling the opportunity to hunt 2 days. No ones going to head to the coast on a 4 or 5 hr drive to hunt 1 day. the proposal basically screws up the first week, and the next week is Christmas week. Why fix something that isn't broke???? Do you know how trouble this will cause between guides, and clients????	Gaston	FOX II, EARL B
LS1	District 3	Option 2	Please cancel the Oct. Dates. The only birds around are resident population. This does nothing but disperse resident pop. before the migratory birds get here. I choose not to hunt those days for that reason and wish others would as well. I would propose that 1st split runs Nov 25 through Dec 5th. 2nd starts Dec19-Feb13. In my observation around Core Banks and swamps near Neuse river over the past few years big populations, as well as the "duck weather", have not shown up until the last couple weeks of the season and the best hunting has been on the two Youth Days after the season. I am all for youth Hunts maybe have it the weekend between the splits. I killed my first duck on a youth hunt 20ys ago at Lake Mattamuskeet. I understand that the framework says latest closing date is 1/31 but the migration seems to be coming later and later. Please consider this alternative season structure. Thanks for your time.	Johnston	Stevens JR, Michael S
LS1	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, EDWARD B

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS1	District 3	Option 1	My only concern is one that NC Wildlife cannot control, and that is the ending of the season at the end of January. It seems to me that most of the migration reaches NC during January into February. I would trade two weeks of the November season for two weeks in early February. Will USF&W allow NC to set duck season later? I appreciate the job that NC Wildlife does.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS1	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS1	District 9	Option 2	Open seasons later in the mountain counties. I see more ducks December-March	Buncombe	CAIN, CHRISTOPHER R
LS1	District 1	Option 2	The October season date's are fine and the November dates are fine. I just wish the January closing date was the 23rd instead of the 30th because of the problem with breaking up pair bonds of ducks.	Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS1	District 2	Option 1		New Hanover	BRAME, RICHEN M
LS1	District 3	Option 2	September 30-October 3 for first split	Wake	PERRY SR, JONATHAN C
LS1	Out of State	Option 1		Out of State	WINN JR, BARCLAY C
LS1	District 3	Option 1		Wake	LOWDERMILK, JOHN B
LS1	District 2	Option 2	Pls consider ending the early October 4 day season. Migration of waterfowl to North Carolina has not started for the majority of hunters. Pls delete this split and allow hunting on the weekend of 12 December (4 days preceding this Saturday).	Carteret	KRAMER, BRIAN J
LS1	District 7	Option 2	For many duck hunters in western and piedmont NC our best time to hunt is when wood ducks are present in Oct. and there are only 4 days to hunt. Please give us a Saturday to Sat. season. I understand the hunters in the East don't care for it but if they only had 4 days to hunt during the best time for them ?????	Iredell	GRAY JR, JAMES R
LS1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS1	District 3	Option 2	Move October season back a week.	Halifax	PURVIS SR, JOHN C
LS1	District 6	Option 1		Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
LS1	District 7	Option 2	The past few seasons the mid season numbers have not been as strong as late season. Honestly the best times to hunt are in late January and Early February. If the season could be delayed 1-2 weeks so it would last longer that would be good in my opinion. Oct 10, Nov 25 - Dec 5, Dec 19 - Feb 13	Yadkin	HOLCOMB, ARTHUR J
LS1	District 7	Option 1		Wilkes	ELLER, TONY R
LS1		Option 2	I prefer an earlier November season to allow hunting of ducks that are migrating with no intention of staying in NC for the winter. I also believe a longer split allows for more birds to 'switch' to a resident mode and over winter in NC. My suggestion for the 60 days would be: October 7th – October 10th, November 7th – November 28th, December 19th – January 30th.		THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS1	District 4	Option 1	this season structure seems to work fine for North Carolina	Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS1	District 6	Option 1		Mecklenburg	HAMPTON, HUNTER L
LS2		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS2	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS2	District 3	Option 1		Wake	LOWDERMILK, JOHN B
LS2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS2	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	PARKER JR, JAMIE S
LS2	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
LS2	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
LS3	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
LS3	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	HUFFINES, HUNTER T
LS3	District 9	Option 2	Run the season into March Last segment should include Feb 1-March 10th or any days thereabouts	Buncombe	CAIN, CHRISTOPHER R
LS3	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS3	District 3	Option 1	There are so many geese now that the seasons should be September to March without interruption.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS3	District 2	Option 2	The 3 split is OK but keep the season as late as possible	Onslow	ARMSTRONG, GERALD L
LS3	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS3		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS4		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS4	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS4	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS4	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS4	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS4	District 3	Option 2	I have geese flying over on Jordan Game Land in January. The goose and duck seasons should coincide with one another. Also, there are huge amounts of geese around Cary in ball fields, parking lots, apartment ponds, road medians. Those birds don't migrate, so why do we treat Wake, Durham, and Chatham Counties like they're hosting endangered species that migrate? If it were legal and otherwise allowed, I could kill my limit with a golf club at Harris Teeter's parking lot. Geese should be huntable from September to the end of March around Raleigh. The limited dates make no sense.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS5	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS5	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS5	Out of State	Option 2	Would be nice to add geese to the bag on the November and December duck season opening days.	Out of State	WINN JR, BARCLAY C
LS5		Option 1	The more days the better. I would hunt more during the season in NC if goose season was longer.		DEFORD, TODD C
LS5	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS5	District 1	Option 2	The framework indicates the Northeast Hunt Zone is no longer a federal requirement. The population data indicates goose populations are stable. The low numbers of AP geese from 20 years ago have recovered yet the restrictive season and bag remains. Please follow the lead of the rest of the Atlantic flyway and restore a "normal" season and eliminate the Northeast hunt zone. The rest of the state enjoys 70 to 80 days while we are only offered 14. Southeastern Virginia (Back Bay) has a similar liberal season and yet we retain the restrictions and unnecessary permit fees. I encourage the Commission to ask if these restrictions have any impact on the AP or NAP populations and if not restore the normal season framework. Thank you for your consideration.	Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS6	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS6	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS6	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS6	District 3	Option 1	NC Wildlife needs to 1) obtain game lands in the NE of NC for light goose hunting; 2) renovate (clear fields) existing game lands up there for light goose hunting; and, 3) allow light goose hunting on permit only game lands outside of the permit dates for traditional waterfowl. Currently, the outfitters seem to have a lot of the land locked up, and it is not fair to citizens to have to pay \$125-175/day to hunt birds that all the wildlife agencies want more harvested.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS7	District 3	Option 1	NC Wildlife needs to 1) obtain game lands in the NE of NC for light goose hunting; 2) renovate existing game lands up there (clear fields) for light goose hunting; and, 3) allow light goose hunting on permit only game lands outside of the permit dates for traditional waterfowl. Currently, the outfitters seem to have a lot the land locked up, and it is not fair to citizens to have to pay \$125-175/day to hunt birds that all the wildlife agencies want more harvested. If you want more of them harvested, you need to provide game lands that accommodate snow goose hunting. The fact that snow goose hunting requires a lot of decoys should not limit the places available to hunt. If you make the land available as game land, I believe you'll see hunters with decoys harvesting light geese.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS7	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS7	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS7	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS8	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS8	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS8		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS8	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS8	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS8	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
LS9	District 8	Option 1		Lincoln	CANIPE, MARK A
LS9	District 5	Option 1		Rockingham	HUFFINES, HUNTER T
LS9	District 3	Option 1		Nash	SMITH, CHRISTOPHER S

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS9		Option 1	The more days the better		DEFORD, TODD C
LS9	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS9	District 9	Option 1		Buncombe	CAIN, CHRISTOPHER R
LS9	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H
LS9	District 3	Option 1	Numerous swans are in the NE corner of our state. However, there are few game lands there suitable for hunting them. Also, there are permit-only game lands that are not open outside of specific dates to swan and snow (light) geese hunting. By such limited options, a hunter must consider paying an outfitter to hunt. Please consider getting open spaces for game lands near the Albemarle Sound and Lake Phelps. We need more choices/options.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS9	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS9		Option 1			THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS9	District 7	Option 1		Yadkin	HOLCOMB, ARTHUR J
LS9	District 1	Option 1		Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS10	District 1	Option 1	Thank you for the continued support of these youth dates as it provides an excellent opportunity for the young hunters.	Dare	ALBRIGHT, STEPHEN F
LS10	District 4	Option 1		Scotland	PATRICK, JOHN D
LS10	District 6	Option 1		Rowan	WHEELER, THOMAS P
LS10		Option 2	Consider moving one of the youth days to the second split. The mild weather and less-educated ducks can make a youth hunt more successful and enjoyable for kids.		THOMAS, STEPHEN R
LS10	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS10	Out of State	Option 2	Why not make one of the days in October or November when the weather is milder?	Out of State	WINN JR, BARCLAY C
LS10	District 3	Option 1		Wake	LOWDERMILK, JOHN B
LS10	District 5	Option 2	Would suggest one day be moved to December on the Sat between splits.	Guilford	BOYD, JAMES H
LS10	District 6	Option 1		Moore	CAMERON, JAMES B
LS10	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	FARLEY, EDWARD B
LS10	District 3	Option 1		Wilson	WILLIFORD, GRIFFIN H

Reg	District	Position	Comment	County	Name
LS12	District 1	Option 1	There is a huge problem hunting waterfowl in both currituck county and dare county. NC wildlife needs to address this issue. These counties have too much control over hunting waterfowl and duck blinds, which in return makes public water almost impossible to hunt if you were not born in these counties. The county game commissioners have total control and use the good ol boy system which is extremely biased, even though they say everyone gets a fair chance which is a lie. For example the game commissioner for currituck has been known to turn people down since they were not born here and even give people the wrong size paper which would void the application on purpose. Also the blind laws are outdated and were originally set in place to protect rich private hunt clubs in these counties. NC wildlife I believe should launch a full investigation into this along with the help of the federal game wardens. I have hunted waterfowl in many different places and had to follow many different regulations, but	Currituck	GREENE, RYAN C
LS12	District 3	Option 1	If you wanted to snow goose hunt, where would you go on public land in NE NC? The USF&W and NC Wildlife both want hunters to take a lot of snow geese. However, the best places to hunt them are in fields near the Albemarle Sound that are on private land either not accessible to the average hunter (outfitters rent some of it, and some of it the land owners don't want to rent). If you want hunters to solve the problem of too many light geese, you need to open areas to hunting w/o requiring hunters to pay \$125 - \$175 per day to an outfitter to hunt. We need open land around the Albemarle Sound as game lands.	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
LS11	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
LS12		Option 1	You guys do an amazingly timely and professional job of communicating and setting seasons. Thanks for all you do. Steve.		THOMAS, STEPHEN R

EXHIBIT F-3

August 27, 2015

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS FOR BAG LIMITS, SHOOTING HOURS AND SEASON DATES FOR WATERFOWL DURING 2015-2016 SEASONS OCCURRING AFTER SEPTEMBER 30

Note: Possession limits are three times the daily bag unless otherwise noted.

REGULAR DUCK SEASON (includes coots and mergansers) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Season Length: 60 hunting days

Season Dates: October 7 - 10
November 14 – December 5
December 19 – January 30
(Black duck and mottled duck season closed until Nov. 21)

Bag Limits:

a) **Conventional duck bag:** 6 ducks including no more than 4 scoters, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 2 scaup, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 21), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.

b) **coots and mergansers:**

- 15 coots
- 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)

SPECIAL SEA DUCK SEASON (IN SPECIAL SEA DUCK AREA ONLY) STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Season Length: 105 hunting days

Season Dates: October 1 – January 30

Bag limit: 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck area only). In other areas, sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either the special sea duck season or the regular duck season.

GOOSE SEASONS STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

DARK GEESE (includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese)

RESIDENT (RP) HUNT ZONE

Season Length: 78 hunting days

Season Dates: October 7 – October 17
November 14 - December 5
December 19 – February 13

Bag Limit: 5 geese per day

SOUTHERN JAMES BAY (SJB) HUNT ZONE

Season Length: 70 hunting days
Season Dates: October 7 – November 9
November 14 - December 31
Bag Limit: 5 geese per day

NORTHEAST HUNT ZONE

Season Length: 14 hunting days
Season Dates: January 15 – January 30
Bag Limit: 1 goose per day - with valid permit
(unlimited permits available – tagging not required)

LIGHT GEESE (includes snow, blue and Ross' geese) - *regular season:*

Season Length: 107 hunting days
Season Dates: October 13 – February 13
Bag Limit: 25 birds daily (no possession limit)

LIGHT GEESE (includes snow, blue and Ross' geese) - *Conservation Order season:*

Season Dates: February 15 – March 31
Bag Limit: no daily bag or possession limit
Expanded hunting methods: allow the use of electronic calls, unplugged guns and extend shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset

ATLANTIC BRANT:

Season Length: 30 hunting days
Season Dates: December 28 – January 30
Bag Limit: 1 bird daily

TUNDRA SWAN:

Season Length: 73 hunting days
Season Dates: November 7 - January 30
Bag Limit: 1 per season (with valid permit)

YOUTH WATERFOWL DAYS (includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans)

Season Length: 2 hunting days
Season Dates: February 6 and February 13
Bag Limit(s): All bag limits for applicable species during the regular season apply
Note: Youth must have a valid permit to hunt tundra swans and Canada geese (NE Hunt Zone only)

EXTENDED FALCONRY **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

EXTENDED FALCONRY (ducks and coots only):

Season Length: 106 total hawking days (includes 60 days of gun season + 16 days of special teal season)
Season Dates: October 26 – November 7
February 1 – February 20
Bag Limit: 3 migratory game birds daily



2015-2016 BAG LIMITS, SHOOTING HOURS, AND SEASON DATES FOR WATERFOWL SEASONS OCCURRING AFTER SEPTEMBER 30

SEE THE CURRENT NORTH CAROLINA INLAND FISHING, HUNTING & TRAPPING REGULATIONS DIGEST FOR OTHER REGULATIONS CONCERNING WATERFOWL

BAG LIMITS

- a) **Conventional bag:** 6 ducks including no more than 4 scoters, 4 mallards with no more than 2 hen mallards, 3 wood ducks, 2 scaup, 2 redheads, 2 pintails, 2 canvasbacks, 1 black or mottled duck (season closed until November 21), and 1 fulvous whistling duck. The season on harlequin ducks is closed.
- b) **Other limits:**
- 1) 25 light geese (Includes snow, blue and Ross' geese), no possession limit
 - 2) 1 brant
 - 3) 5 mergansers (2 hooded mergansers)
 - 4) 7 sea ducks (In special sea duck area only). In other areas, sea ducks are part of the regular duck bag limit. Includes scoters, eiders and long-tailed ducks. No more than 4 scoters per day may be taken in either the special sea duck season or the regular duck season.
 - 5) 15 coots
 - 6) 5 dark geese (Includes Canada geese & white-fronted geese) in the Resident Hunt Zone, 5 in the Southern James Bay Hunt Zone and 1 in the Northeast Hunt Zone.

Possession limits are three times the daily bag unless otherwise noted.

HOURS: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset (unless otherwise noted).

Ducks, Mergansers and Coots	Oct. 7 – 10, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Jan. 30 [Black and mottled ducks closed until Nov. 21]
Sea Ducks (In special sea duck area only)	Oct. 1 – Jan. 30
Dark Geese (Includes Canada geese and white-fronted geese) To view a map of the goose hunt zones, refer to the Regulations Digest or www.ncwildlife.org	Resident Population Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – Oct. 17, Nov. 14 – Dec. 5 and Dec. 19 – Feb. 13 Southern James Bay Hunt Zone: Oct. 7 – Nov. 9 and Nov. 14 – Dec. 31 Northeast Hunt Zone: Jan. 15 – Jan. 30 (By permit only)
Light Geese (Includes snow and blue geese, and Ross' geese)	Regular Season: Oct. 13 – Feb. 13 Conservation Order Season: Feb. 15 – Mar. 31 (By permit only) Electronic calls and unplugged guns are allowed. No bag or possession limits. Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.
Brant	Dec. 28 – Jan. 30
Tundra Swan	Nov. 7 – Jan. 30 (1 per season by permit only - 5,000 will be issued.)
Youth Waterfowl Days (Includes ducks, geese, brant, mergansers, coots and tundra swans.) The youth must have a valid permit to hunt tundra swans and Canada geese (NE Hunt Zone only).	Feb. 6 and Feb. 13 Youth must be 15 years of age or younger and accompanied by a properly licensed adult. The adult cannot duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on youth waterfowl days.

You may also call 1-800-675-0263 for this information.

Report all bands by calling 1-800-327-BAND or www.reportband.gov



**2015-2016 EXTENDED FALCONRY SEASONS
FOR MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS**

SPECIES	OPEN DATES	DAILY BAG	POSSESSION
Dove	Oct. 15 – Oct. 31	3	9
King, Clapper, Sora and Virginia Rails	Dec. 5 – Jan. 9	3	9
Gallinule and Moorhens	Dec. 5 – Jan. 9	3	9
Woodcock	Nov. 7 – Dec. 5 & Feb. 1 – Feb. 27	3	9
Ducks, mergansers and coots ¹	Oct. 26 – Nov. 7 & Feb. 1 – Feb. 20	3	9

¹ the taking of harlequin ducks is prohibited

- Falconers may also hunt during the applicable gun seasons. Daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 9, respectively, also apply while hunting during the gun season.
- Falconry hours for all species are from ½ hour before sunrise until sunset.
- Falconry is not allowed on Sunday.
- Daily bag and possession limits are for all species singly or in the aggregate. For example, if the applicable season(s) are open, a daily bag may consist of 3 doves or 1 dove, 1 duck and 1 woodcock for a total of 3 migratory game birds.

**Extended Falconry Seasons for Webless Species
previously approved at the July 16th Commission
meeting**

EXHIBIT G

August 27, 2015



Staff Recommendations to Allow Take of Migrant Peregrine Falcons From the Wild for Use in Falconry - 2015

Allocation of the 36 migrating peregrine falcons to be taken from the U.S. east of 100 degrees W longitude continues for 2015. Based upon this allocation, the FWS is allowing the take of 12 fall migrants in 2015 east of 100 degrees W longitude to Atlantic Flyway states. North Carolina is allocated 1 bird.

Based on this allocation of 1 bird for take from within North Carolina, WMD staff recommends that the WRC accept the FWS allocation framework and establish a season in 2015 with the following stipulations.

- Total allowable take is 1 bird during the period from September 20, 2015 through October 20, 2015.
- Any bird taken must be a juvenile.
- Take would be allowed only by permit from the WRC and only east of US Highway 17.
- No banded birds could be taken. Any banded birds captured must be immediately released at the site of capture.
- Permits will be issued through our special hunts permitting system (random).
- An individual issued a permit must have the proper state and federal falconry licenses/permits.
- Each person receiving a permit must complete a post-season survey provided by WMD staff and submit that survey no later than December 15, 2015.

EXHIBIT H-1

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Cumberland Farms, 5285 Butler Nursery Road, Fayetteville, NC
PINs: 0452-56-5764, 0452-63-5761, 0452-87-2418, 0452-67-5807

Acreage: 557±

County: Cumberland

Estimated Value: \$ 3,290,000 (Asking Price)

Property Owner or Representative: Nick Marinelli

Phone: (C) 704-658-1121 www.mopcarolinas.com

Address: 630 Williamson Road, Mooresville, NC 28117

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): This tract borders the Cape Fear River for 9,200 feet and would qualify for CWMTF consideration. Other sources of funding may include Pittman Roberson Land Acquisition Grant and WRC.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Property consists of a 557 acres farm located in SE North Carolina along the Cape Fear River, just minutes for Fayetteville and I-95. The property supports 6 waterfowl impoundments that are intensively managed and have electric 3-phase pumps for flooding. There is over 100 acres of prime farm land that managed in dove fields and wildlife openings to attract deer and turkeys. Approximately 15 tower deer stands are included with the property and are dispersed across the tract. In addition, the wooded portions of the property support pine stands that have been prescribe burned and thinned to improve wildlife habitat. Various hardwood species are supported by the floodplain habitats along 9,200 of frontage on the Cape Fear River. Two fishing ponds totaling approximately 14+ acres are located on the property and are stocked and managed for fishing.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species and will provide value habitat for waterfowl, reptiles and amphibians, Neotropical migrants, whitetail deer, wild turkey, small game and furbearers. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, 24% of Cumberland Farms Biodiversity index ranked 6 or greater out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity. Areas that support this level of species richness should be targeted for protection.

Additional Comments: In addition to the habitat benefits of this tract, the property contains a 2,800 square foot custom built lodge (4.5 bathrooms, 4 bedroom and bonus room); a large brick paver patio with custom fireplace and Wilmington grill; a world class 6 bay dog kennel; a custom barn with commercial kitchen, cooler and bunk room; and 3 pole barns for equipment storage.

Five-Year Revenue & Stewardship Estimates: See attached table

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area

Fishing Access Area None

Other: This site would make an excellent Hunter Outreach Center that has all the facilities and land base in place to begin a program of this nature immediately.

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Focal Area) Cumberland Farms Tract (Cumberland County)

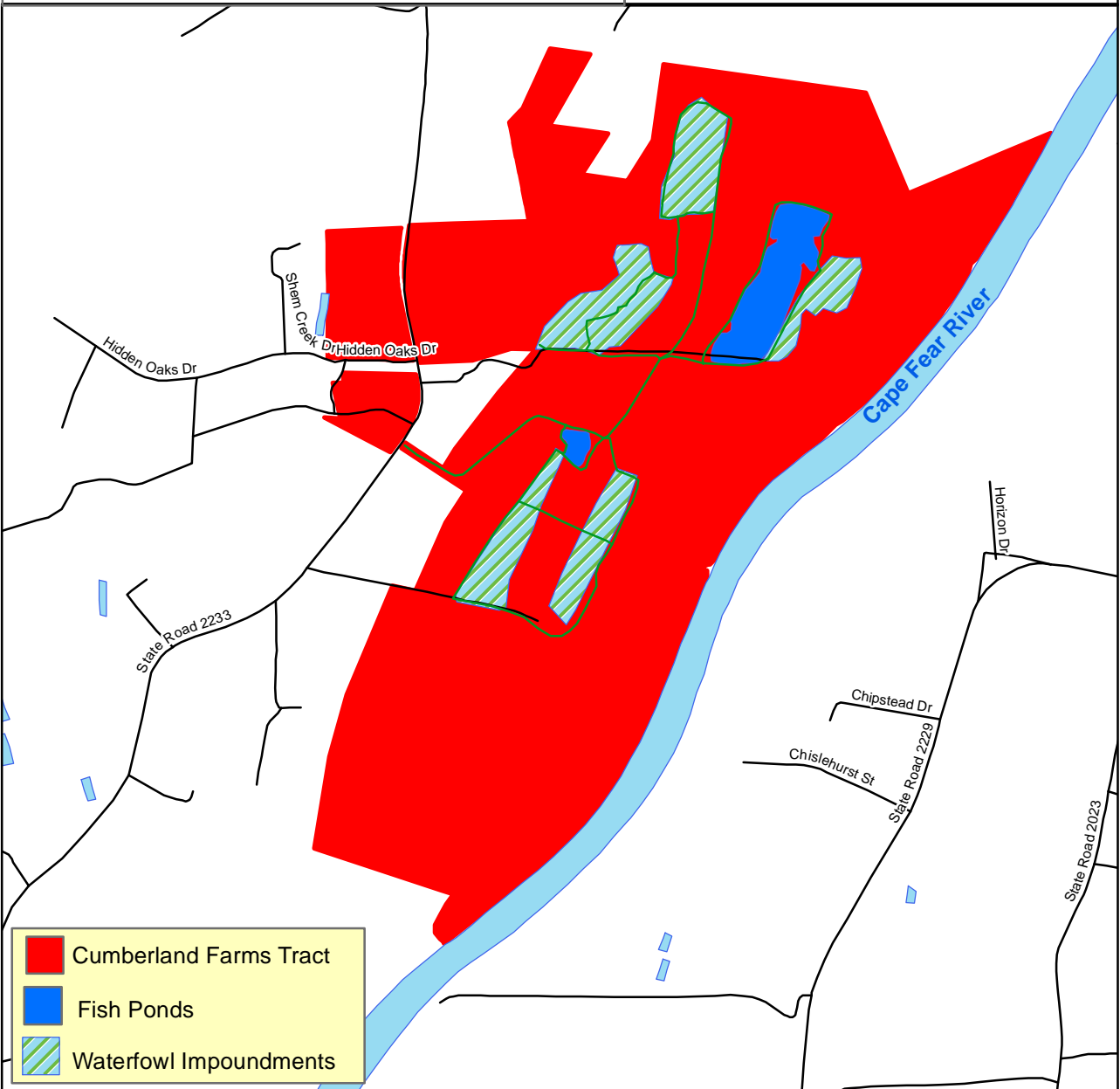
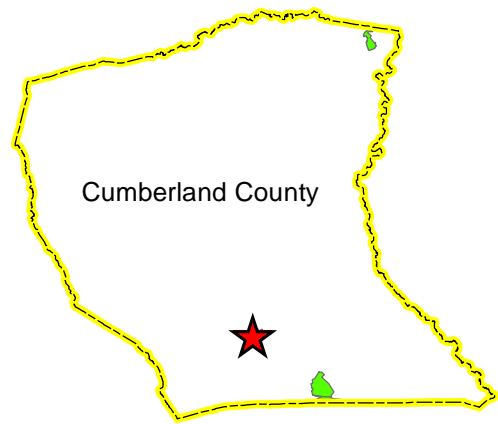
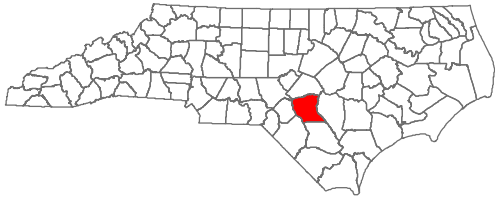
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>Yes</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>Yes</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>Yes</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>29</u></u>




Cumberland Farms				
5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs				
Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total
Maintain Access Road	4	mi	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
Maintain Dikes-Existing Perimeter	10	mi	\$ 500.00	\$ 25,000.00
Vegetation Control-Annually	15	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 2,250.00
Prescribe Burning -Annually	60	ac	\$ 30.00	\$ 9,000.00
Establish Gates	3	ea	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 3,000.00
Maintain Gates-Annually	3	ea	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Boundary Establishment	7.5	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 1,012.50
Boundary Maintenance- yr 4	2.5	mi	\$ 135.00	\$ 337.50
Herbaceous Seeding-Annually (Upland)	50	ac	\$ 175.00	\$ 43,750.00
Herbaceous Seeding-Annually (Waterfowl) Moist Soil and Planting	30	ac	\$ 175.00	\$ 26,250.00
Manage Existing Waterfowl Units	6	ea	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 36,000.00
Estimated Pumping Costs-Electric	Unknown	hrs	\$ 26.50	
Lodge and Building Maintenance				\$ 3,500.00
			Total	\$ 135,550.00
5-Year Anticipated Revenue				
None				\$ -
			Total	\$ -

Cumberland Farms Tract (Cumberland County) - Priority Species

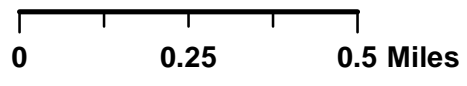
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Tiger Salamander		T
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog		SR
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
<i>Rana heckscheri</i>	River Frog		SC
BIRDS			
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Mississippi Kite		
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle		T
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel		
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Myotis		SC
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		
<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Chicken Turtle		SR
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle		
<i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell		
<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American Alligator	SAT	T
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Ophisaurus mimicus</i>	Mimic Glass Lizard		SC
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erythrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
REPTILES (CONTINUED)			
<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake		SR
<i>Rhadinaea flavilata</i>	Pine Woods Snake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake		E
<i>Crotalus adamanteus</i>	Eastern Diamondback Rattlesnake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC

Cumberland Farms Tract Cumberland County 557 Acres

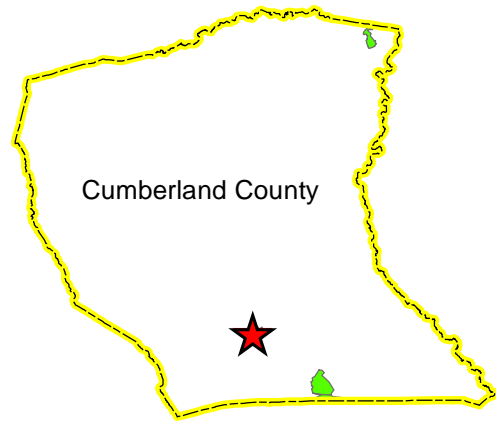
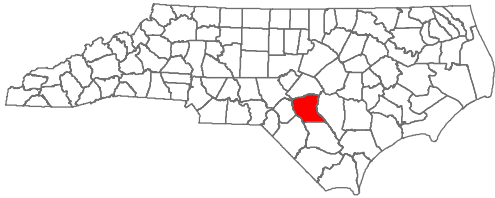



-  Cumberland Farms Tract
-  Fish Ponds
-  Waterfowl Impoundments

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Cumberland Farms Tract Cumberland County 557 Acres



 Cumberland Farms Tract

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0 0.25 0.5 Miles





Cumberland Farms

557 +/- Acres

Cumberland County, NC

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Property Details

name	Cumberland Farms Tract
address	5285 Butler Nursery Rd
county	Cumberland County
acreage	557+/- Acres
zoning	A1 & CD
price	\$3,290,000
potential uses	Recreation, Timber, Residential Development, Investment,
parcel ID #	0452-56-5764, 0452-63-5761, 0452-87-2418, 0452-67-5807
road frontage	1,350 +/- Ft (Butler Nursery Rd)
river frontage	9,200 +/- Ft (Cape Fear River)
utilities	Power, Multiple Wells, Septic, Satellite, Phone, Internet

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The Cumberland Farms Tract is simply in a league of its own when it comes to premier recreational properties in the Carolina's. Often referred to as CF, the 550+ acre farm is located in SE North Carolina along the Cape Fear River just minutes from downtown Fayetteville, Interstate 95, and Highway 87. The 2800+ SQFT custom-built lodge is positioned in the center of the property overlooking a beautiful pond and a series of agricultural fields. Just off the back of the lodge there is a large brick paver patio boasting a huge custom rock fireplace and a custom Wilmington Grill. In addition to the lodge there are 5 other structures including a world class 6 bay dog kennel, custom barn with commercial kitchen and custom upgrades, and 3 pole barns for equipment. From the road, it looks as though nothing exists, but once you pass through the main gate and make the turn it looks as if you have entered an outdoorsmen's dream. Primarily used as a private family retreat, the grounds have been intensively managed for the last 5 years. The property's current recreational uses consist of deer hunting in one of many custom tower stands, hunting waterfowl in 1 of 6 waterfowl impoundments, or hunting the elusive spring gobbler in one of many agricultural fields throughout the property. During the spring and summer, there is still plenty to do. With roughly 20 acres of stocked ponds onsite and over 1.5 miles of frontage on the Cape Fear River, the possibilities are endless. Recreation isn't all that Cumberland Farms has to offer. In addition to the hunting, fishing and general recreation, CF is a year round working farm. Currently there is over 100+ acres of prime farmland that is planted and harvested every year. Also, what isn't in ag fields, impoundments, or food plots is planted in timber. The possibilities for this farm are endless. It could be used as a private retreat, corporate retreat, hunt club, or development.

The lodge consists of 100+ year-old heart pine flooring, molding and other custom accents. The world-class kitchen features an all gas WOLF Range and a Huge Sub Zero Refrigerator. In the living room there is a beautiful rock fireplace and multiple windows over looking the fully stocked pond. There are 4.5 bathrooms and 4 Bedrooms plus a bonus room that is currently being used as a bedroom. The owner's suite features a large custom bath complete with sauna and steam shower. The porch wraps all the way around 3 sides of the lodge and is screened on 2 of those sides. In addition, all 3 porches have surround sound speakers mounted in the ceiling for when you're entertaining guest or just simply relaxing in the afternoon.

Throughout the package we will highlight areas of Cumberland Farms. For a spec sheet on infrastructure and equipment included in the sale or to schedule a private showing, please contact the listing broker Nick Marinelli of Mossy Oak Properties at 704-622-2772.

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Lodge overlooking Pond and Custom Barn



Corner View of Lodge



Front View of Lodge

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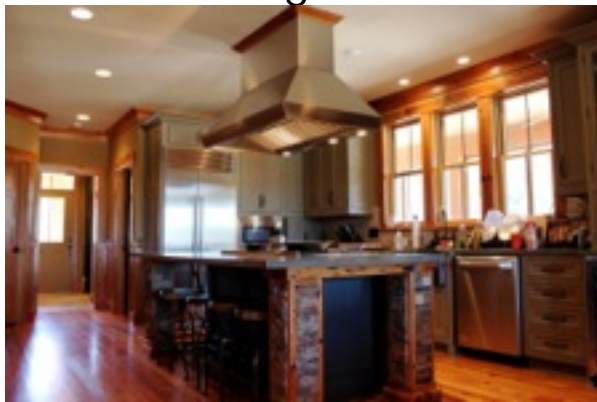
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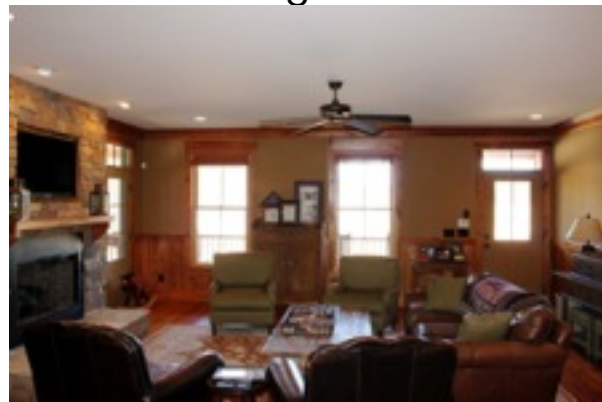
View of Lodge from Pond



View of Lodge and Barn



Custom Kitchen



Living Room



Living Room and Kitchen



Screened in Porch

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Back Porch and Fireplace



Outdoor Fireplace and Grill



Front of Dog Kennels



Interior of Dog Kennels



Wash Bay for Dogs



Rear of Dog Kennels

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Front of Custom Barn



Rear of Custom Barn



Walk-in Cooler



Commercial Kitchen in Barn



Screened in Porch on Barn



Bunk Room over Barn

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Horseshoe Pit



Storage Bay / Pole Barn



Large Pole Barn



Enclosed Storage Bay



Agricultural Fields



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Food Plot / Timber



Pine Timber



Impoundment



Cape Fear River



Box Stand



Pine Timber

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Large 14+ Acre Fully Stocked Lake



Flooded Waterfowl Impoundment

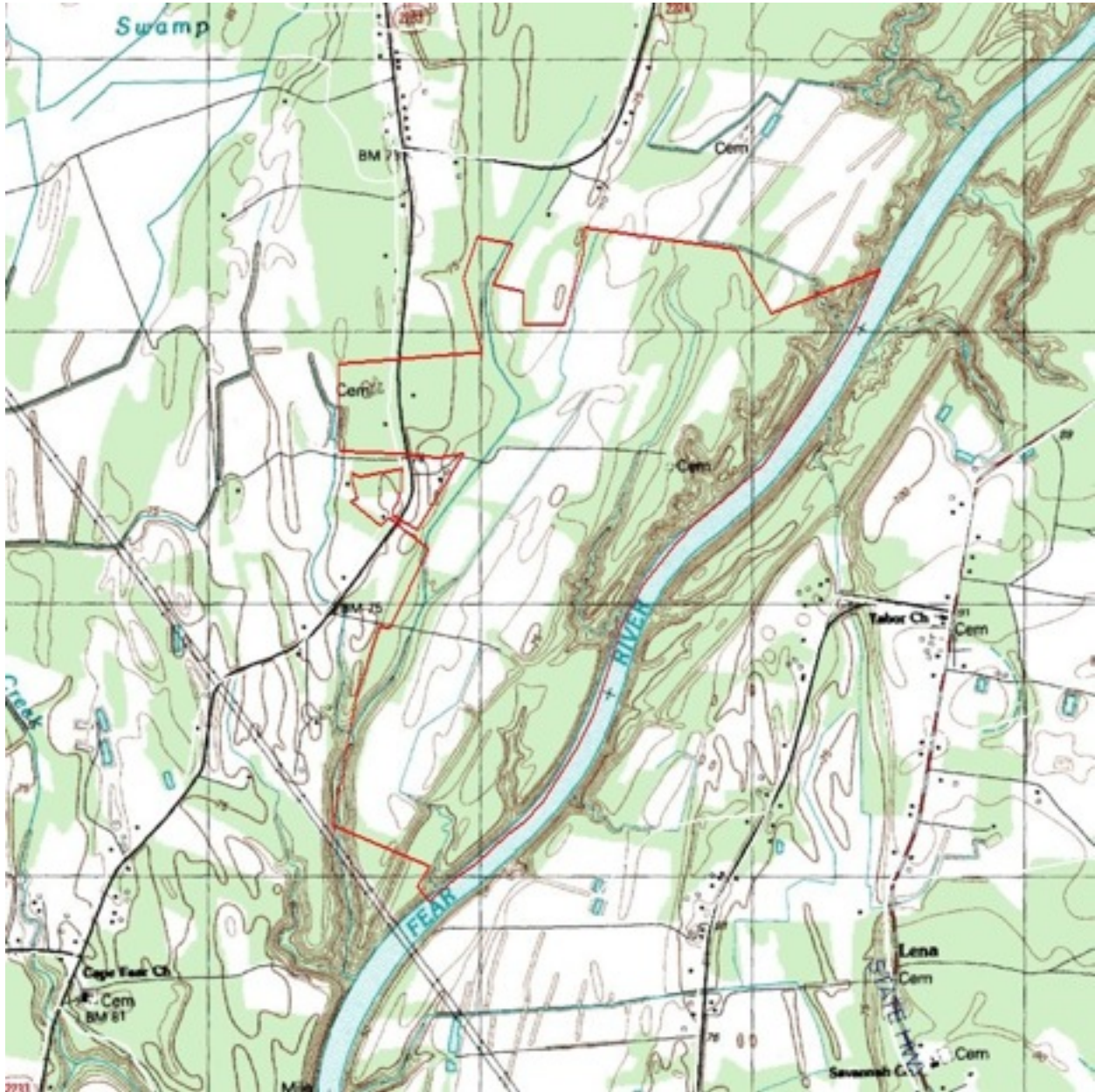
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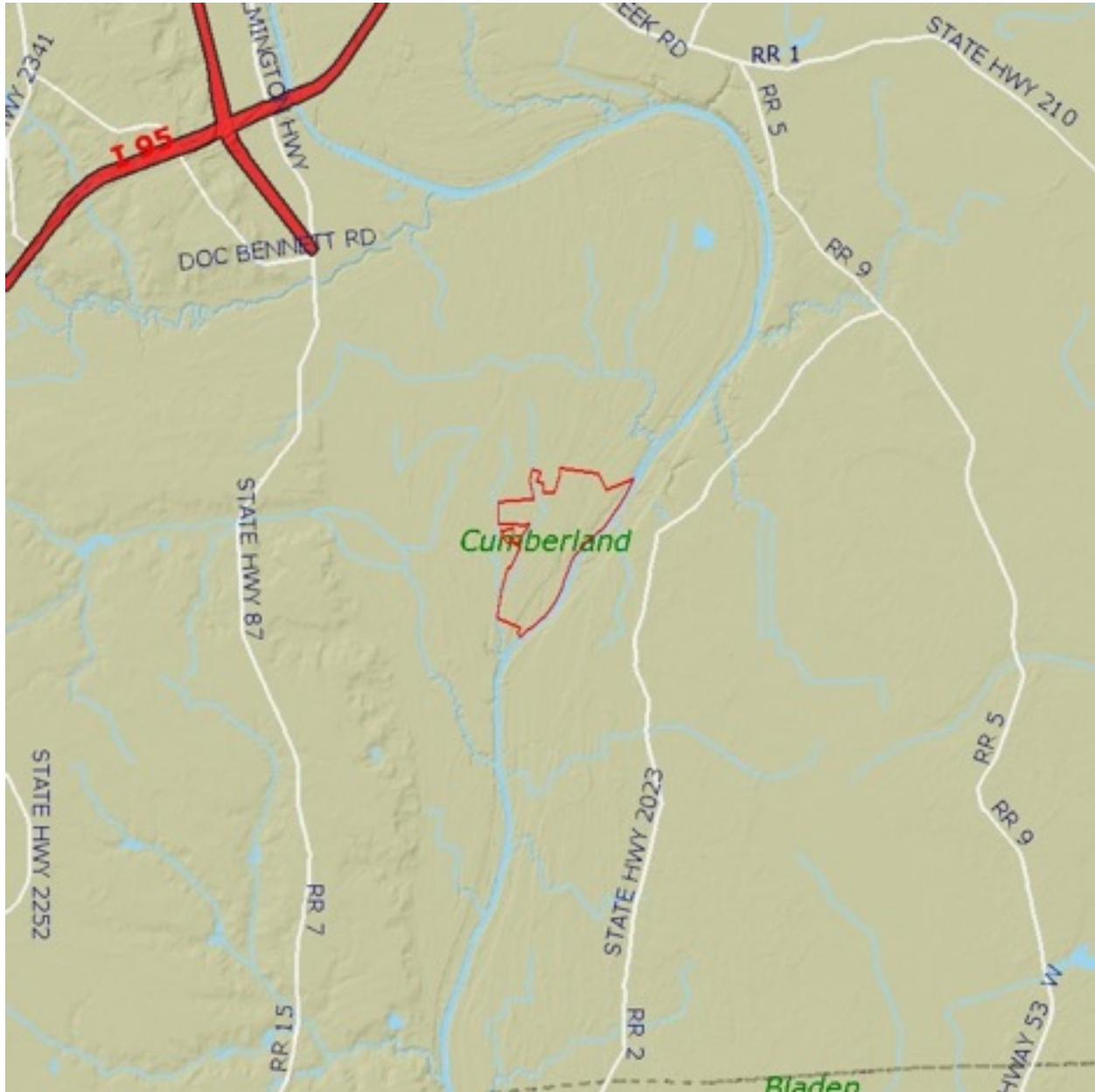
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section IV ● list of improvements

Below is a list of onsite improvements:

- Over 6 miles of interior roads accessible by truck
- Over 10 miles of atv/horse trails
- 7 Engineered water control structures
- 8 Pit Blinds
- 4 Electric Water Pumps
 - 3 phase -100 hp - 10" - 4200 gpm - Gator Pumps Inc
 - 3 phase - 50 hp - 8" - 3200 gpm - Gator Pumps Inc
 - (2) Single Phase - 10 hp - 6" pumps - 2000 gpm - Pungo Machine Inc
- 1 PTO 10" pump - 3000 gpm - Pungo Machine Inc
- Over 1 mile of buried 3 phase power
- 1/2 mile of 6" pipe buried
- 1/4 mile of 8" pipe buried
- 1/8 mile of 10" pipe buried
- 5 Cast Iron diversion valves
- 3 air compressors for pond water quality
- 2 Ponds - both fully stocked
- 3 custom built tower stands
- Waterfowl release pond
- Custom built archery range with shooting tower
- 10 strategically located food plots
- 10 elevated duck blinds
- Professionally managed timber stands
- 11 Ag Fields (6 can be flooded)
- 2 Onsite diesel tanks (525 gallons each)

Farming equipment is not included in the sale. Seller would consider selling any equipment separate if interested.

EXHIBIT H-2

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Deviney Brier Creek Tracts

Acreage: 205.75 – includes 5 tracts, one of which has 9 lots within it

PIN: 706883 (40 acres Rutherford Co.)
706515 (47 acres Rutherford Co.)
2606082774 (15 acres Cleveland Co.)
2607301245 (50 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606487945 (45.97 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606498456 (0.53 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606497410 (0.77 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606496324 (0.94 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606495296 (0.87 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606496116 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606495096 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606486837 (0.87 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606486778 (0.86 acres Cleveland Co.)
2606487627 (0.98 acres Cleveland Co.)

County: Rutherford and Cleveland

Estimated Value: \$617,250 (\$3,000/acre- the tracts can be purchased together or separately)

Property Owner or Representative: Jim Deviney

Address: 838 Moriah School Road, Casar, NC 28020

Phone: (704) 538-9071

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF OTHER (explain): PR Land Acquisition Grant, WRC

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Acquisition of these tracts would solidify WRC ownership at the end of Brier Creek Rd. (S.R. 1535) and remove two inholdings in South Mountains Game Land (SMGL). The tracts that are not inholdings are immediately adjacent to SMGL. All the tracts are accessed from a private road(s) that continues from the end

of Brier Creek Rd. There are no recorded ROW easements in place and the use of the private roads is prescriptive only. Although it's unlikely that purchase of these tracts would provide any immediate additional public access to SMGL, acquisition of these tracts are key to future public access from Brier Creek Rd. Public access from Brier Creek Rd. does not exist currently and is identified as a priority in the SMGL Management Plan. Use of the private road for administrative access is not anticipated to be a problem in the interim.

The southernmost inholding has a cabin and an approximately two acre pond on it that is used by the Deviney family. This inholding also contains nine subdivided lots that are currently unimproved. Mr. Deviney indicated that he may retain this inholding but hasn't fully decided and it is currently offered for sale along with the four other tracts.

The tracts are are predominately Appalachian oak forest with some Appalachian cove forest and dry coniferous woodlands also present. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the oak forest, cove forest, and dry coniferous woodlands priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tracts. Common wildlife species found on the tracts include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. Priority species likely found on the tracts as either permanent residents or transients include: South Mountain gray-cheeked salamander (*Plethodon meridianus*), timber rattlesnake (*Crotalus horridus*), Eastern box turtle (*Terapene carolina*), northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), wood thrush (*Hylocichla mustelina*), Eastern wood-peewee (*Contopus virens*), and hooded warbler (*Setophaga citrina*).

Both inholdings are embedded within the Rollins/South Mountains State Natural Area. Both the R and C ratings for this natural area are outstanding. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present. The other three tracts are immediately adjacent the current natural area.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained.

Additional Comments: NA

Program Potential: Game Land (South Mountains) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Deviney Brier Creek Tracts (Cleveland & Rutherford Counties) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
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<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
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<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven		
<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler		SR
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel		
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole		
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<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat		
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<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis		
<i>Neotoma magister</i>	Allegheny Woodrat		SC
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
REPTILES			
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
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WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP						
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures						
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Deviney Brier Creek Tracts	Boundary Establishment (Contract Survey)	5,757	Ft.	\$1.25	\$7,196	
	Install gate to control vehicular access	2	ea.	\$750	\$1,500	
Total					\$8,696.00	
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

REVENUE						
Estimated Revenue Projections						
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue	
Deviney Brier Creek Tracts	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -	
Total					\$ -	
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

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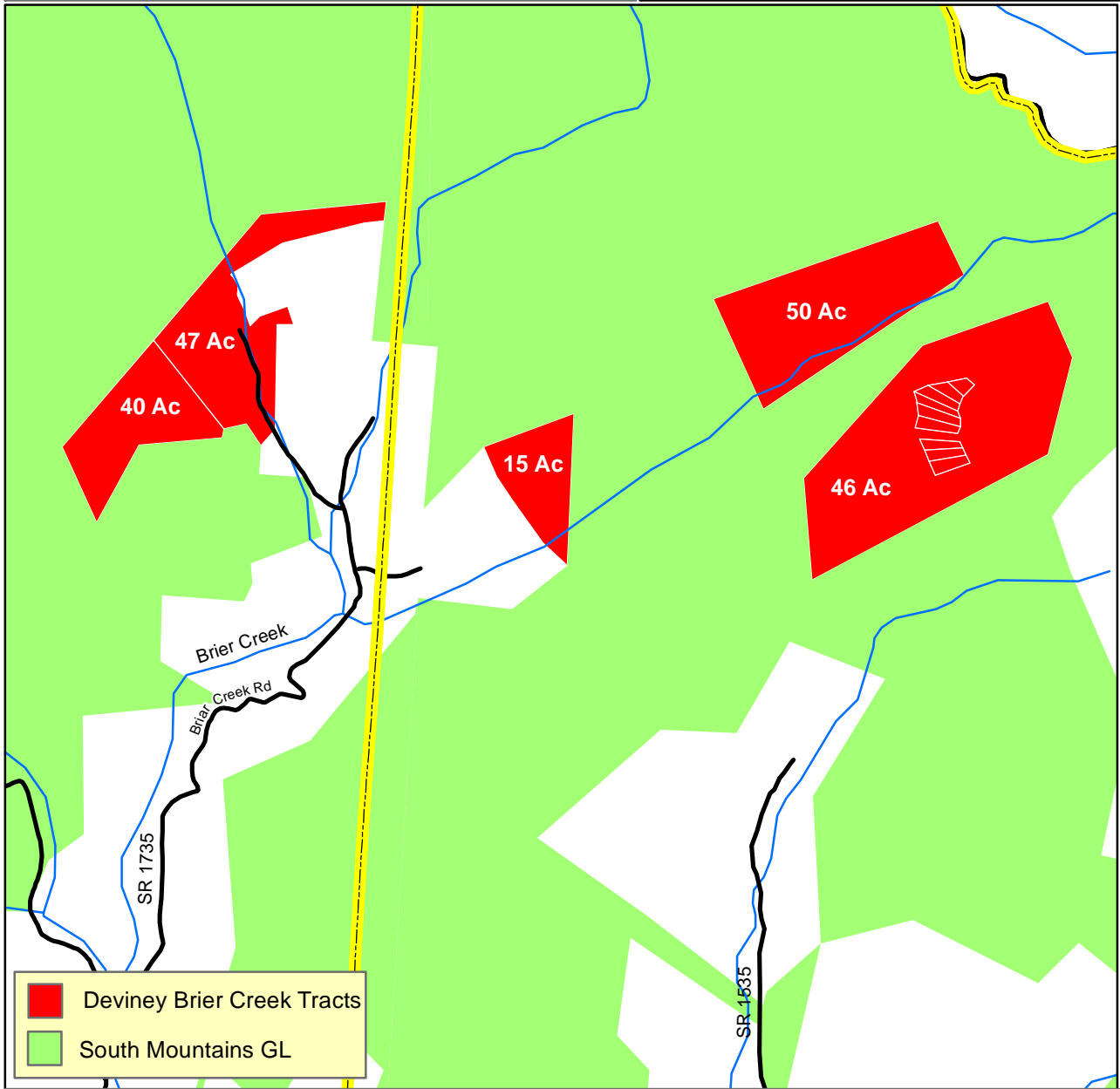
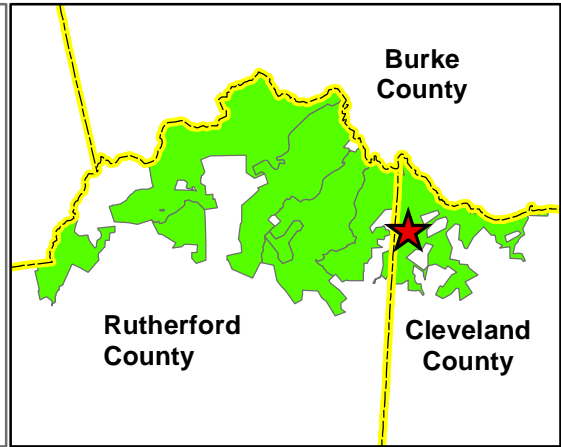
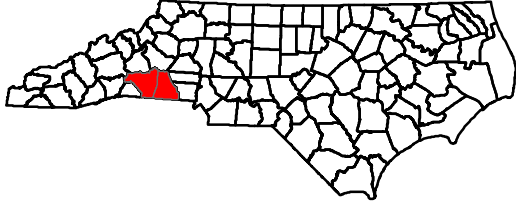
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Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (South Mountains GL) Deviney Brier Creek Tracts (Rutherford/Cleveland

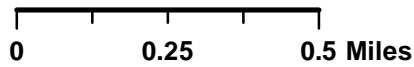
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>29</u></u>

**Deviney Brier Creek Tracts
South Mountains GL
Cleveland & Rutherford County
205.75 Acres**

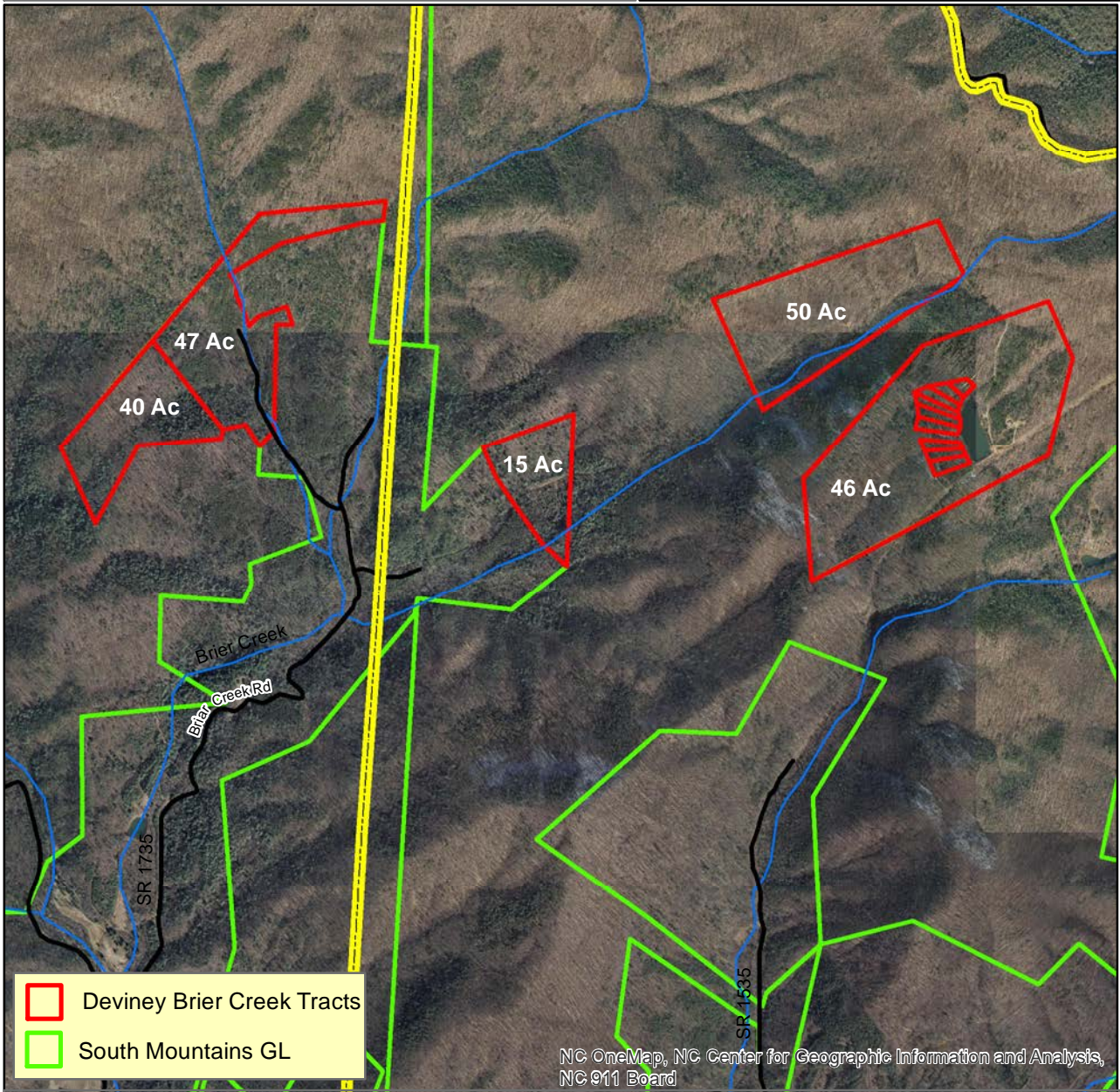
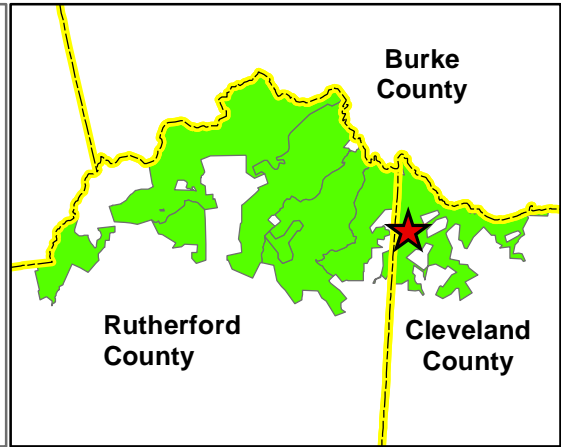
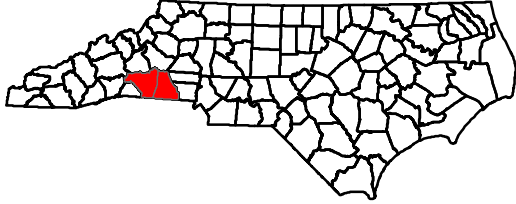


- Deviney Brier Creek Tracts
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**Deviney Brier Creek Tracts
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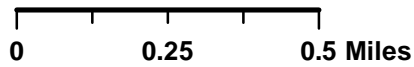


EXHIBIT H-3

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/Kip Hollifield

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: McGee

Acreage: 266.20 calculated acres; 341.27 deeded acres

County: Caldwell

Estimated Value: \$798,600 (\$3,000/acre)

PIN: 2844857047

Property Owner or Representative: Fred McGee, Jr.

Phone: 704-922-5647 or 704-922-3152

Address:

PO BOX 59511
DALLAS, NC 28034

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

Acquisition of the McGee Tract would solidify WRC ownership at the southern portion of Buffalo Cove Game Land (BCGL). The McGee Tract would be accessed directly through BCGL. Mr. McGee currently holds a 60 ft. ROW easement through BCGL (approx. 1.5 mi.) and WRC holds a 60 ft. ROW through the McGee Tract (approx. 0.2 mi.). WRC acquisition of the subject property would remove these ROW easements, which could become problematic if the subject tract is ever developed.

The tract is predominately Appalachian oak forest with some Appalachian cove forest also present. Management objectives will include restoring or maintaining the oak and cove forest priority wildlife habitats that are located on the tracts and possibly developing some early successional habitat on the tract. Common game species found on the tracts include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. WAP priority species likely found on the tracts as either permanent residents or transients are indicated in the table below.

Four-toed salamander	<i>Hemidactylum scutatum</i>
Coal skink	<i>Plestiodon anthracinus</i>
Timber rattlesnake	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>
Eastern box turtle	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>
Northern long-eared bat	<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>
Eastern spotted skunk	<i>Spilogale putorius</i>
Eastern wood pee-wee	<i>Contopus virens</i>
Worm eating warbler	<i>Helmitheros vermivora</i>
Wood thrush	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>
Hooded warbler	<i>Setophaga citrina</i>

The McGee Tract is part of the Buffalo Cove Forests State Natural Area. The R rating for the tract is high and the C rating is moderate. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study.

Additional Comments: Anticipated five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to contracting with a licensed surveyor to locate, mark and sign 6,910 feet of boundary. Estimated cost is \$8,638 (\$1.25/ft.).

No short-term revenue is anticipated.

Program Potential: Game Land (Buffalo Cove) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 30 Of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
McGee	Boundary Establishment (Contract Survey)	6,910	Ft.	\$1.25	\$8,638
Total					\$8,638.00
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
McGee	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

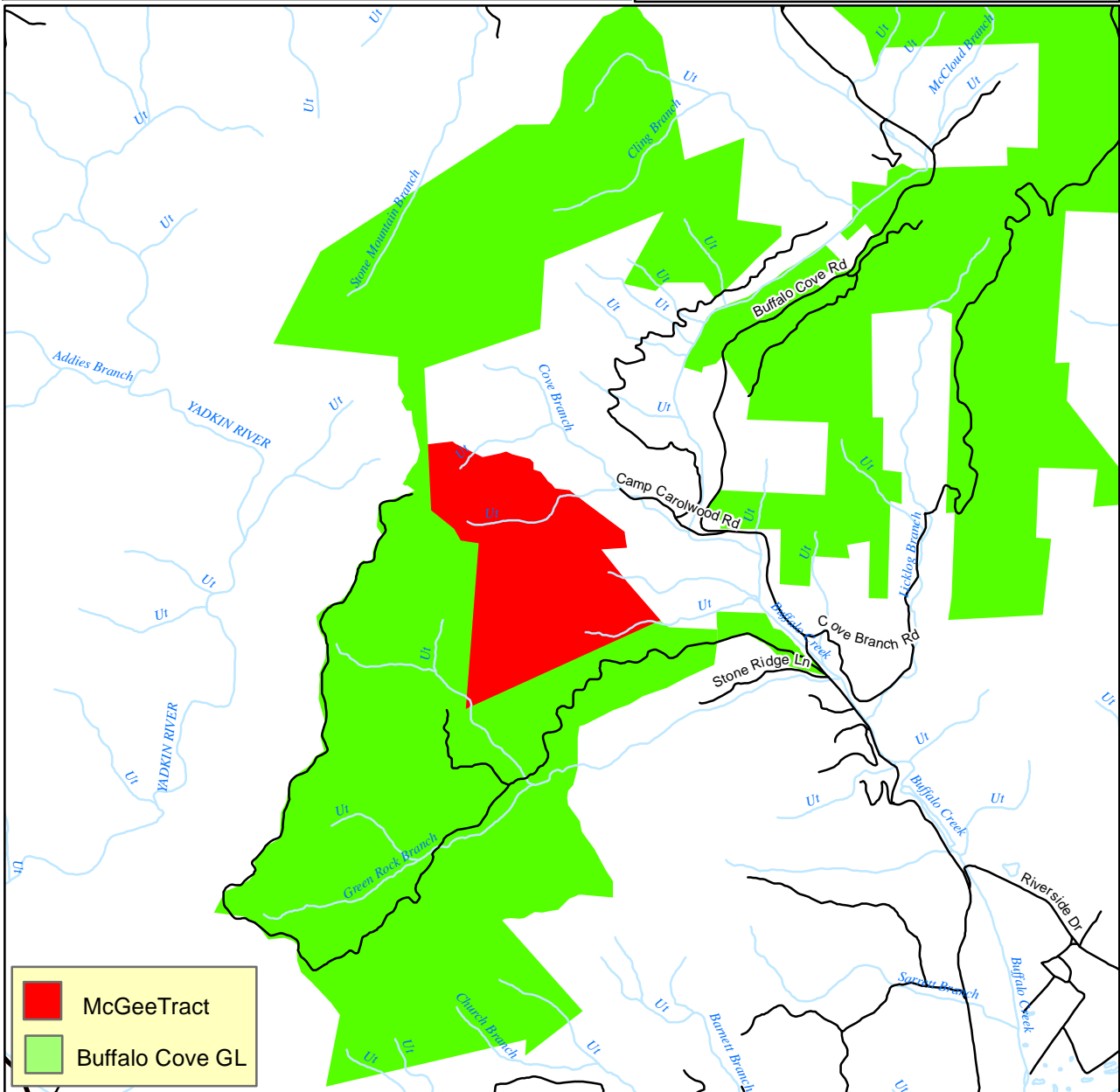
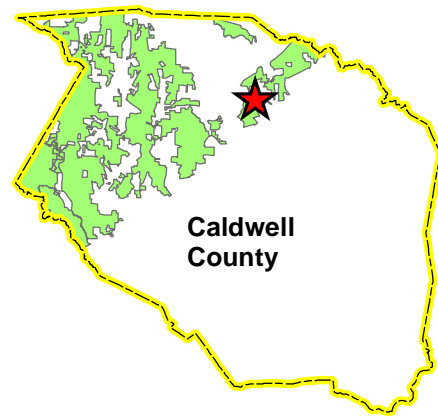
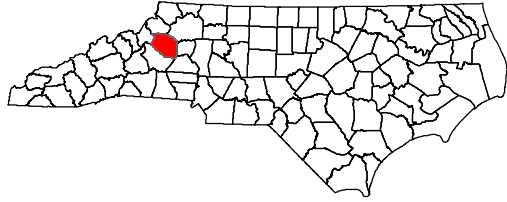
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Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

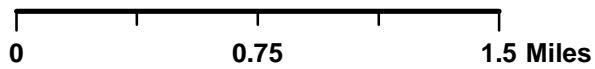
Tract Name (Buffalo Cove GL) McGee Tract (Caldwell County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

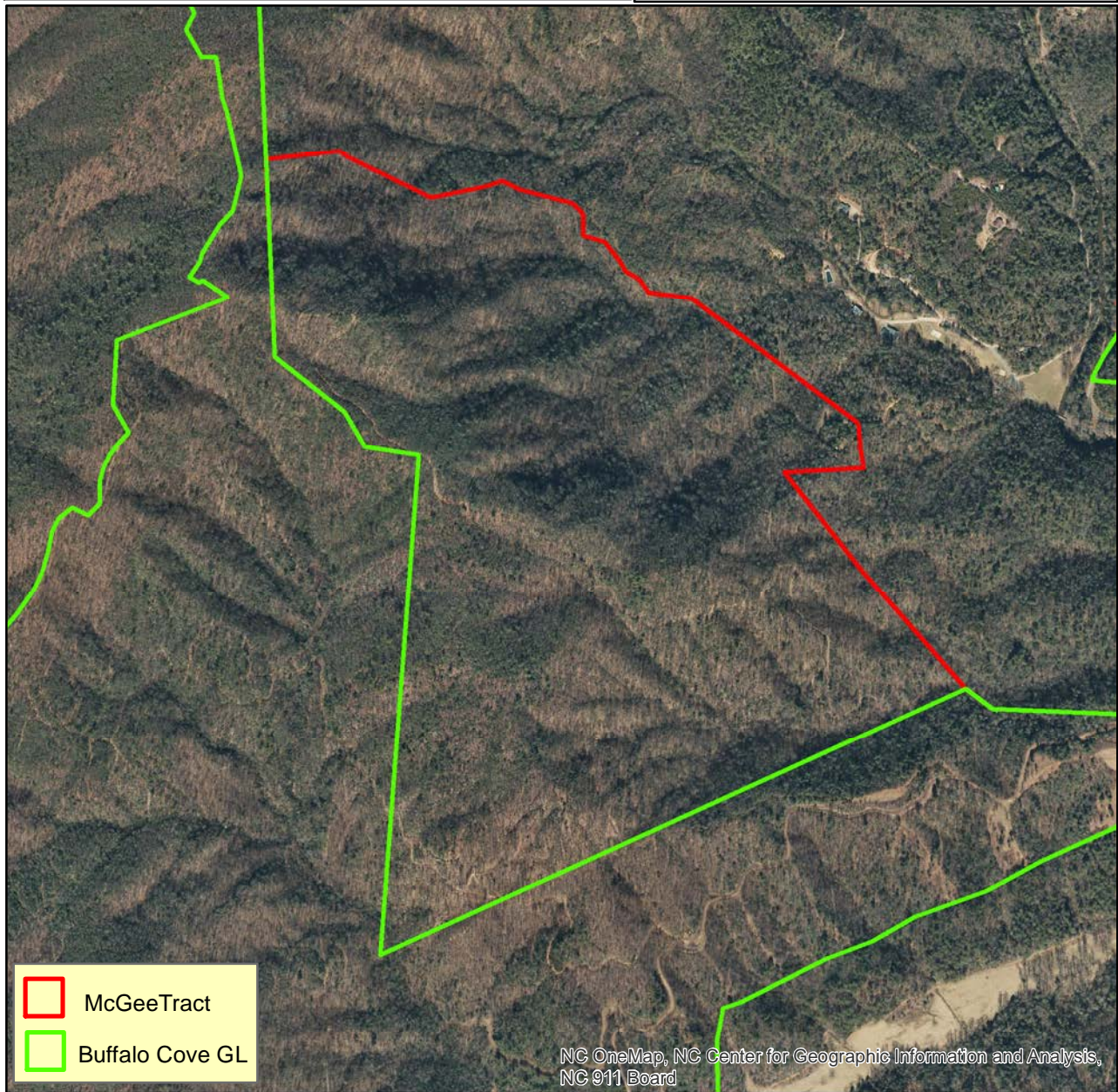
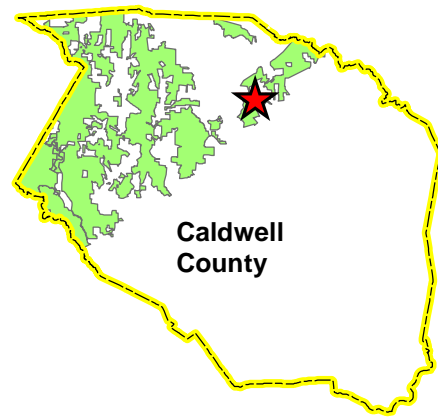
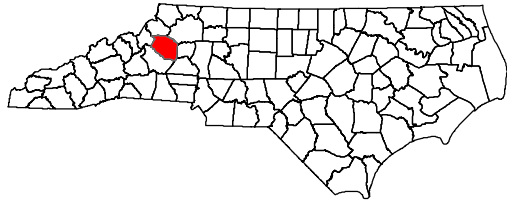
**McGee Tract
Buffalo Cove GL
Caldwell County
266 Acres**



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Buffalo Cove GL
Caldwell County
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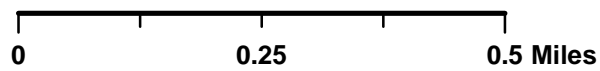


EXHIBIT H-4

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Kyle Briggs

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Porter Capital Corp.

Acreage: +/- 50 (entire tract is 60 acres; approx. 10 acres to be acquired by Polk County).

County: Polk

Estimated Value: \$458,000 (\$9,117/acre) Asking Price; Tax Value listed at \$1,048,768.

PIN: P55-453

Property Owner or Representative: Porter Capital Corp.
Marc Porter, President

Phone: Office (205) 322-5442 Office; Email mporter@portercap.net

Address: 2112 First Ave. North
Birmingham, AL 35203

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, Polk Co.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

The Porter Capital Corp. tract is located in Polk County, approximately 1 mile upstream from Lake Adger. The property shares approx. 1,000 feet of common boundary with existing Green River Game Land. The property also has 1,950 feet of frontage on Palmer Road (SR 1155) and approx. 1,700 feet of frontage on the Green River. Acquisition would greatly enhance opportunities for public access to this section of Green River Game Land by providing public road frontage that does not currently exist.

Habitats on the tract are typical of the area, to include Southern Piedmont Dry Oak/Pine Forest and a significant component of early successional Shrub/Scrub, open habitats and floodplain. Land cover data from the Southeast Gap Analysis Project are presented in the following table.

Porter Capital Corp Tract (Polk County)		
LAND COVER		
DESCRIPTION	ACRES	% COVER
Developed Open Space	3.781547	6.94
Low Intensity Developed	0.222444	0.41
Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-(Pine) Forest	18.01796	33.06
Southern Piedmont Mesic Forest	2.891771	5.31
Evergreen Plantations or Managed Pine	3.114215	5.71
Southern Piedmont Dry Oak-(Pine) Forest	2.224439	4.08
Northeastern Interior Dry Oak Forest - Mixed	0.667332	1.22
Successional Shrub/Scrub (Clear Cut)	0.222444	0.41
Successional Shrub/Scrub (Other)	4.893767	8.98
Other - Herbaceous	8.230426	15.1
Pasture/Hay	5.116211	9.39
Southern Piedmont Small Floodplain	5.116211	9.39
TOTAL	54	100

Common game species found on the tract include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, raccoon, and gray squirrel. Priority nongame species likely found on the tract as either permanent residents or transients are identified in the attached table.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, fishing, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study.

Based upon the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the entire tract has a biodiversity index of 8 out of a highest possible score of 10. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

Additional Comments:

Anticipated five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to contracting with a licensed surveyor to locate, mark and sign approx. 6,010 feet of boundary. Estimated cost is \$7,500 @ \$1.25/ft.

No short-term revenue is anticipated.

- Program Potential:**
- Game Land (Green River)
 - Wildlife Conservation Area
 - Fishing Access Area
 - None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Porter Capital Corp Tract (Polk County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon amplus</i>	Blue Ridge Gray-cheeked Salamander		SR
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Plethodon metcalfi</i>	Southern Gray-cheeked Salamander		
<i>Desmognathus ocoee</i>	Ocoee Salamander		
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i>	Mole Salamander		SC
BIRDS			
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	American Black Duck		
<i>Aythya americana</i>	Redhead		
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk		
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon		E
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher		
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	White-eyed Vireo		
<i>Vireo solitarius</i>	Blue-headed Vireo		
<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven		
<i>Tachycineta bicolor</i>	Tree Swallow		
<i>Petrochelidon pyrrhonota</i>	Cliff Swallow		
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter Wren		
<i>Poliptila caerulea</i>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	Blue-winged Warbler		SR
<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler		SR
<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler		
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SC
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Black-and-white Warbler		
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Ovenbird		
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Pheucticus ludovicianus</i>	Rose-breasted Grosbeak		
<i>Spiza americana</i>	Dickcissel		
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole		
<i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Red Crossbill		
MAMMALS			
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	Pygmy Shrew		
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat		
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis		
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
<i>Neotoma floridana</i>	Eastern Woodrat		
<i>Synaptomys cooperi</i>	Southern Bog Lemming		
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Least Weasel		SR-G
<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
REPTILES			
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
<i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i>	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Eumeces anthracinus</i>	Coal Skink		SR
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i>	Eastern Milk Snake		
<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP						
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures						
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Porter Capital Corp	Boundary Establishment	6,000	ft.	\$1.25	\$ 7,500	
Total					\$ 7,500	
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

REVENUE						
Estimated Revenue Projections						
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue	
Porter Capital Corp	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$	-
Total					\$	-
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

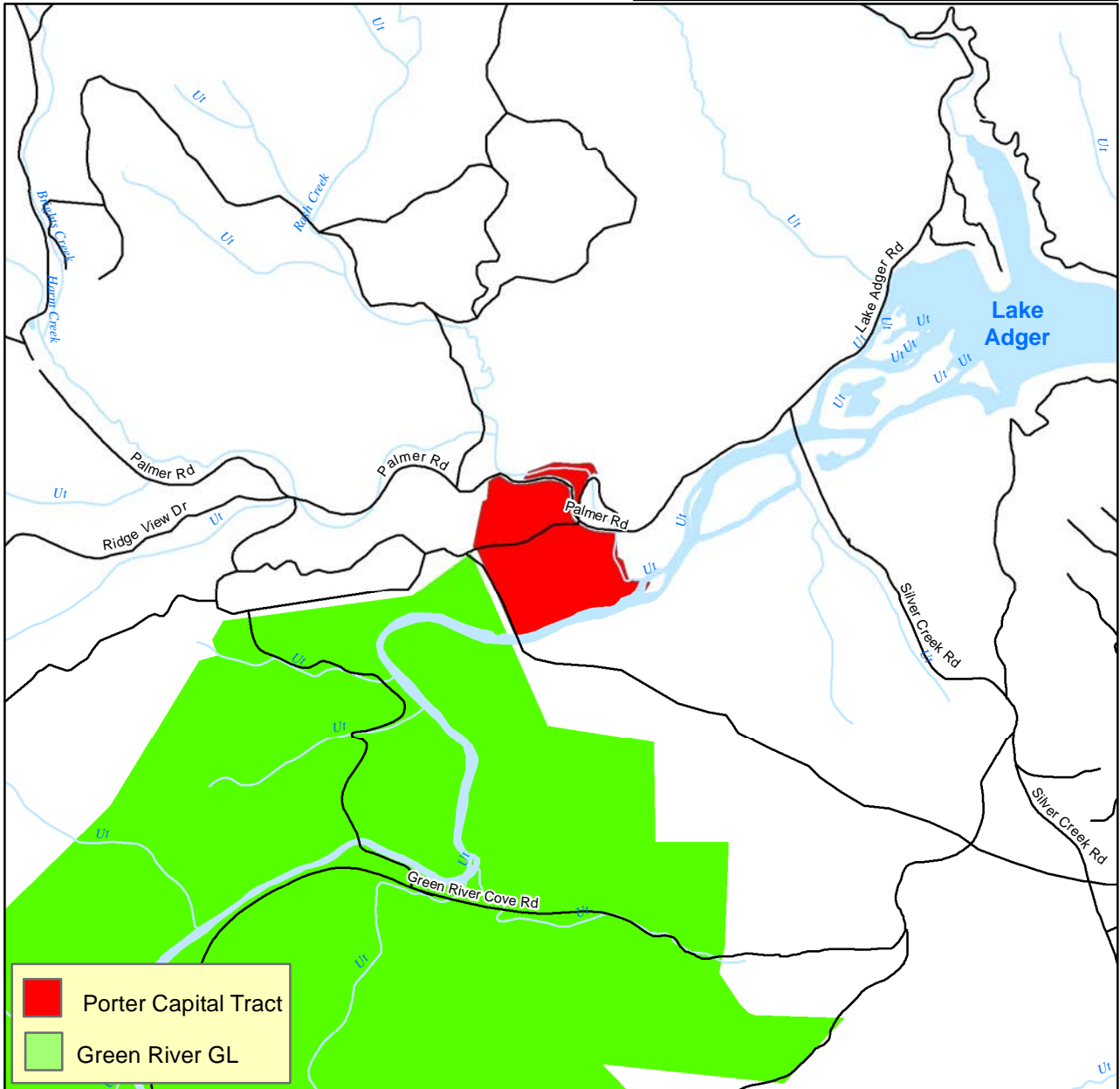
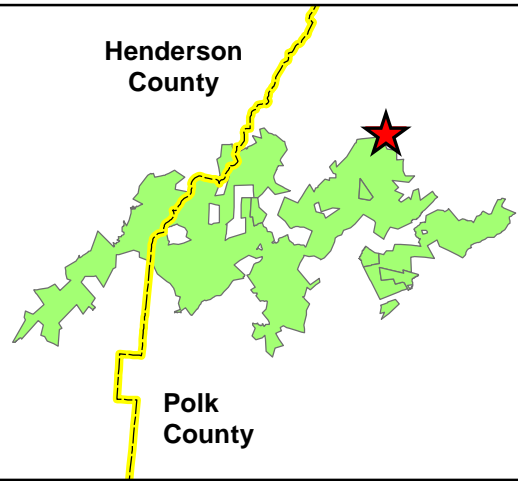
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Green River GL) Porter Capital Tract (Polk County)

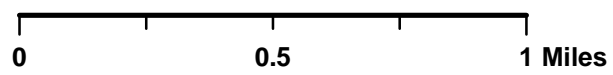
Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>30</u>

Porter Capital Corp Tract Green River GL Polk County +/- 50 Acres

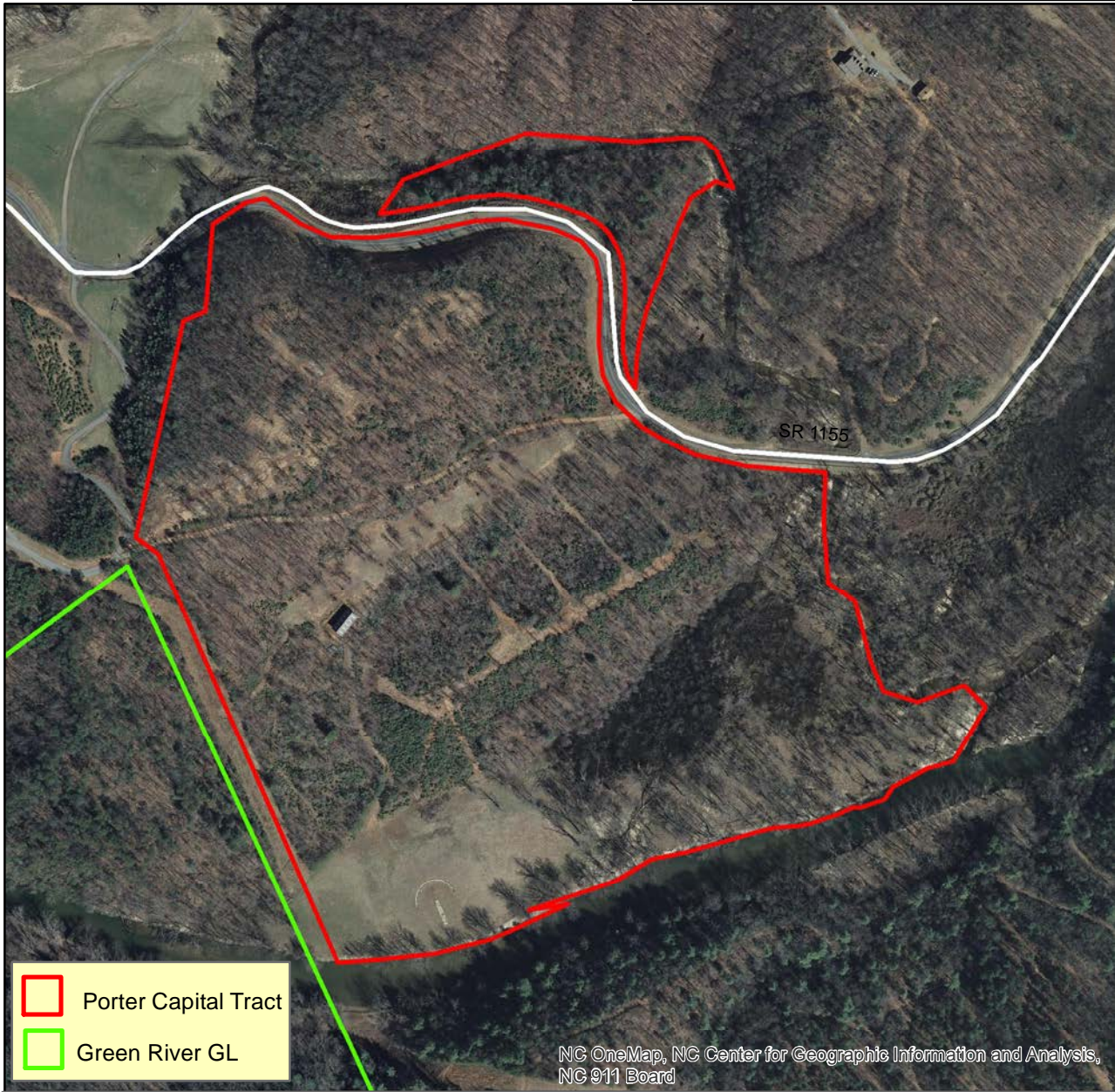
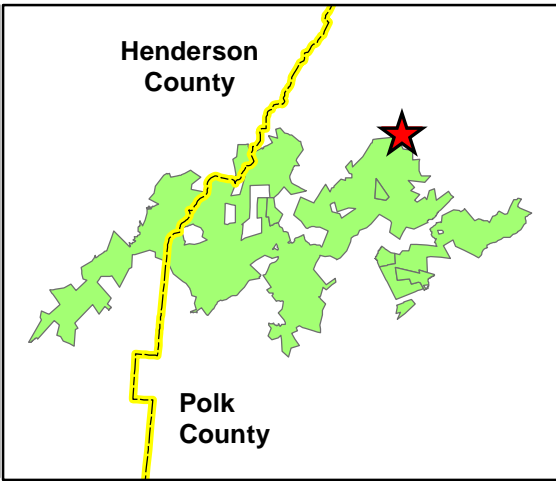




 Porter Capital Tract
 Green River GL

August 13, 2015



Porter Capital Corp Tract Green River GL Polk County +/- 50 Acres



-  Porter Capital Tract
-  Green River GL

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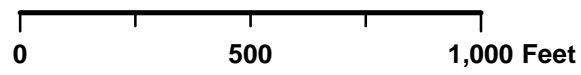


EXHIBIT H-5

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: David Stewart

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2014

Tract Name: Sorrells Meadow (Pin # 8642-24-8776 and 8642-23-0390 less 5 acres)

Acreage: 82

County: Haywood

Estimate Value: \$1,450,000 Asking Price (Negotiable)

Property Owner or Representative: John Witherspoon

Phone: (828)-877-6404 (828)-553-2880 Cell

Address: 27 W Main St. Brevard, NC 28712

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) will work with NCWRC to try to provide 25% matching funds.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the Cold Mountain area. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership such as Pisgah National Forest, Cold Mountain Game Land (WRC holdings), Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy (SAHC) lands and various private holdings that have conservation easements in the vicinity.

The property directly borders Cold Mountain Game Land, as well as US Forest Service property along the Shining Rock Wilderness Area. WRC ownership will help reduce land fragmentation, and will help ensure that this area is protected and managed properly. The tract lies adjacent to significant Natural Heritage Areas and consists of mostly upland/cove hardwoods, with 15-20 acres of open pastureland. The timber on the property appears to be of very high quality with large yellow poplar, oak, and black cherry being the most valuable timber species. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, white-tailed deer, and black bear. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Public recreational opportunities will include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained.

Additional Comments This tract is a high risk for development. An improved road and underground power has already been run through the tract.

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures include marking/maintaining 1.4 miles of property boundary @ \$810/mi (\$1,134) and converting 15 acres of open pasture to wildlife friendly early succession habitat @ \$350/ac (\$5,000) for a total estimated cost of \$6,384.

No short-term revenue is projected from the tract

Program Potential: Game Land (Cold Mountain) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal: state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 30 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

Sorrells Meadow Tract (Haywood County) - Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Plethodon ventralis</i>	Southern Zigzag Salamander		SC
<i>Desmognathus santeetlah</i>	Santeetlah Dusky Salamander		SR
<i>Desmognathus wrighti</i>	Pygmy Salamander		SR
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Ambystoma talpoideum</i>	Mole Salamander		SC
<i>Necturus maculosus</i>	Mudpuppy		SC
<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</i>	Hellbender		SC
BIRDS			
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon		E
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Alder Flycatcher		SR
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher		
<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven		
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper		SC
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter Wren		
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
<i>Vermivora pinus</i>	Blue-winged Warbler		SR
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Golden-winged Warbler		SC
<i>Dendroica magnolia</i>	Magnolia Warbler		SR
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole		
MAMMALS			
<i>Sorex dispar</i>	Long-tailed Shrew		SC
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	Pygmy Shrew		
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat		
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis		
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Least Weasel		SR-G
<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
REPTILES			
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
<i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i>	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
<i>Eumeces anthracinus</i>	Coal Skink		SR
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i>	Eastern Milk Snake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Sorrells Meadow	Boundary Establishment	1.4	mi.	\$810	\$ 1,134
	Convert open pasture to early wildlife friendly early successional habitat	15	ac.	\$350	\$5,250
Total					\$ 6,384.00
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Sorrells Meadow	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

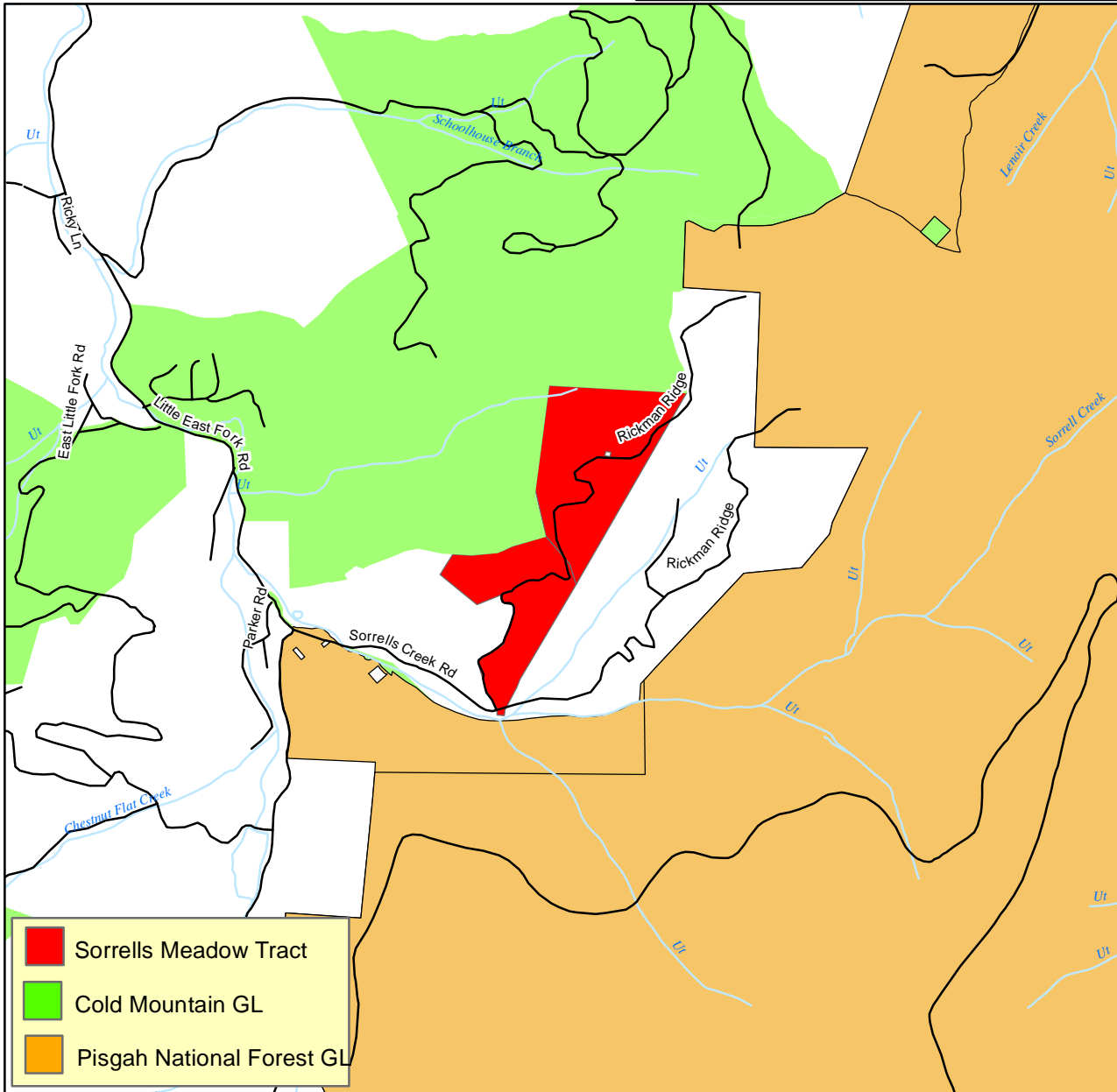
WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

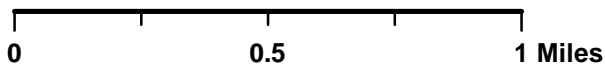
Tract Name (Cold Mountain GL) Sorrells Meadow Tract (Haywood County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

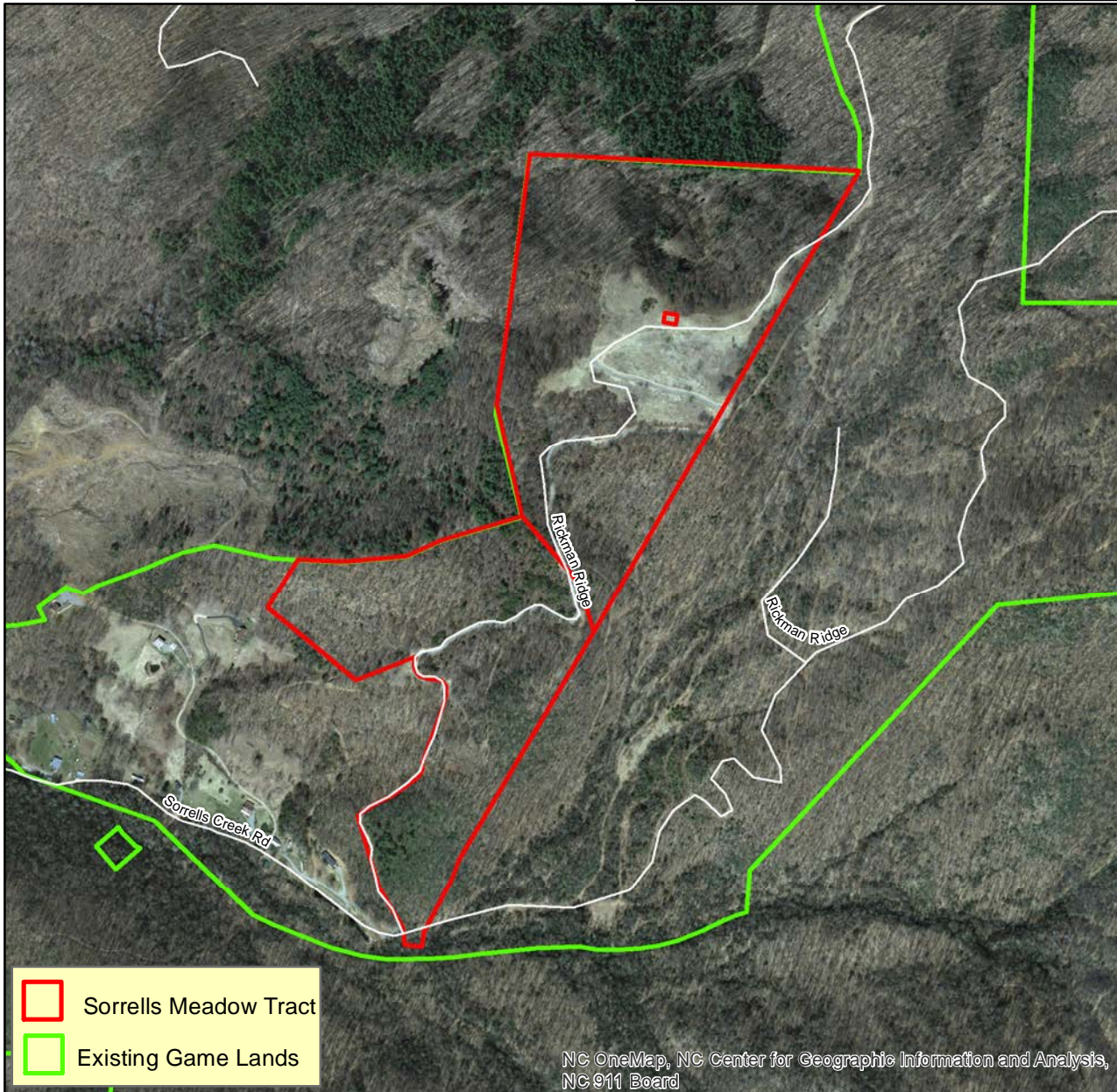
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Cold Mountain GL
Haywood County
82 Acres**





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**Sorrells Meadow Tract
Cold Mountain GL
Haywood County
82 Acres**



-  Sorrells Meadow Tract
-  Existing Game Lands

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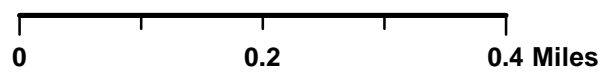


EXHIBIT H-6

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: David H. Allen

Date First Presented to WRC:

Tract Name: Waccamaw Campbell Global Phase IV

Acreage: 3000+

County: Columbus

Parcel ID Number: 1124.00-81-6862.000

Estimated Value: No appraisal yet, but probably over 5 million

Property Owner or Representative: The Campbell Group, c/o Matt Thuman

Phone: 910-520-7338 (C)

Address: 1200 N 23rd Street, Suite 201
Wilmington, NC 28412

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF NAWCA

OTHER (explain): North American Wetlands Conservation Act Grant (federal), Forest Legacy Program Grant (federal), NC Department of Justice Environmental Enhancement Grant, and private foundations. NC Coastal Land Trust is willing to help with grant applications and donations.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): This Waccamaw River tract is over 3000 ac. of hardwood and cypress sloughs, mixed between middle-aged loblolly pine stands. Much of the sloughs are already registered as Natural Areas with the Natural Heritage Program (236-acres Waccamaw River Cross Swamp Bottomlands). A nice scattering of Atlantic white cedar is also present, and this habitat has good restoration potential. A good system of interior roads is already present, although these roads will need repair or upgrading for game land users. The tract is directly across the Waccamaw River from the Columbus County Game Land.

The N.C. Coastal Land Trust will partner with NCWRC on this project, helping with appraisal costs and acquisition of grant funds for land purchase. The entire tract will eventually be owned

by NCWRC. The Coastal Land Trust has already purchased one tract from the Campbell Group closer to Lake Waccamaw, (and is in the process of developing a Purchase and Sales Agreement for another contiguous tract), next to Waccamaw State Park, making a significant corridor of conservation lands in this area.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species and will provide valuable habitat for reptiles, amphibians, birds and mammals. Examples of species that this property will be especially beneficial for are black bear, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, Swainson's warbler, Prothonotary warbler, wood stork, swallow-tailed kite, Rafinesque's big-eared bat, Eastern spadefoot and Eastern mudsnake.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Waccamaw Campbell Global Phase IV Tract's Biodiversity index score is 6 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values). The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

Program Potential: Game Land (Columbus County) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

28 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Columbus County GL) Waccamaw Campbell IV Tract (Columbus Co.)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>4</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acres minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>YES</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>28</u></u>

Waccamaw Campbell Global IV Tract

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total (5-yrs)
Improve Road System- yr. 1-5	3	mi	\$100,000	\$ 300,000
Maintain Road System – yr. 1 - 5	12	mi	\$2,500	\$30,000
Replace Culverts/WCS-yr. 1-5	5	ea.	\$10,000	\$50,000
Maintain Gate – yr. 2 - 5	3	ea.	\$200	\$600
Boundary Establishment – yr. 1	10	mi	\$1,500	\$15,000
Boundary Maintenance- yr. 4	4	mi	\$500	\$2,000
			TOTAL	\$ 397,600

5-Year Anticipated Revenue

			Value	Total
Timber sales of mid-aged pine	700	ac	\$400	\$280,000
			TOTAL	\$280,000

Note: timber sale estimates are not based on known volumes.

Priority species associated with coastal plain floodplain forest:

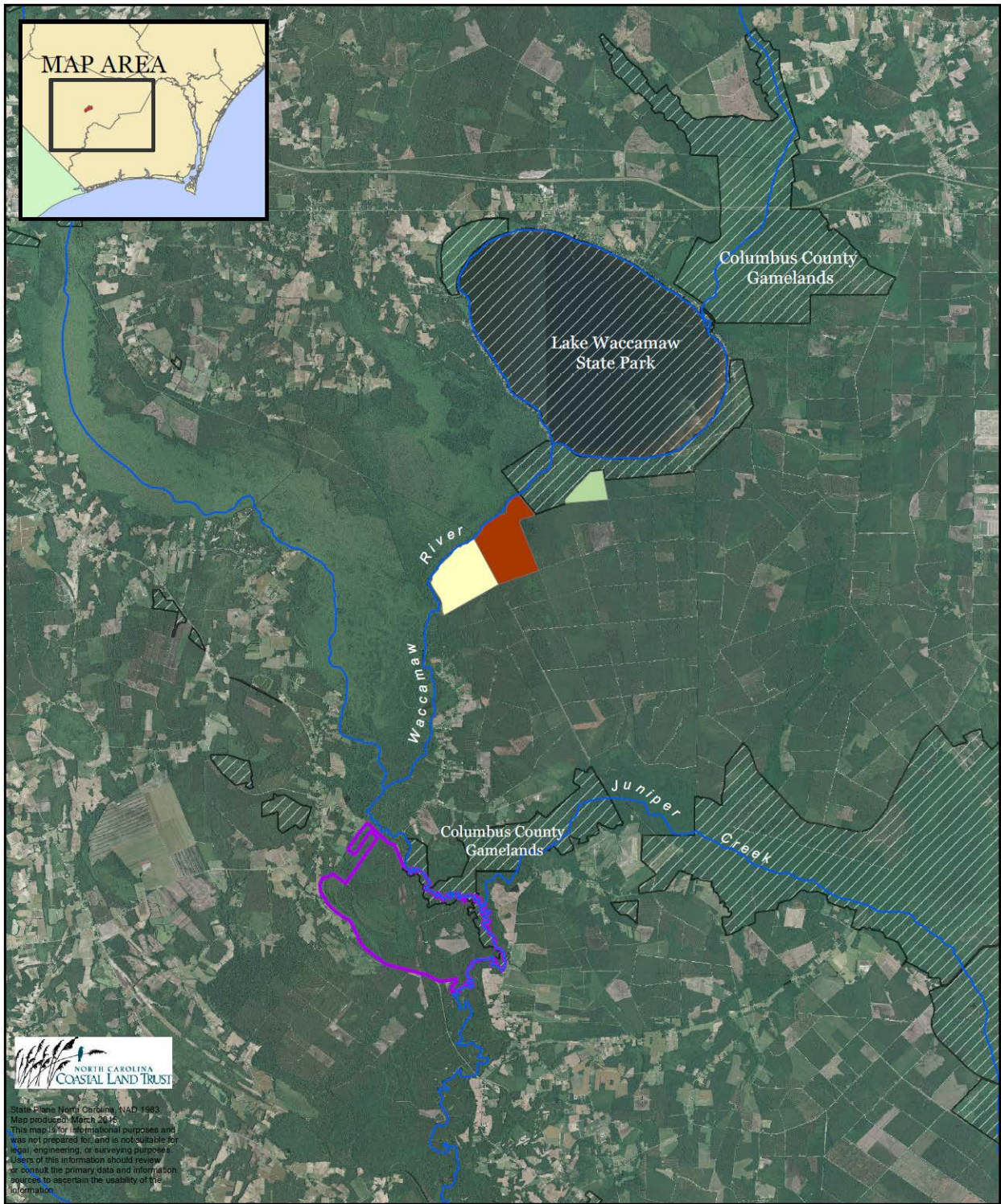
Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga	SR
	<i>Chaetura pelagica</i>	Chimney Swift	
	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>	Yellow-billed Cuckoo	
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	
	<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler	SR
	<i>Dendroica virens waynei</i>	Wayne's Black-throated Green Warbler	
	<i>Elanoides forficatus</i>	Swallow-tailed Kite	
	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle	T (T)
	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler	
	<i>Hylocichla mustelina</i>	Wood Thrush	
	<i>Ictinia mississippiensis</i>	Mississippi Kite	SR
	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-heron	
	<i>Oporornis formosus</i>	Kentucky Warbler	
	<i>Picoides villosus</i>	Hairy Woodpecker	
	<i>Scolopax minor</i>	American Woodcock	
<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler		
Mammals	<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed Mole	SC
	<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	T
	<i>Lasiurus intermedius</i>	Northern Yellow Bat	SR
	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat	
	<i>Myotis austroriparius</i>	Southeastern Bat	SC
	<i>Neotoma floridana</i>	Eastern Woodrat	T
	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	Cotton Mouse	
	<i>Sorex hoyi winnemana</i>	Southern Pygmy Shrew	
<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>	Marsh Rabbit		
Amphibians	<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander	SR
	<i>Ambystoma maculatum</i>	Spotted Salamander	
	<i>Ambystoma opacum</i>	Marbled Salamander	
	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>	Southern Dusky Salamander	
	<i>Eurycea guttolineata</i>	Three-lined Salamander	
	<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander	SC
	<i>Eurycea sp 1</i>	Sandhills Salamander	
	<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander	SC
	<i>Plethodon glutinosus sensustricto</i>	Northern Slimy Salamander	
	<i>Scaphiopus holbrookii</i>	Eastern Spadefoot	
Reptiles	<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle	
	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Elaphe guttata</i>	Corn Snake	
	<i>Eumeces laticeps</i>	Broad-headed Skink	
	<i>Lampropeltis getula getula</i>	Eastern Kingsnake	
	<i>Terrapene carolina</i>	Eastern Box Turtle	
	<i>Thamnophis sauritus sauritus</i>	Common Ribbonsnake	

Priority species associated with coastal plain riverine aquatic communities:

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga	SR
Mammals	<i>Trichechus manatus</i>	Manatee	E (E)
Amphibians	<i>Eurycea guttolineata</i>	Three-lined Salamander	
	<i>Eurycea sp 1</i>	Sandhills Salamander	
	<i>Necturus lewisi</i>	Neuse River Waterdog	SC
	<i>Rana heckscheri</i>	River Frog	SC
	<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren	
	<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander	
Reptiles	<i>Alligator mississippiensis</i>	American Alligator	T (T)
	<i>Apalone spinifera aspera</i>	Gulf Coast Spiny Softshell	
	<i>Deirochelys reticularia</i>	Eastern Chicken Turtle	SR
	<i>Farancia abacura abacura</i>	Eastern Mudsnake	
	<i>Farancia erythrogramma erythrogramma</i>	Common Rainbow Snake	
	<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle	
	<i>Regina rigida</i>	Glossy Crayfish Snake	SR
	<i>Seminatrix pygaea</i>	Black Swamp Snake	SR
	<i>Thamnophis sauritus sauritus</i>	Common Ribbonsnake	

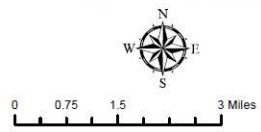
Priority species associated with coastal plain loblolly/slash pine woodlands:

Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk	SC
	<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow	SC
	<i>Caprimulgus carolinensis</i>	Chuck-will's-widow	
	<i>Caprimulgus vociferus</i>	Whip-poor-will	
	<i>Chordeiles minor</i>	Common Nighthawk	
	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Colinus virginianus</i>	Northern Bobwhite	
	<i>Contopus virens</i>	Eastern Wood-pewee	
	<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel	
	<i>Helmitheros vermivorus</i>	Worm-eating Warbler	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E (E)
	<i>Sitta pusilla</i>	Brown-headed Nuthatch	
Mammals	<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat	
	<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel	SR
Reptiles	<i>Crotalus horridus</i>	Timber (Canebrake) Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Heterodon platirhinos</i>	Eastern Hog-nosed Snake	
	<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pigmy Rattlesnake	SC
	<i>Tantilla coronata</i>	Southeastern Crowned Snake	



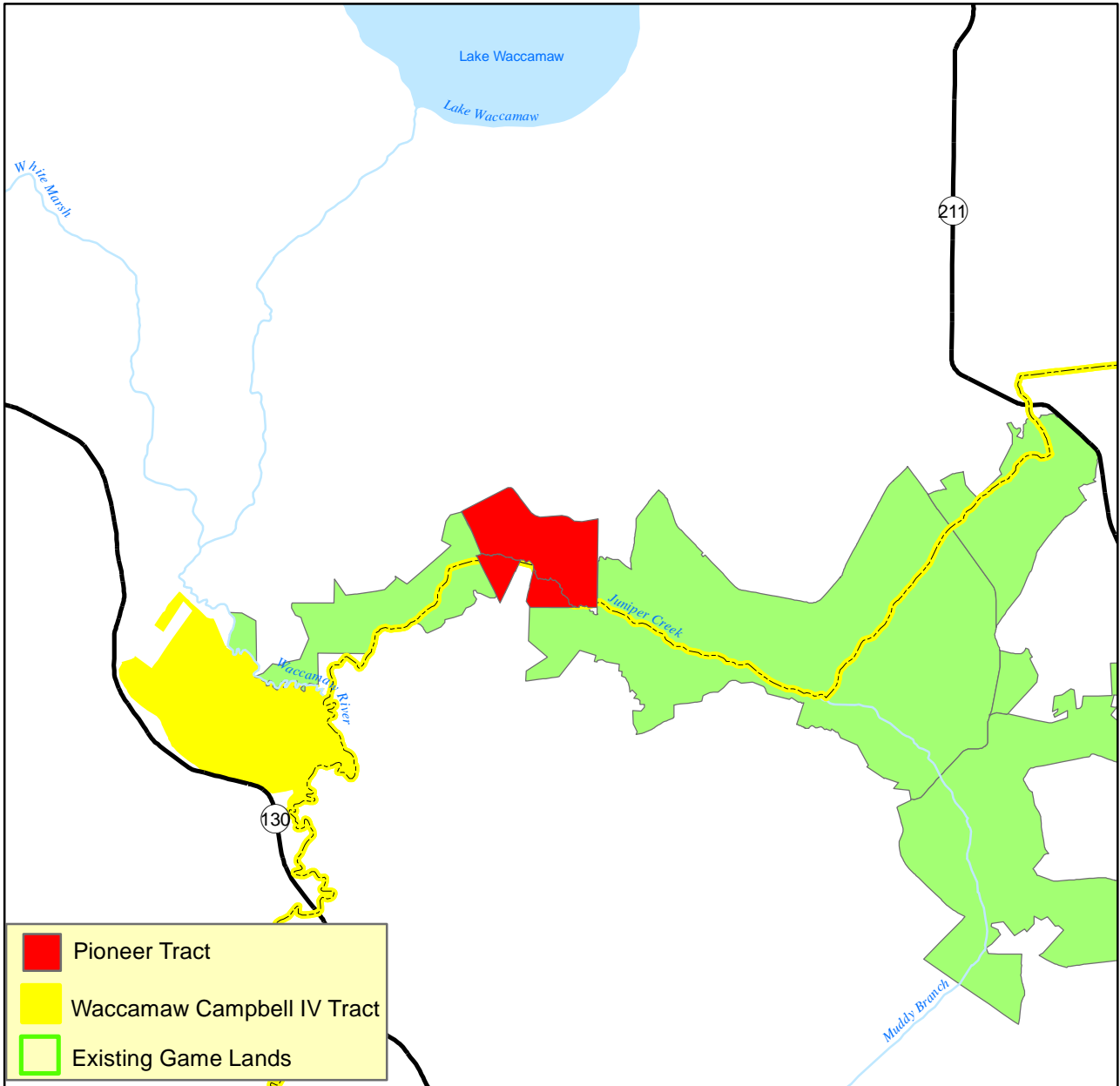
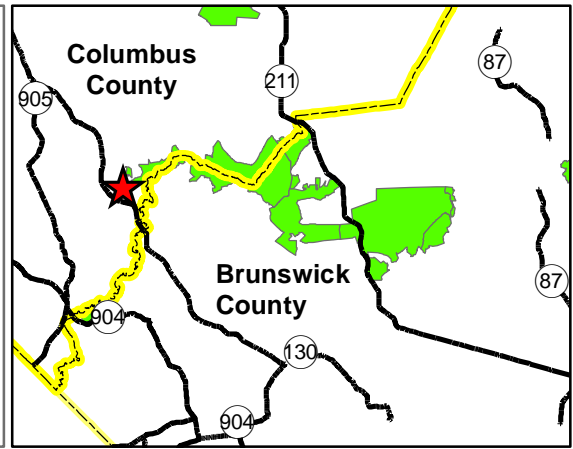
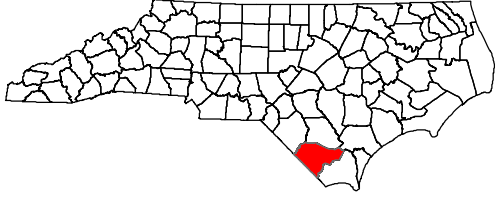
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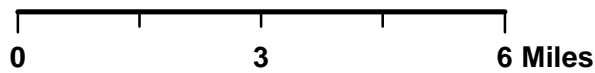


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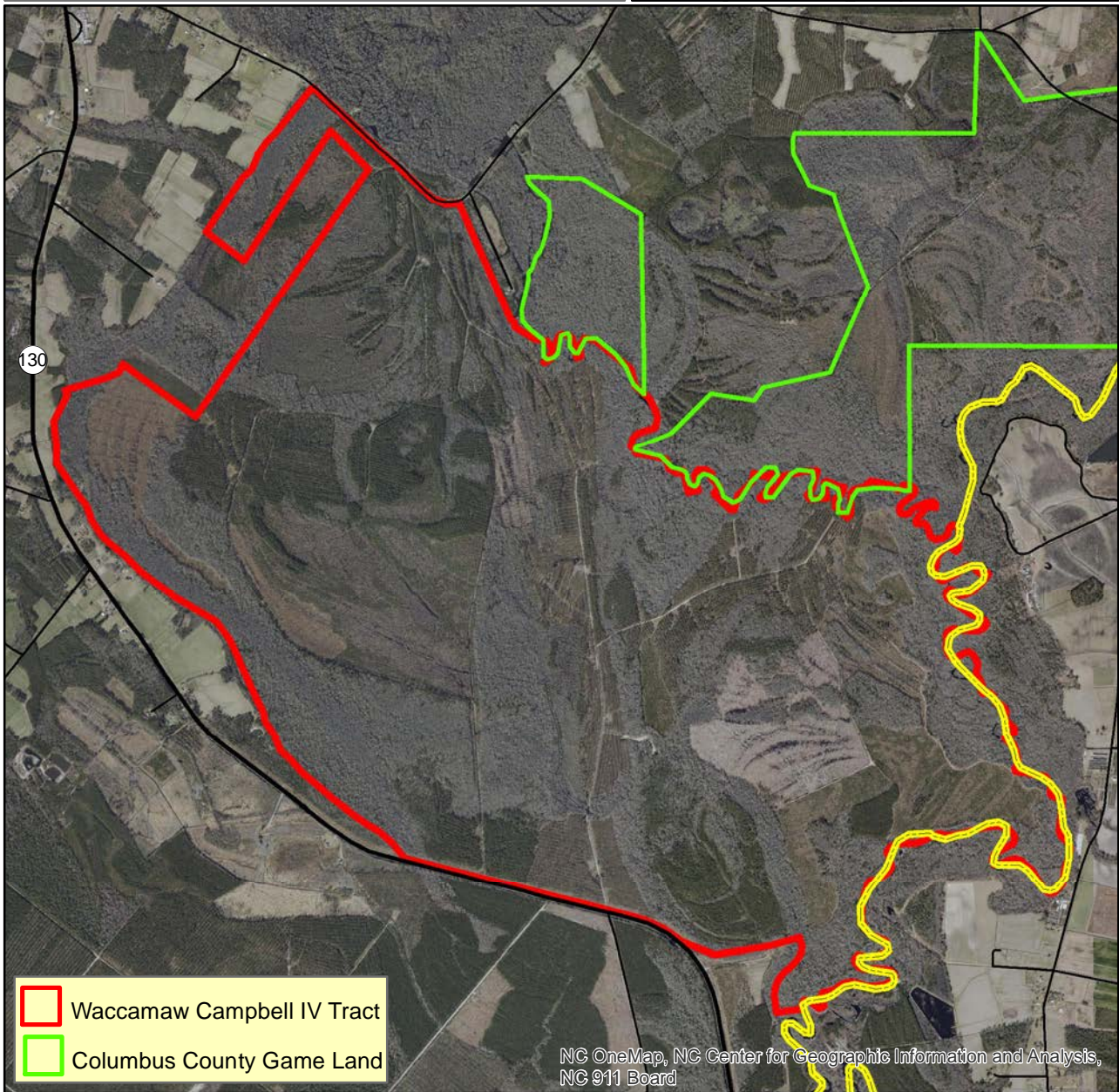
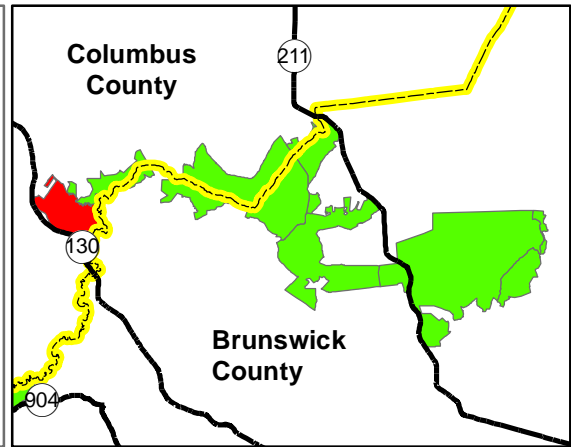
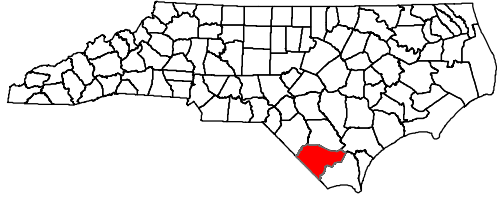
**Waccamaw Campbell Tract
Columbus County GL
Columbus County
3,000 Acres**



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**Waccamaw Campbell IV Tract
Columbus County GL
Columbus County
3,000 Acres**



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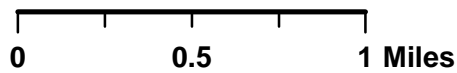


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August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): August 27, 2015

Tract: Ashley Tract; Bladen County, 33.4 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Accept donation of the property from the landowner

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Date of Appraisal: NA

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$1,800
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	\$0

Additional Comments: NA

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Ashley Tract

Acreage: 33.4 (calculated from GIS)

County: Bladen

Pin Number: 038800498535

Estimated Value: NA – offers as a donation

Property Owner or Representative: Maitland Scott Ashley and Cecil Rhodes Ashley

Phone: (Scott): 843-685-7273 Email: scottashley@gmail.com

Address: 2133 Merida Court, Orlando, FL 32822 (Cecil Ashley)

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF OTHER (explain): Donation

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Ashley Tract is located in Bladen County adjacent to Suggs Mill Pond Game Land near the community of White Oak, NC. The property borders Live Oak Methodist Church Road to the west and Suggs Mill Pond Game Land to the east, respectively. The tract falls within the NHP Bladen Lakes Macrosite and lies close the Horseshoe Lakes (Suggs Mill Pond) and Marshy Bay site which is nationally significant. Although the tract is not part of the NHP site, it contains similar species observed within the NHP site and may have been omitted at the time the NHP sites were identified because it was in private ownership.

Specifically, the tract supports a narrow sand rim of a Carolina bay that contains several oak species and loblolly pine. The bay portion of the tract is composed of scattered large loblolly pines, pond pine and evergreen shrubs and vines typical of that habitat community.

The tract supports NCWRC Wildlife Action Plan Priority habitats and species and will provide valuable habitat for reptiles, amphibians, neo-tropical migrants, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, black bear, small game, and furbearers. This property lies adjacent to Suggs Mill Pond Bear Sanctuary which supports an established black bear population. It is recommended that this tract be incorporated into the Bear Sanctuary Program.

Access to the property is via a state road (Live Oak Methodist Church Road) which borders the tract to the west.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Ashley Tract's scored an 8 out of 10 (1- low-10 high values) on the Biodiversity Index. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function, and connectivity.

Additional Comments: TNC has been in contact with the owners and is willing to handle the donation if needed; however they suggest that the State handle this transaction directly. The owners want to complete this donation by 12/31/2015. Acquisition of the tract will simplify game land boundary maintenance and identification by extending the boundary to a state road where it will be visible.

Program Potential: Game Land (Suggs Mill Pond GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Suggs Mill Pond GL) Ashley Tract (Bladen County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

Ashley Tract

5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

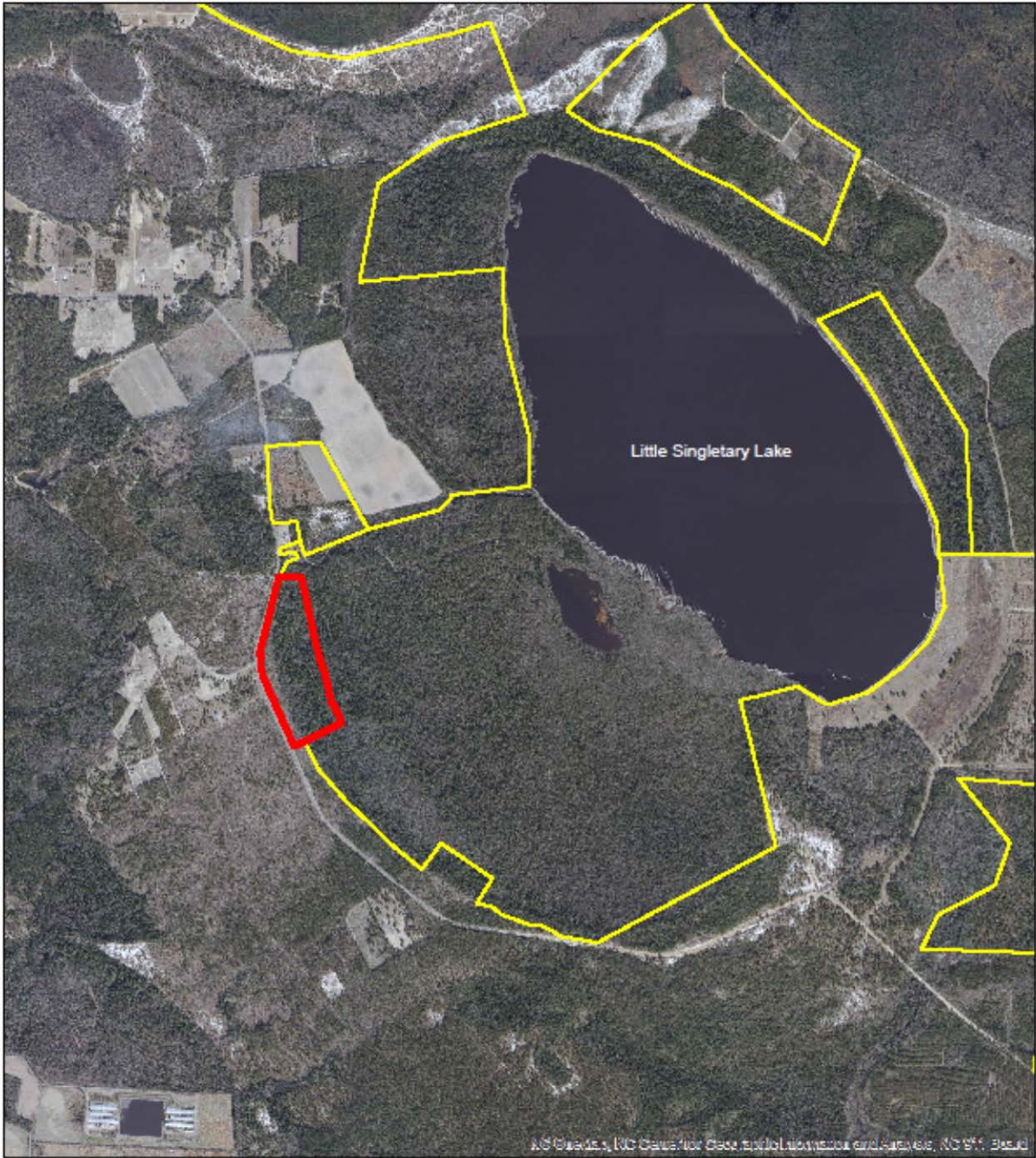
Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total (5-yrs)
Boundary Establishment – yr. 1	0.9	mi	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,350
Boundary Maintenance- yr. 4	0.9	mi	\$ 500	\$ 450
			Total	\$ 1,800

5-Year Anticipated Revenue

	Value	Total
None		


Priority species associated with coastal plain pocosin habitat:

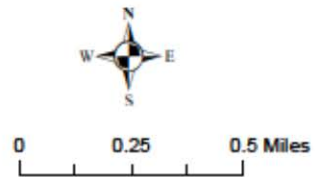
Group	Scientific Name	Common Name	State Status (Federal Status)
Birds	<i>Colaptes auratus</i>	Northern Flicker	
	<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler	
	<i>Dendroica virens waynei</i>	Wayne's Black-throated Green Warbler	
	<i>Helmintheros vermivorous</i>	Worm-eating Warbler	
	<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler	
	<i>Melanerpes erythrocephalus</i>	Red-headed Woodpecker	
	<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E (E)
	<i>Wilsonia citrina</i>	Hooded Warbler	
Mammals	<i>Condylura cristata</i>	Star-nosed Mole	SC
	<i>Mustela frenata</i>	Long-tailed Weasel	
	<i>Peromyscus gossypinus</i>	Cotton Mouse	
	<i>Sylvilagus palustris</i>	Marsh Rabbit	
	<i>Synaptomys cooperi helaletes</i>	Southern Bog Lemming	SR
Amphibians	<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad	SR
	<i>Desmognathus auriculatus</i>	Southern Dusky Salamander	
	<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog	
	<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander	



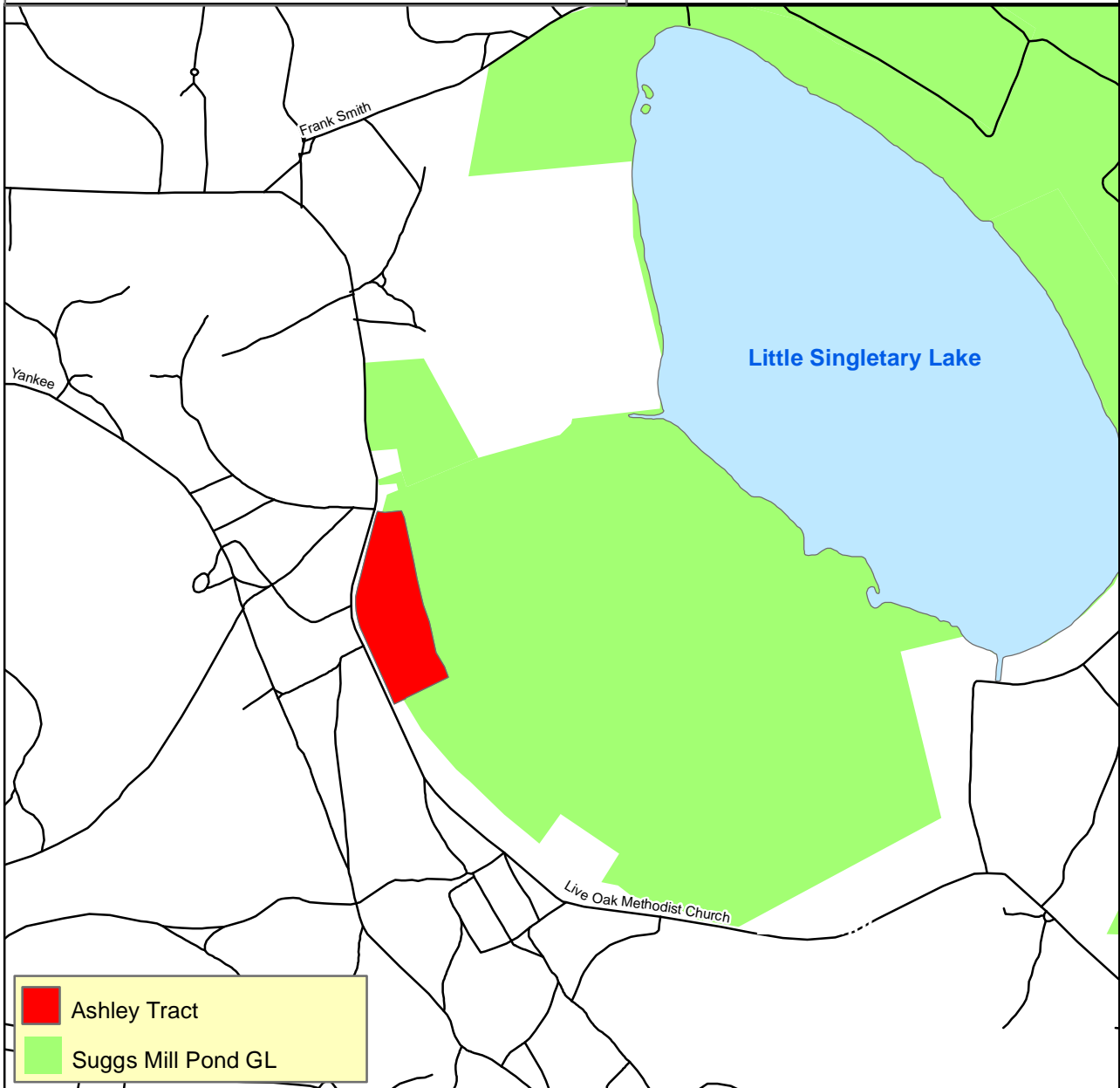
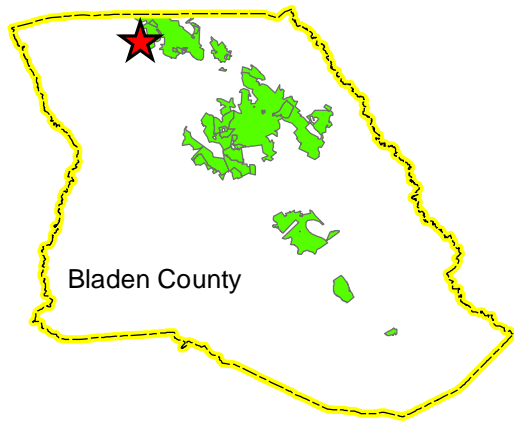
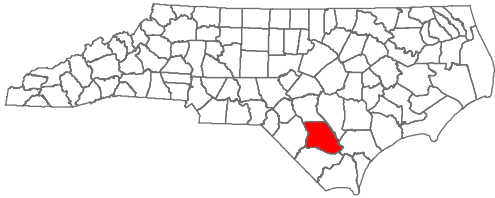
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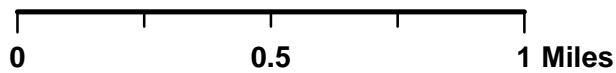
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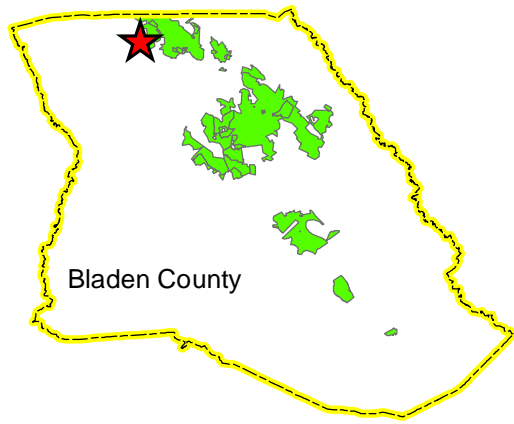
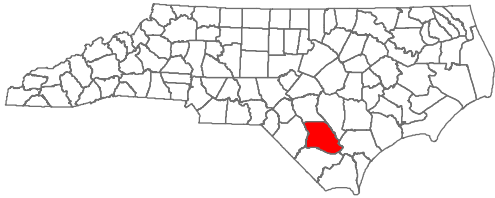
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33.4 Acres**



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**Ashley Tract
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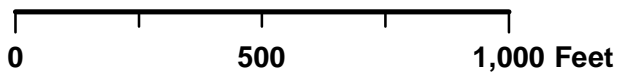


EXHIBIT I-2

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): March 5, 2015

Tract: Graves Addition Tract; Caswell County, 4.14 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant	\$ 18,180
WRC Funds	<u>\$ 6,060</u>
Total Cost:	<u>\$ 24,240 (\$ 5,855/Acre)</u>

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Claire Aufrance	May 22, 2015	\$ 23,000 (\$ 5,556/Acre)

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	35,000
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	NA

Additional Comments: NA

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Graves Addition Tract	Construct parking area to service 5 mile loop equestrian trail, with parking to accommodate trailers, gravel, drainage details, gates & kiosk	1	Ea.	\$35,000	\$35,000.00
Total					\$35,000.00
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Graves Addition Tract					\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Chris Dawes and Chris Baranski

Date First Presented to WRC: March 5, 2015

Tract Name: Graves Addition (PIN 0129 024)

Acreage: 4.14 acres

County: Caswell

Estimated Value: \$23,249.00 (\$5,616/acre) tax value

Property Owner or Representative: Earl A. Graves & Malcom G. Miles

Phone: Earl Graves (Home) 336-504-5727 & (Cell) 336-459-7695

Address: P.O. Box 122, Leasburg, NC 27291

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: NHTF CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman-Robertson Funding, WRC

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Graves Addition Tract is a strategic parcel for acquisition adjacent to the much larger (204.5 acres) Graves Tract that was purchased in 2007 and incorporated into the R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land. The small tract (4.14 acres) does not provide much in the way of biological resources or ecosystem enhancement opportunities, but the location at the end of the state maintained road (Will Paylor Rd.) and proximity to existing game land makes this tract extremely valuable as a future location for improving user access.

The tract is composed of an abandoned yard (residence no longer present), a field in current agricultural production (tobacco and small grains), and a stand of middle-aged forest (successional old-field). The whole field is approximately 2.2 acres, though the very northern quarter acre is on another private parcel not for sale. The portion of the field that is known to be on this tract is approximately 1.8 acres. The forested portion of the tract is approximately 1.2 acres. Typical of the region, this area was likely cleared and in agricultural production 50 to 60 years ago. It is now dominated by Virginia pine, with scattered shortleaf pine, yellow poplar, red maple, sweet gum, and occasional sub-dominant oaks and hickories. The abandoned yard (approx. 1.12 acres) has

grown up into a thicket dominated by sapling trees, sumac, blackberries, Bradford pear, and other invasive herbaceous species. A mobile home formerly on the property has been removed within the last few years (2006-2008) and it is not known how long ago it was occupied. A ground water well and a septic tank system are still present.

On the southern portion of this tract, along the existing posted Game Land boundary, is an unimproved field/woods path that provides a western access to the adjoining Painter Property (approx. 644 acres) where there are other agricultural fields and significant timber acreage. This access would need to be designated as a formal road easement to the Painter Property.

Additional Comments: The Draft R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land Management Plan identifies increased public access as a significant need, particularly for equestrian activities. In the Management Plan, additional riding opportunities on designated roads and improved parking accommodations for horse trailers were requested in all public input forums. As a result, staff plans to improve roads open for horseback riding and build new parking facilities for large trailered vehicles on two areas of the RWB-Caswell Game Land. One of these areas involves a trailhead at the dead end of the Will Paylor Road, where the original Graves tract and the current Graves tract addition are located. The trail will extend from this location south to what is known as the 'Upland Depressions' off of Ridgeville Road. Road improvements and additional designated linkages built will provide a five mile round trip ride for horseback enthusiasts. The construction and improvement of these designated equestrian roads are currently hindered by the lack of good access and parking on the Will Paylor Road side of North Frogsboro. If the Graves tract addition is acquired, it will facilitate creating the planned horseback riding area. The ease of access and parking area construction on the Graves addition Tract will eliminate the need for extensive land clearing and grading on the existing Graves Tract, and will shorten the time duration necessary to complete this project. Hunters, wildlife viewers, and other game land users will also benefit greatly from this improved access.

Creating a horse-trailer parking area for the eventual establishment of a horseback riding trailhead for North Frogsboro will involve building a loop drive off the dead-end paved road. Entry/exit will include a portion of the original Graves tract and the new Graves tract addition. Expenses include road building and improvement, gravel, drainage details, gate and kiosk erection. Access and improvement investments are estimated at approximately \$50,000.

Program Potential: Game Land Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet): 18 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

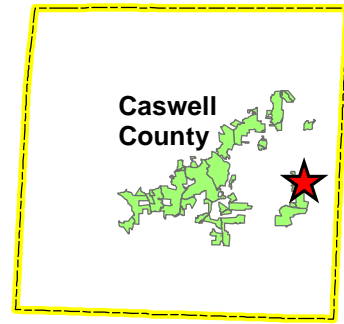
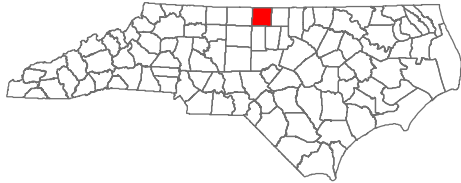
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
WORKSHEET
Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Caswell GL) Graves Tract Addition (Caswell County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent /1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>1</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>1</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>1</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new Game Land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new Game Land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>18</u>

Graves Tract Addition R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell GL Caswell County 4.14 Acres



-  Graves Tract Addition
-  Caswell Game Land (Original Graves Tract)

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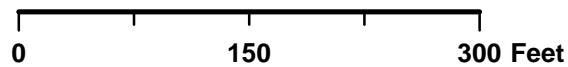


EXHIBIT I-3

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): August 27, 2015

Tract: Pioneer Tract; Brunswick & Columbus, 1,337 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Accept donation of the property from The Nature Conservancy

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Date of Appraisal: NA

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$93,000
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	\$12,000

Additional Comments: NA

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Tommy Hughes

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Pioneer Tract

Parcel ID: Brunswick County, 06100004
Columbus County, 80634

Acreage: 1,337

County: Brunswick and Columbus

Estimated Value: \$ 2,056,565 – offered as a donation.

Property Owner or Representative: Hervey McIver – The Nature Conservancy

Phone: (O) 919-794-4396 (C) 919-618-7886

Address: 334 Blackwell Street, Ste. 300, Durham, NC 27701

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF OTHER (explain): Donation

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) is purchasing this property with a North Carolina Clean Water Management Trust Fund grant and matching funds from other sources. If approved for acquisition, it will be donated to WRC and managed as an addition to Juniper Creek Game Land.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief):

The Pioneer Tract lies on Juniper Creek in both Brunswick and Columbus Counties. Protection of the Pioneer tract will complete conservation along the entire length of Juniper Creek, which is a major drainage in the Green Swamp Region of North Carolina. It lies in the center of the Waccamaw River - Green Swamp complex of significant natural aquatic and wetland habitats. The Pioneer Tract is upstream and directly adjacent to Juniper Creek Game Land which further connects to The Nature Conservancy's Green Swamp Preserve. Also adjacent to and immediately downstream from the Pioneer Tract is the Old Dock Tract of Columbus County Game Land and the Waccamaw River. The Pioneer Tract is a critical linkage that would connect nearly 38,000 acres of lands already protected in this biologically rich region.

The 1,337-acre Pioneer tract contains approximately 1,078 acres (81%) of wetlands as delineated by the National Wetlands Inventory. Most of the tract, totaling 1,257 acres (94%) is located within the 100-year floodplain. Approximately 195 acres to the north and south of the swampy floodplain represent higher uplands with either planted or young, naturally regenerating loblolly pines. These areas will be evaluated for eventual restoration into longleaf pine and managed with regular controlled burns.

Conservation of the Pioneer tract will protect three significant natural areas. The property lies completely within the exceptionally-rated Juniper Creek Floodplain natural area. According to the Natural Heritage Program database, the tract contains the imperiled dwarf salamander (*Eurycea quadridigitata*) and three natural community subtypes of blackwater bottomland hardwoods including the critically imperiled evergreen subtype. The creek itself, which braids across the tract with an estimated 98,000 feet of stream is part of the Juniper Creek/Driving Creek Aquatic Habitat natural area. The waters provide habitat for three rare fish; the state threatened Carolina pygmy sunfish (*Elassoma boehlkei*), blackbanded sunfish (*Enneacanthus chaetodon*) and banded sunfish (*E. obesus*). Finally, the project area lies 3 miles upstream from the exceptional Waccamaw River Aquatic Habitat natural area.

Based upon data found in the NC Conservation Planning Tool, the Pioneer tract's Biodiversity index has an estimated relative conservation value of 9-10 (1- low-10 high values). The entire property lies within a region that has the highest relative conservation value of 9-10. The Biodiversity/Wildlife Habitat Index prioritizes aquatic and terrestrial habitat, landscape function and connectivity. Areas that support this level of species richness should be targeted for protection.

Additional Comments: There is an easement across adjacent property to the north that will support administrative access to the tract. However, there is no evidence to indicate that the existing easement will support general public access. The possibility of public access will be explored with the adjacent landowner. Administrative-only access does not diminish the outstanding conservation values of the tract and this property remains an excellent acquisition irrespective of the outcome of efforts to obtain public access.

Program Potential: Game Land (Juniper Creek GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

Tract Name (Juniper Creek GL) Pioneer (Brunswick & Columbus County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u><u>30</u></u>

Pioneer Tract – Brunswick and Columbus Counties

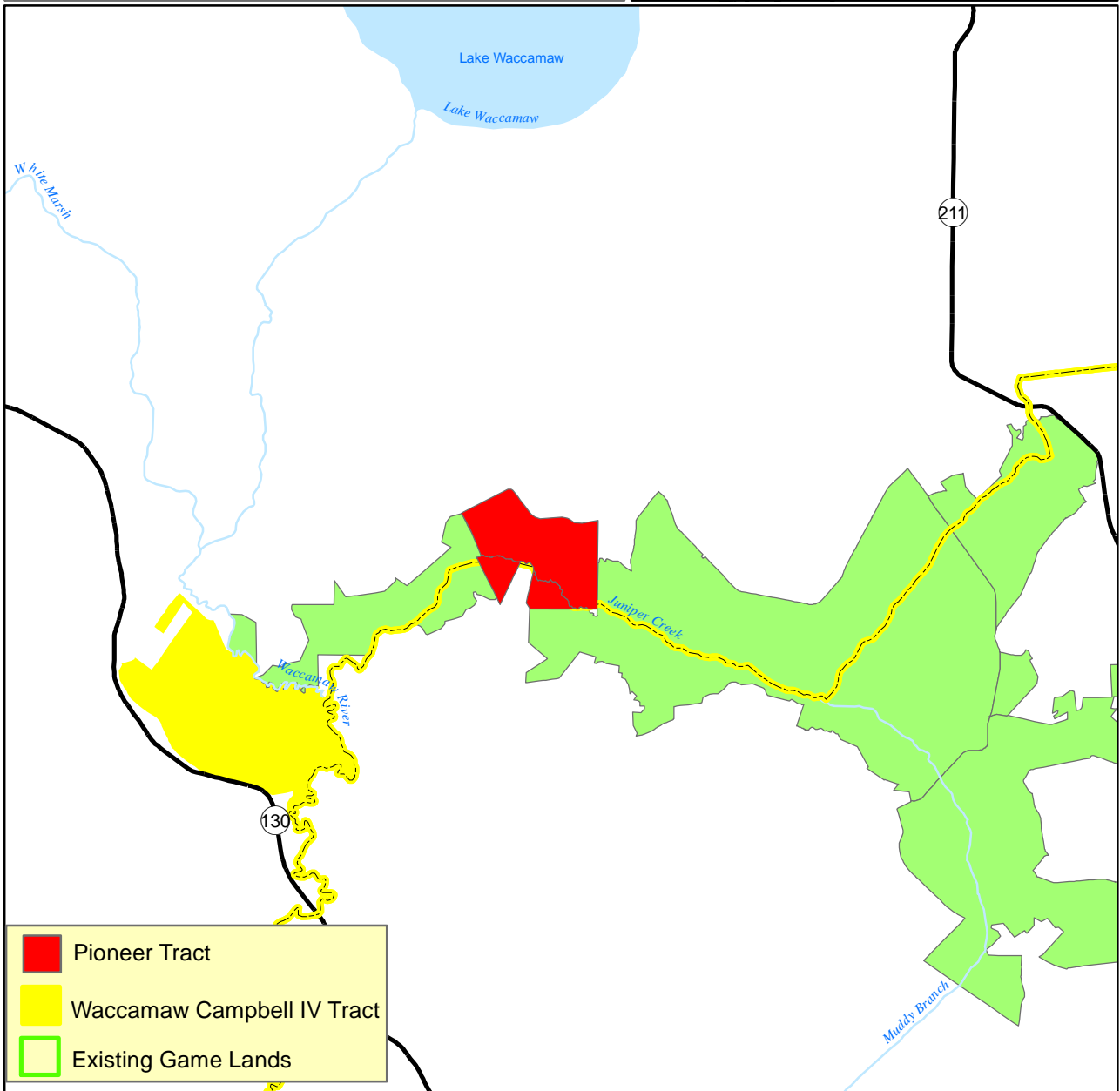
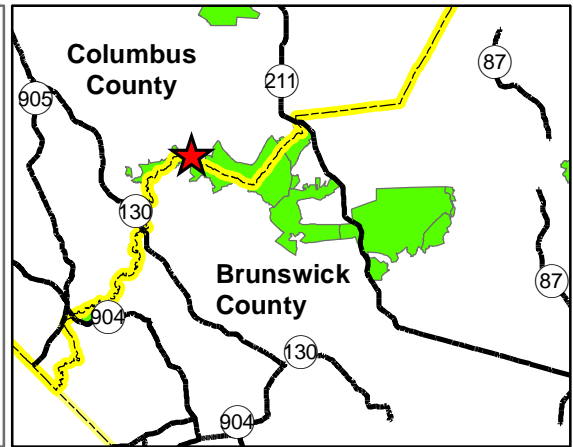
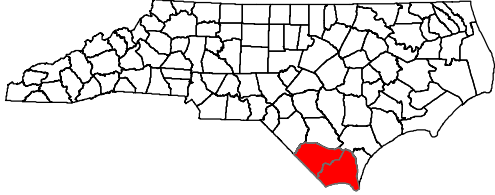
5- Year Estimated Stewardship Costs

Description	Quantity	Unit	Unit/Cost	Total	
Boundary Removal – yr 1	1.65	Mile	\$ 500.00	\$ 825.00	
Boundary Establishment – yr 1	5.7	Mile	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,550.00.00	
Boundary Maintenance – yr 4	5.7	Mile	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 8,550.00.00	
Maintain Roads/Trail – yrs 1-5	5.2	Mile	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 65,000.00	
Establish Gate – yr 1	9	Each	\$ 750.00	\$ 6,750.00	
Maintain Gate – yr 2-5	9	Each	\$ 100.00	\$ 900.00	
Seed/Maintain Wildlife Openings – yrs 1-5	2	Acre	\$ 175.00	\$ 1,400.00	
Prescribed Burning – yr 4	30	Acre	\$ 30.00	\$ 900.00	
Maintain Firebreak – yr 4	0.9	Mile	\$ 525.00	\$ 472.50	
			Total	\$ 93,297.50	
5-Year Anticipated Revenue					
Commercial Thinning of Loblolly Pines	30	Acre	\$400.00	\$ 12,000.00	
			Total	\$ 12,000.00	

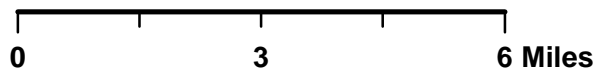
PIONEER TRACT - PRIORITY SPECIES AND HABITATS

	HABITATS			State Status (Federal Status)
	Floodplain Forest	Early Successional	Dry Coniferous Woodlands (Plantation)	
BIRDS				
Anhinga	X			SR
Bachman's Sparrow		X	X	SC
Brown-headed Nuthatch			X	
Chimney Swift	X			
Common Nighthawk		X	X	
Cooper's Hawk			X	SC
Chuck-will's-widow		X	X	
Eastern Kingbird		X		
Eastern Meadowlark		X		
Eastern Painted Bunting		X		
Eastern Wood-pewee	X		X	
Hairy Woodpecker	X			
Henslow's Sparrow		X		SR
Hooded Warbler	X			
Loggerhead Shrike		X		SC
Northern Bobwhite		X	X	
Northern Flicker			X	
Orchard Oriole		X		
Prairie Warbler		X		
Red-cockaded Woodpecker			X	E (E)
Red-headed Woodpecker	X		X	
Swainson's Warbler	X			
Wayne's Black-throated Green Warbler	X			
Wood Thrush	X			
Whip-poor-will		X	X	
Worm-eating Warbler	X		X	
Yellow-billed Cuckoo	X			
Yellow-crowned Night-heron	X			
MAMMALS				
Cotton Mouse	X			
Eastern Mole		X		
Least Shrew		X		
Long-tailed Weasel		X		
Northern Yellow Bat	X			SR
Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat	X			T
Star-nosed Mole	X	X		SC
AMPHIBIANS				
Dwarf Salamander	X			SC
Eastern Spadefoot	X			
Mabee's Salamander	X			SR
Marbled Salamander	X			
Southern Dusky Salamander	X			
REPTILES				
Broad-headed Skink	X			
Common Ribbonsnake	X			
Corn Snake	X			
Eastern Box Turtle	X	X		
Eastern Coachwhip		X		SR
Eastern Diamond-backed Rattlesnake		X		E
Eastern Hog-nosed Snake			X	
Eastern Kingsnake	X	X		
Eastern Slender Glass Lizard		X		
Mole Kingsnake		X		
Northern Pinesnake		X		SC
Pigmy Rattlesnake			X	SC
Southeastern Crowned Snake			X	
Spotted Turtle	X			
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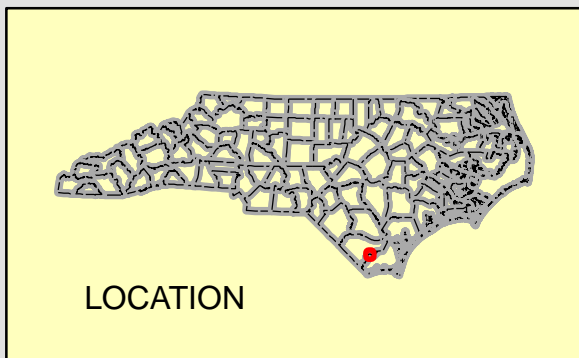
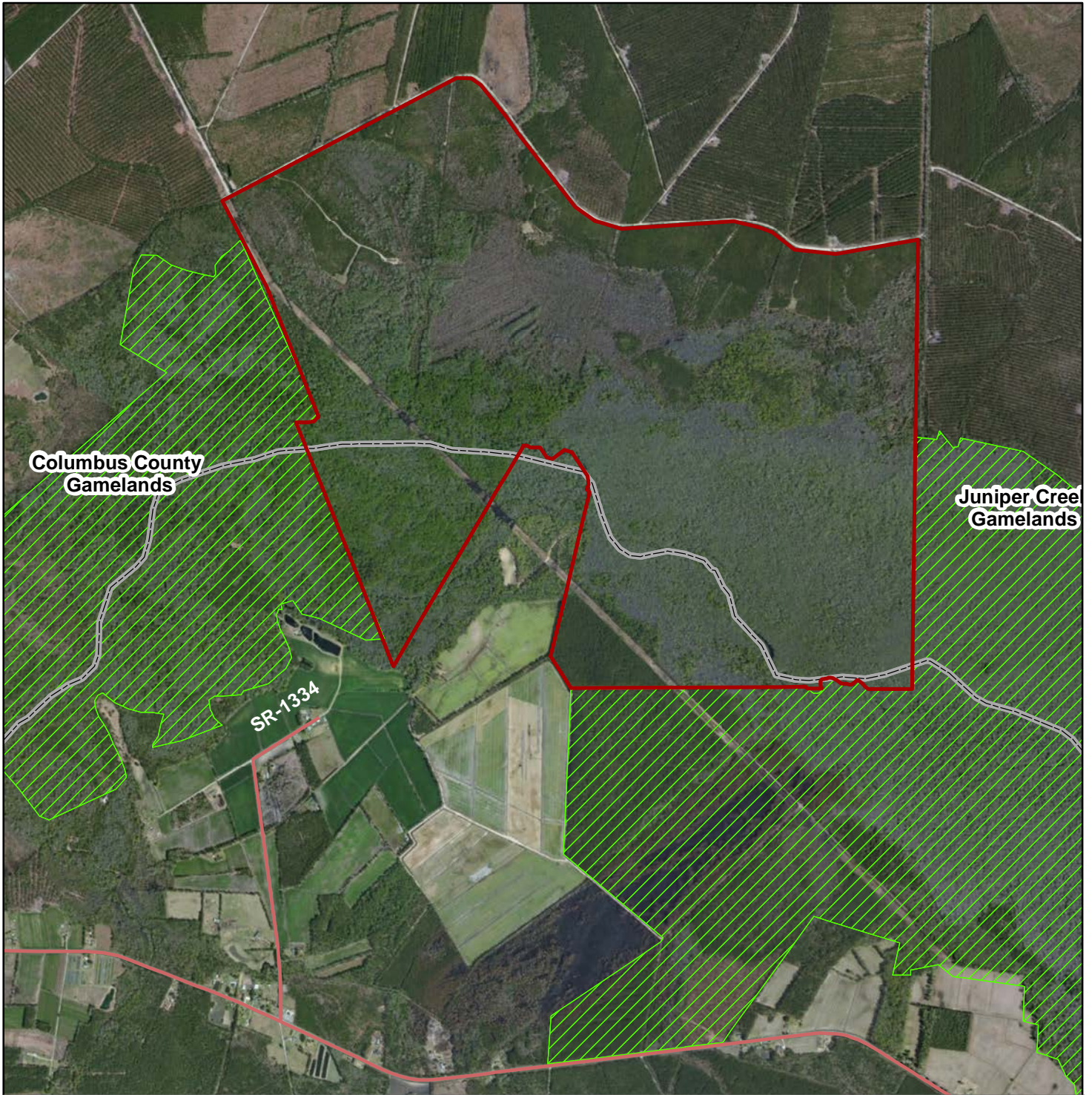
Pioneer Tract Juniper Creek GL Brunswick & Columbus County 1,337 Acres



August 7, 2015



Basic Aerial: Juniper Creek, Pioneer Tract, Columbus and Brunswick County



- Roads
- ▭ Pioneer Tract
- Managed Lands**
- ▨ State

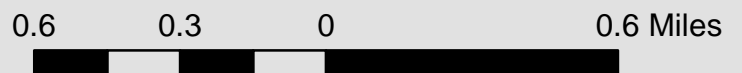


EXHIBIT I-4

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): August 28, 2014

Tract: Sheepback Mountain Tract; Haywood County, 561 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant \$ 480,000

Total Cost: \$ 480,000 (\$ 855/Acre)

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
TCF	Unknown	Unknown	\$ 2,695,000 (\$ 4,800/Acre)

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$ 255,000
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	NA

Additional Comments: NA

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Sheepback Mountain	Boundary Establishment	6.5	mi.	\$810	\$ 5,265
	Enhance & maintain access road	2.0	mi.	\$25,000	\$ 200,000
	Create & maintain early successional habitats	+/-10	ac.	\$5,000	\$50,000
Total					\$ 255,265.00
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Sheepback Mountain	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Gordon Warburton/David Stewart

Date First Presented to WRC: August 28, 2014

Tract Name: Sheepback Mountain Tract (PIN 7677-48-0748)

Acreage: 561

County: Haywood

Estimated Value: \$2,636,000 (asking price)

The Conservation Fund (TCF) has applied for a CWMTF grant for \$1,577,000 of the purchase cost. Private funds have been or will be secured by TCF for the balance not covered by the CWMTF grant. If the CWMTF is successful, TCF desires to transfer the CWMTF application to WRC.

Property Owner or Representative: Joe Kelleher

Phone: (336) 420-3388

Address: Legacy Land Bank, PO Box 4771, Greensboro, NC 27410

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: Clean Water Management Trust Fund

OTHER (explain): TCF

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Acquisition of this property is significant as part of the total management project being carried out in the mountain Eco region. The Sheepback Mountain tract would be a significant part of the effort to protect, conserve, and manage properties in the Maggie Valley area. WRC ownership of the Sheepback tract will increase conservation ownership of properties in the immediate area such as the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Blue Ridge Parkway, Pisgah and Nantahala National Forests, Cherokee Indian Reservation, and Conservancy lands and various private holdings that are in conservation ownership or have conservation easements in the vicinity. In a broader sense, WRC ownership of the tract will help ensure ecosystem integrity at the landscape level by increasing connectivity of lands in conservation ownership.

The property is bordered to the north by the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and is recognized by the NC Natural Heritage Program as a significant natural heritage area (Sheepback Knob). Significant community types include Northern Hardwood Forest, which is identified in the NC Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) as a priority habitat type. Dominate tree species include yellow birch, American beech, yellow buckeye, and sugar maple. Boulderfield Forest, one of several ecological sub-types of the Northern

Hardwood Forest community type, is also present. There is a significant component of Red spruce in the canopy at the higher elevations, which is also part of a WAP priority habitat type (Red Spruce-Fraser Fir Forest). Priority species include numerous special concern, significantly rare, and threatened birds, mammals and amphibians.

Management objectives will include protecting, maintaining and/or restoring priority wildlife habitats, and providing public opportunities for hunting and other outdoor recreational activities. There is a small man-made pond and associated bog in a location that offers some potential for creating and maintaining high elevation early successional habitats. Management directed at facilitating regeneration of Red-spruce would also be a primary management focus. Public recreational opportunities may include hunting, hiking, bird watching, photography, and general nature study. Educational opportunities may exist as priority wildlife habitats are managed for or maintained. Common wildlife species found on the tract include wild turkey, black bear, white-tailed deer, gray squirrel, ruffed grouse as well as various songbirds, salamanders, and small mammals.

Additional Comments: The Sheepback Mountain tract is located in close proximity to the Silvers tract, which has been previously discussed as a potential acquisition with a stated objective of developing and maintain grazing habitat for elk. While the Sheepback Mountain tract offers some potential for attracting elk, that potential is limited. However, the tract would certainly complement the Silvers tract by adding to WRC's ownership in the area and may potentially play a critical role in providing future public access to Silvers if the tracts can be connected through acquisitions of smaller interim tracts.

Program Potential: Game Land (New) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

27 of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

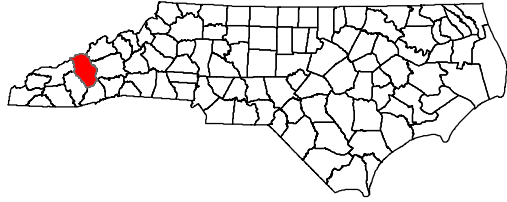
Tract Name Sheepback Mountain Tract – Haywood County

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>4</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>4</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>Yes</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>27</u>

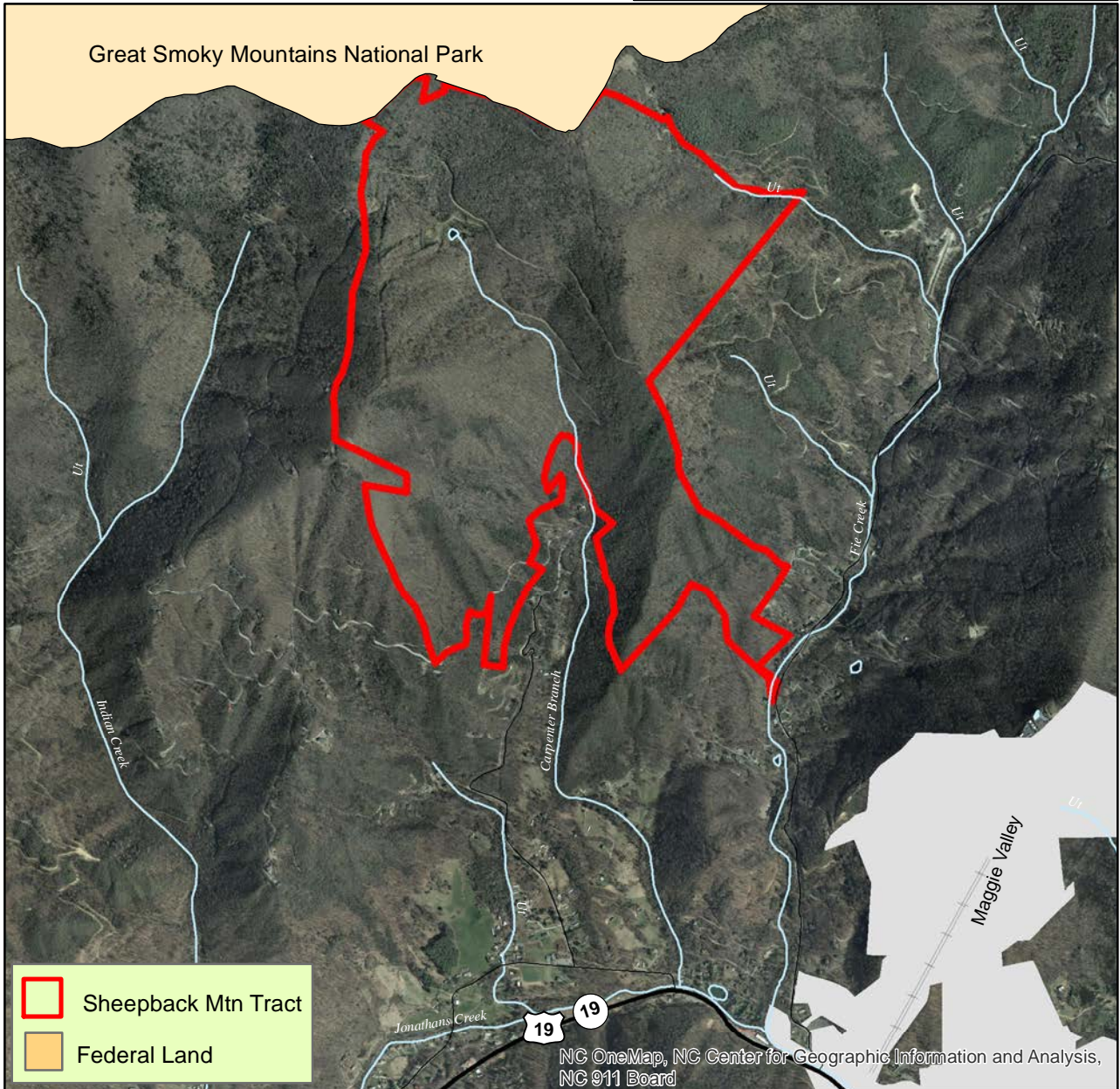
Sheepback Mountain Tract (Haywood County) - Priority Species



SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Plethodon ventralis</i>	Southern Zigzag Salamander		SC
<i>Desmognathus imitator</i>	Imitator Salamander		
<i>Desmognathus santeetlah</i>	Santeetlah Dusky Salamander		SR
<i>Desmognathus wrighti</i>	Pygmy Salamander		SR
<i>Hemidactylium scutatum</i>	Four-toed Salamander		SC
<i>Necturus maculosus</i>	Mudpuppy		SC
<i>Cryptobranchus alleganiensis</i>	Hellbender		SC
BIRDS			
<i>Accipiter striatus</i>	Sharp-shinned Hawk		SR
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Falco peregrinus</i>	Peregrine Falcon		E
<i>Coccyzus erythrophthalmus</i>	Black-billed Cuckoo		SR
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Sphyrapicus varius</i>	Yellow-bellied Sapsucker		
<i>Empidonax alnorum</i>	Alder Flycatcher		SR
<i>Empidonax minimus</i>	Least Flycatcher		
<i>Corvus corax</i>	Common Raven		
<i>Sitta canadensis</i>	Red-breasted Nuthatch		
<i>Certhia americana</i>	Brown Creeper		SC
<i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Winter Wren		
<i>Regulus satrapa</i>	Golden-crowned Kinglet		
<i>Vermivora chrysoptera</i>	Golden-winged Warbler		SC
<i>Dendroica cerulea</i>	Cerulean Warbler		SC
<i>Limnothlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Icterus galbula</i>	Baltimore Oriole		
MAMMALS			
<i>Sorex dispar</i>	Long-tailed Shrew		SC
<i>Sorex hoyi</i>	Pygmy Shrew		
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Lasiurus cinereus</i>	Hoary Bat		
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Myotis septentrionalis</i>	Northern Myotis		
<i>Myotis leibii</i>	Eastern Small-footed Myotis		SC
<i>Sylvilagus obscurus</i>	Appalachian Cottontail		SR-G
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
<i>Mustela nivalis</i>	Least Weasel		SR-G
<i>Spilogale putorius</i>	Eastern Spotted Skunk		
REPTILES			
<i>Glyptemys muhlenbergii</i>	Bog Turtle	LT, SAT	T
<i>Apalone spinifera spinifera</i>	Eastern Spiny Softshell		SC
<i>Eumeces anthracinus</i>	Coal Skink		SR
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum triangulum</i>	Eastern Milk Snake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		

Sheepback Mountain Tract Haywood County 561 Acres



Great Smoky Mountains National Park



-  Sheepback Mtn Tract
-  Federal Land

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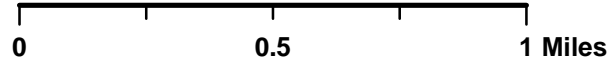


EXHIBIT I-5

August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): May 21, 2015

Tract: Stolting Tract; Richmond County, 20 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

WRC Funds \$ 32,000

Total Cost: \$ 32,000 (\$1,600/Acre)

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser:

Requested by:	Appraiser	Effective Date	Appraised Value
WRC	Keith McDonald	7/16/15	\$ 32,000 (\$ 1,600/Acre)

Date of Appraisal: See above.

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures: \$:

Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue: \$:

Additional Comments: NA

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP						
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures						
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost	
Stolting	Boundary Establishment	0.6	mi.	\$135	\$ 81	
	Prescribe Burn	40	ac.	\$30	\$1,200	
Total					\$ 1,281.00	
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

REVENUE						
Estimated Revenue Projections						
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue	
Stolting	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$	-
Total					\$	-
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>						

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Brooke Massa/Kacy Cook

Date First Presented to WRC: May 21, 2015

Tract Name: Stolting Tract
(PIN 749900605363)

Acreage: 20 acres

County: Richmond

Estimated Value: \$ 60,000 (asking price)

Property Owner or Representative: Roger and Ruth Stolting (owners)
Wildlife Habitat Realty c/o Joe McDonald

Address: 2010 McDonald Church Rd., Hoffman, NC 28347

Phone: (910) 281-5271

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Pittman Robertson Land Acquisition Grant, USFW Section 6 Endangered Species Grant, The Nature Conservancy, WRC funds

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): The Stolting property is a mature longleaf pine forest that has been managed with prescribed burning and provides good foraging habitat for red cockaded woodpeckers (RCWs). It is adjacent to active clusters and the property is currently under a Safe Harbor agreement. The property shares 1,288 feet of common boundary with Block A of Sandhills Game Lands and includes 1,700 feet of Paradise Creek. Game species include fox squirrel, bobwhite quail, deer and turkey. Priority habitats include a perennial stream and longleaf forest. Priority species likely to occur on the tract are identified in the attached table.

Additional Comments: The tract borders existing game land and is easily accessed by existing game lands and a state maintained road (Fire Tower Road).

Preliminary estimates of five-year stewardship expenditures are limited to initial marking and maintaining 3,150 feet of property boundary @ \$135/mile and prescribe burning 20 acres @ \$30/acre. Total estimate of five-year expenditures is \$ 1,280.

No short-term revenue is projected from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land (Sandhills GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

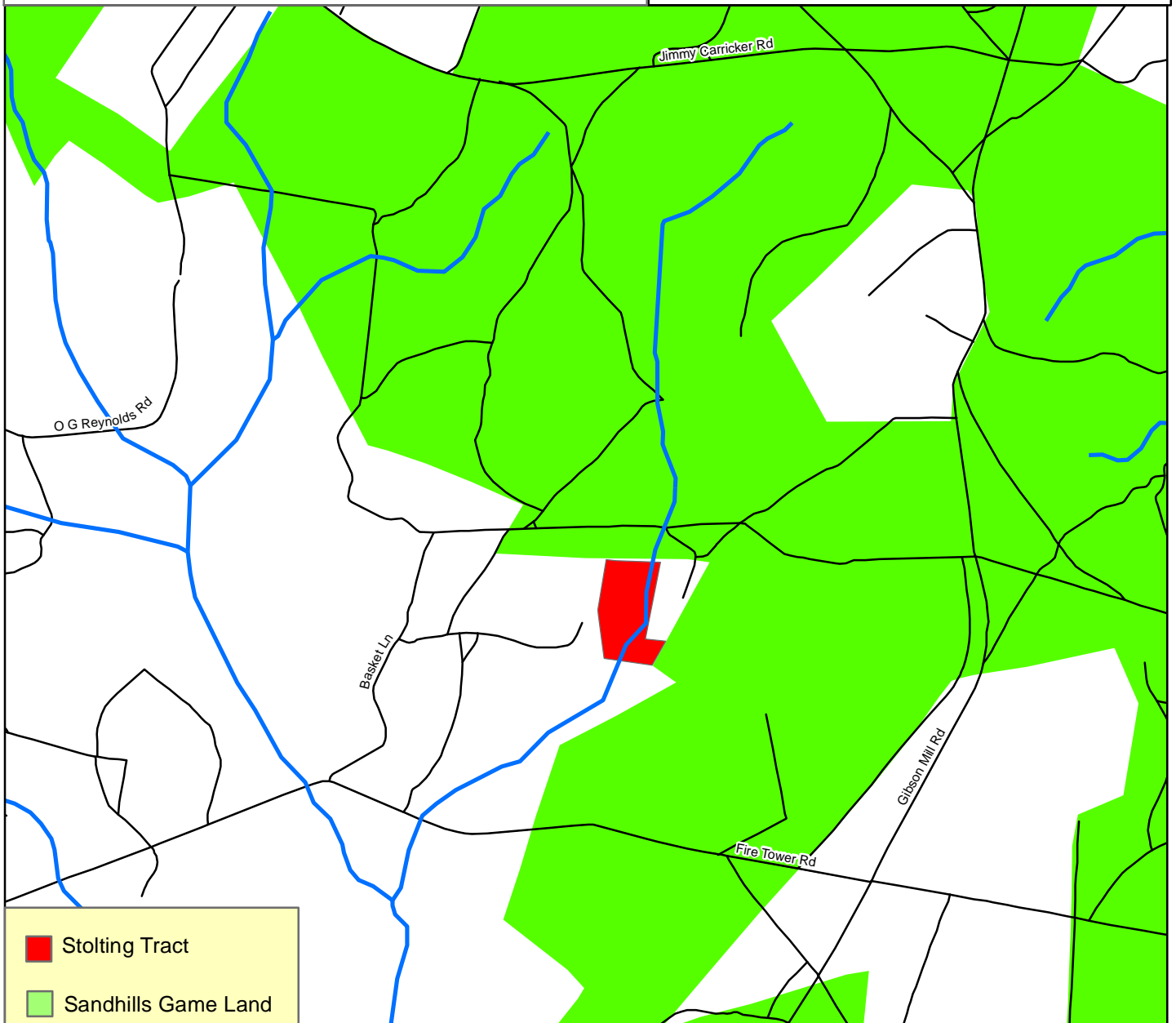
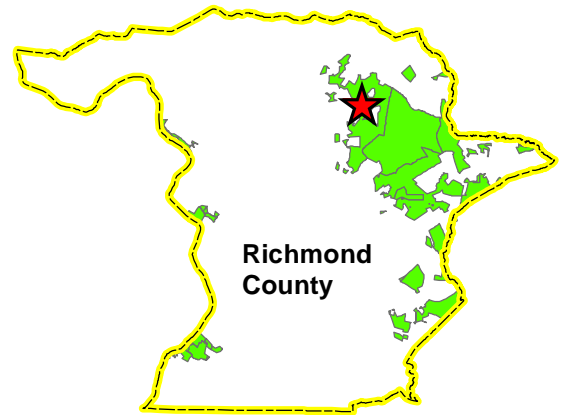
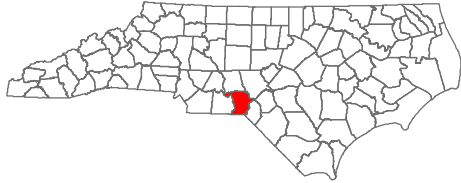
Tract Name (Sandhills GL) Stolting Tract (Richmond County)

Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>5</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
4. Serves as a wildlife corridor between areas already protected for conservation purposes and provides connectivity to priority Wildlife Action Plan habitats.	<u>5</u>
5. Augments land conservation efforts on a landscape scale by providing nuclei (“anchors”) for regional conservation efforts, corridors, key linkages between conservation areas, or keystone tracts.	<u>5</u>
6. Fills a need identified by the Wildlife Action Plan, such as critical, rare or unique habitats; natural heritage elements; or significant aquatic/terrestrial resources.	<u>5</u>
7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>NA</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>NA</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>30</u>

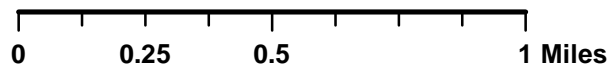
Stolting Tract (Richmond County) - Wildlife Action Plan Priority Species

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma tigrinum</i>	Tiger Salamander		T
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla andersonii</i>	Pine Barrens Treefrog		SR
<i>Rana capito</i>	Gopher Frog		T
BIRDS			
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	E	E
<i>Aimophila aestivalis</i>	Bachman's Sparrow		SC
MAMMALS			
<i>Lasiurus seminolus</i>	Seminole Bat		
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR
REPTILES			
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Heterodon simus</i>	Southern Hognose Snake		SC
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Masticophis flagellum</i>	Coachwhip		SR
<i>Pituophis melanoleucus melanoleucus</i>	Northern Pine Snake		SC
<i>Micrurus fulvius</i>	Eastern Coral Snake		E
<i>Sistrurus miliarius</i>	Pygmy Rattlesnake		SC

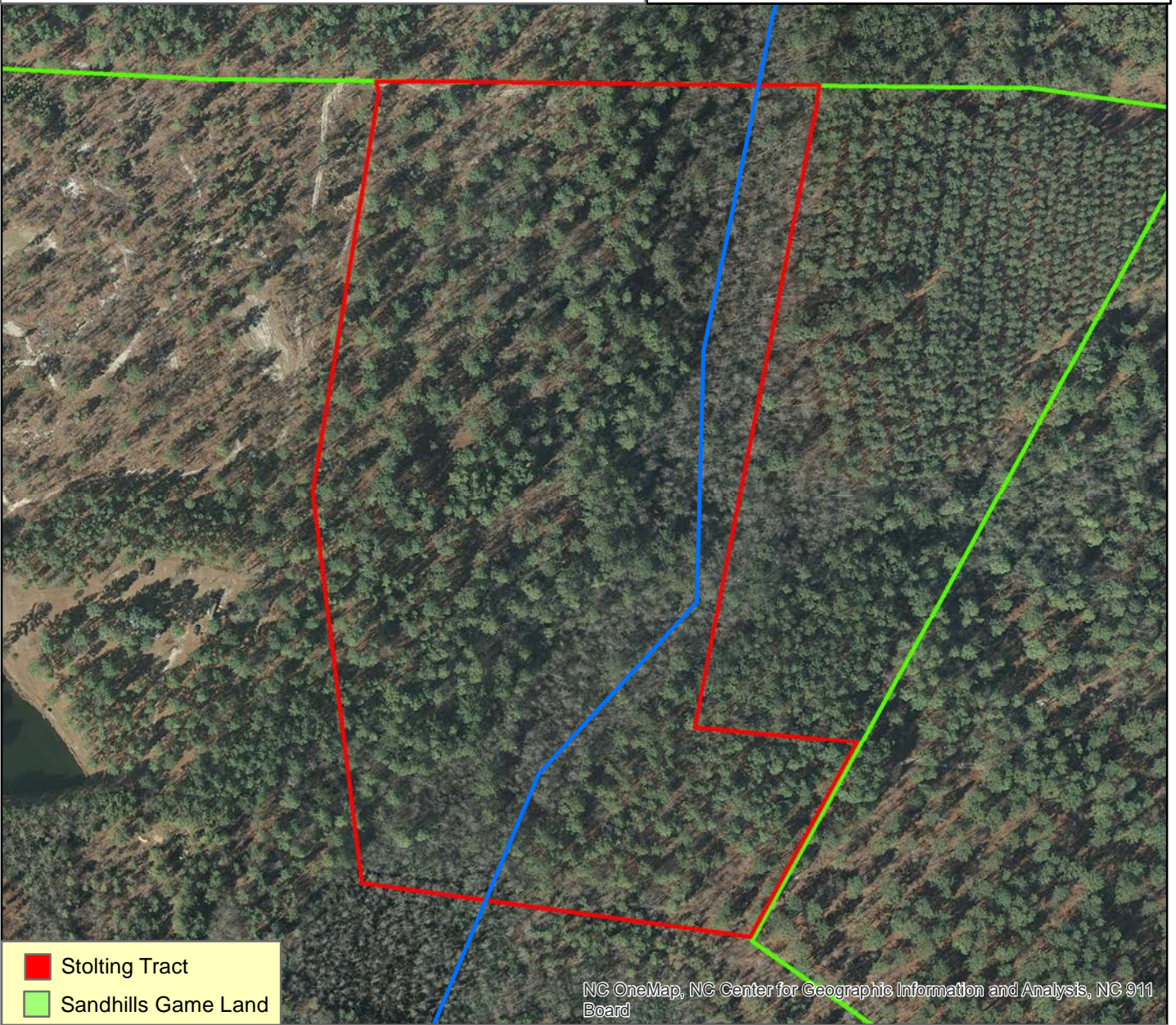
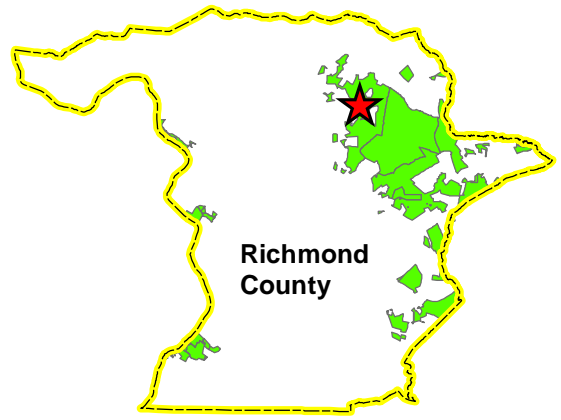
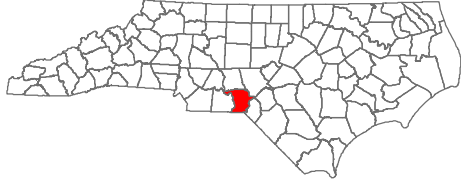
Stolting Tract Sandhills Game Land Richmond County 20 Acres




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**Stolting Tract
Sandhills Game Land
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20 Acres**



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-  Sandhills Game Land

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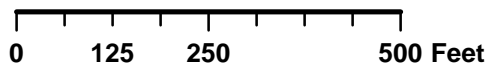


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August 27, 2015

North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission Land Acquisition Investigation Form

-PHASE II: FINAL ACQUISITION DETAILS-

WRC Action/Approval to Pursue (Date): March 10, 2011

Tract: Voice of America Site A Tract; Beaufort County, 2,822 Acres

Acquisition Plan (specify total project cost, each source, and amount of OBLIGATED funds):

Transaction will involve a no-cost transfer from federal to state ownership.

Based on Appraisal: Yes No NA

If Yes, Name of Appraiser: NA

Date of Appraisal: NA

Appraisal Handled by State Property Office: Yes No NA

Acquisition Plan Includes Bargain Sale: Yes No

If Yes, Explain Details:

Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates):

Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Five Year Stewardship Costs & Revenue Projection Evaluation (attach worksheet)

Five Year Estimate of Total Stewardship Expenditures:	\$:	\$ 527,500
Five Year Estimate of Total Projected Revenue:	\$:	NA

Additional Comments: NA

WORKSHEET
Five Year Stewardship Costs and Revenue Projections
(Five Years Post Acquisition)

STEWARDSHIP					
Estimated Stewardship Expenditures					
Tract Name	Activity	Quantity	Unit	Unit Cost	Total Cost
Voice of America Tract	Remove steel towers	160	ea.	\$1,500	\$ 240,000
	Remove wood distribution poles	150	ea.	\$175	\$ 262,500
	Establish boundary	8	mi.	\$500	\$4,000
	Prescribe burn	700	ac.	\$30	\$21,000
Total					\$ 527,500
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

REVENUE					
Estimated Revenue Projections					
Tract Name	Source	Quantity	Unit	Unit Revenue	Total Revenue
Voice of America Tract	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$ -
Total					\$ -
<i>Insert additional rows in table as needed</i>					

**North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Acquisition Investigation Form**

-PHASE I: INITIAL INVESTIGATION-

WRC Staff Contact: Isaac Harrold

Date First Presented to WRC: August 27, 2015

Tract Name: Voice of America Site A Tract

Acreage: 2,822

County: Beaufort

Estimated Value: NA – available for transfer at no cost

PIN: 02031167

Property Owner or Representative: John Barrett, Manager
Federal Lands to Parks Program

Phone: (404) 507-5689

Email: john_barrett@nps.gov

Address: U.S. Department of the Interior
National Park Service
100 Alabama Street, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30303

Status: High Interest Moderate Interest Low Interest No Interest

Grant Potential: CWMTF

OTHER (explain): Transfer at no cost.

Resources Assessment and Biological Benefits (brief): Voice of America (VOA), the official external broadcast institution of the US federal government, has identified a 2,822 acre former transmitting station in northwestern Beaufort County as surplus and has made the property available for transfer through the Federal Lands to Parks Program.

The VOA Site A tract is the largest early successional grassland habitat in the state and supports a number of rare plant and animal species. One species of particular interest is the Henslow's sparrow. This songbird is considered to be one of the most vulnerable nongame species found in eastern North America and is known to reliably breed at only two locations in the southeastern United States: Voice of America sites A and B. These populations have persisted due to the large size of the sites and the long-term control of woody vegetation through annual mowing. Henslow's sparrow is currently designated as a species of State Special Concern in North Carolina and has been approved by the NC Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee to be

elevated to State Threatened. It is also listed as endangered or threatened in 13 additional U.S. states.

Other priority nongame species present in high numbers include loggerhead shrike, grasshopper sparrow, northern harrier, American kestrel, field sparrow, eastern meadowlark, eastern kingbird, star-nosed mole, long-tailed weasel, mole kingsnake, eastern kingsnake and eastern coachwhip. Common game species include quail, rabbits, deer, bear and turkey.

If approved for acquisition, WRC will manage the site primarily through the use of prescribed fire, with a focus on maintaining the unique grassland habitat and increasing productivity of fire-dependent plant species. Hunting will be managed as permit only.

The entire VOA Site A tract has been identified by the NC Natural Heritage Program as a Significant Natural Heritage Area. The R rating for the tract is Very High and the C rating is listed as General. The R rating (Element Representational Rating) is designed to indicate a SNHA's potential to contribute to a collection of the best sites for each tracked element within the state. The C rating (Element Collective Rating) evaluates the conservation value of each SNHA based on the number and rarity of tracked elements present.

Additional Comments: The former office structure for the transmitting station, constructed in 1957, remains on the property and totals 49,300 sq. ft. Another +/- 5,000 sq. ft. is also represented in several other associated smaller structures. In addition to the buildings, the site also contains 40 transmitter antennas, 160 steel towers, concrete foundations, and approximately 1,500 wooden distribution poles.

Preliminary contacts indicate the cost of removing the towers to be approx. \$240,000, assuming the contractor retains and captures the value of the scrape steel. Removal of the wood distribution poles is estimated at \$262,500 (~\$175/pole).

The estimated cost to paint and sign 8 miles of boundary line @ \$500/mi. is \$4,000.

Prescribe burning the entire property on a 4-year rotation will cost approx. \$21,000/year (based on 700 ac/yr @ \$30/ac).

No short-term revenue is anticipated from the tract.

Program Potential: Game Land (New Permit-Only GL) Wildlife Conservation Area
 Fishing Access Area None

Potential Source(s) of Stewardship Funds (indicate federal:state match rates): Pittman-Robertson Federal Assistance Grant (75% federal: 25% state)

Relative Priority Evaluation Score (attach worksheet):

30 Of 30

Recommendation: Pursue Acquisition Defer Do not Pursue Acquisition

Map Attached: Yes No

WORKSHEET

Relative Priority Evaluation for Conservation Lands

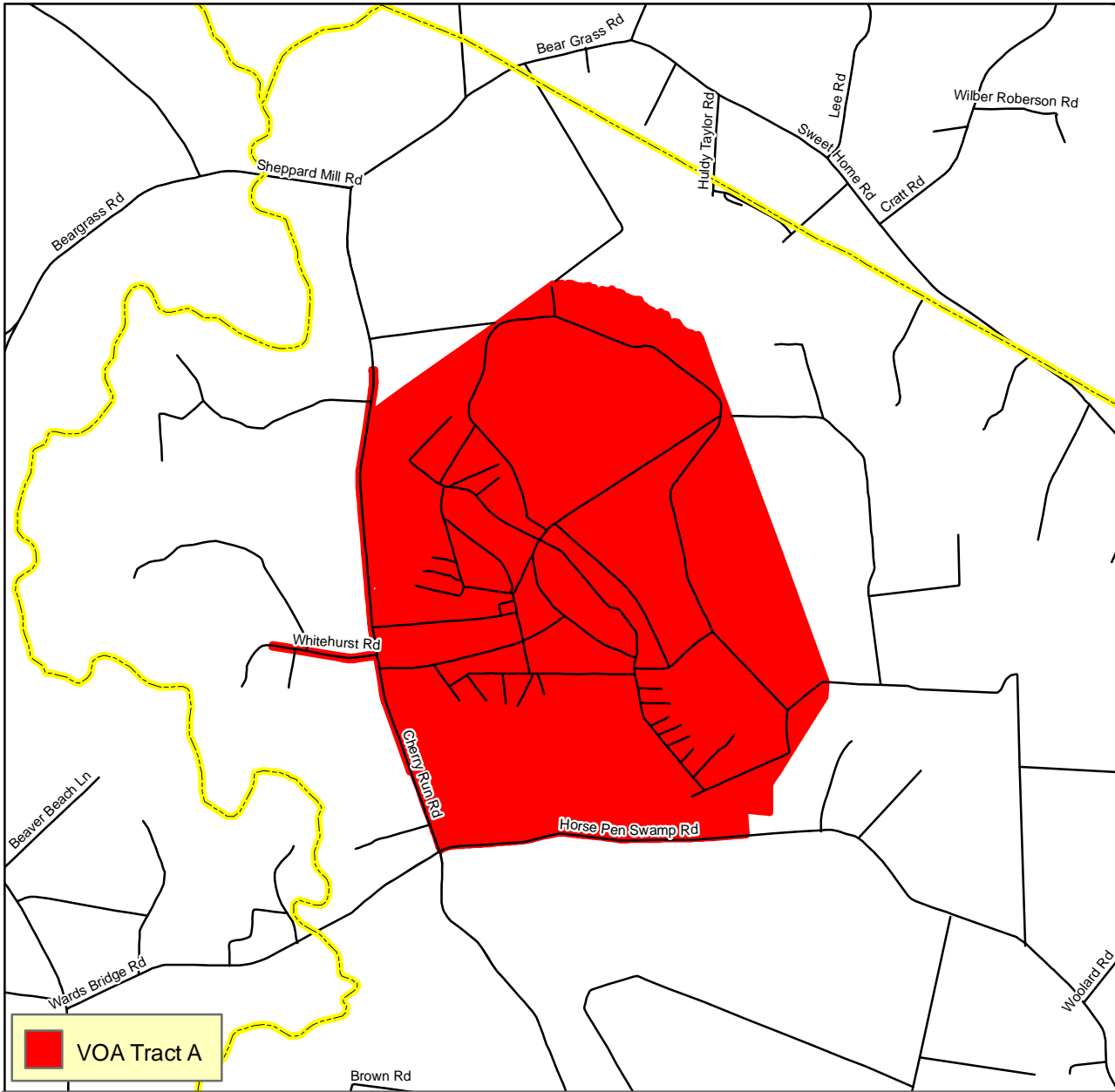
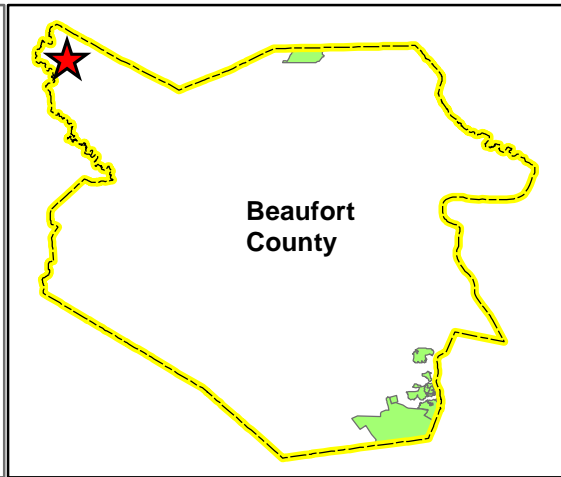
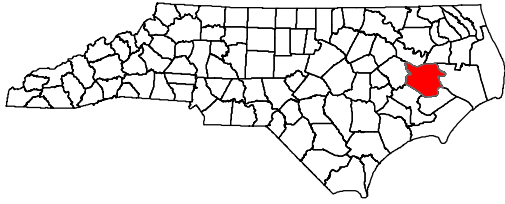
Tract Name Voice of America Site A Tract – Beaufort County


Criterion	Score (1-5) 5=Excellent 1=Poor
1. Augments existing protected lands by addressing an inholding or adjacent tract, provides key access, buffers or connects existing WRC-managed lands.	<u>4</u>
2. Represents good hunting, fishing, wildlife viewing, and other resource-based recreational opportunities.	<u>5</u>
3. No conflicting surrounding land uses.	<u>5</u>
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7. Is this an area in which we would like to establish a new game land, wildlife conservation area, or fishing access?	<u>Yes</u>
8. Is it large enough to be a new game land, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion (goal 3,000-5,000 acre minimum)?	<u>Yes</u>
9. Is area adequate for fishing access development with suitable parking, and if not, are there possibilities for expansion?	<u>NA</u>
TOTAL SCORE	<u>28</u>

Voice of America Site A Tract (Beaufort County) - Priority Species

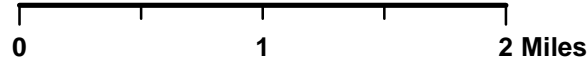
SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	FED LISTED	STATE LISTED
AMPHIBIANS			
scientific name	common name	Federally Listed	NC state listed
<i>Plethodon glutinosus</i>	Slimy Salamander		
<i>Eurycea chamberlaini</i>	Chamberlain's Dwarf Salamander		
<i>Eurycea quadridigitata</i>	Dwarf Salamander		SC
<i>Stereochilus marginatus</i>	Many-lined Salamander		
<i>Ambystoma mabeei</i>	Mabee's Salamander		SR
<i>Necturus lewisi</i>	Neuse River Waterdog		SC
<i>Siren intermedia</i>	Lesser Siren		
<i>Siren lacertina</i>	Greater Siren		
<i>Bufo quercicus</i>	Oak Toad		SR
<i>Hyla gratiosa</i>	Barking Treefrog		
<i>Pseudacris brimleyi</i>	Brimley's Chorus Frog		
<i>Pseudacris ornata</i>	Ornate Chorus Frog		SR
BIRDS			
<i>Branta bernicla</i>	Brant		
<i>Anas strepera</i>	Gadwall		
<i>Anas rubripes</i>	American Black Duck		
<i>Anas clypeata</i>	Northern Shoveler		
<i>Aythya valisineria</i>	Canvasback		
<i>Aythya americana</i>	Redhead		
<i>Aythya marila</i>	Greater Scaup		
<i>Bucephala clangula</i>	Common Goldeneye		
<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>	Hooded Merganser		
<i>Mergus merganser</i>	Common Merganser		
<i>Podilymbus podiceps</i>	Pied-billed Grebe		
<i>Anhinga anhinga</i>	Anhinga		
<i>Ixobrychus exilis</i>	Least Bittern		SC
<i>Egretta caerulea</i>	Little Blue Heron		SC
<i>Nyctanassa violacea</i>	Yellow-crowned Night-Heron		
<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>	Bald Eagle		
<i>Accipiter cooperii</i>	Cooper's Hawk		
<i>Falco sparverius</i>	American Kestrel		
<i>Rallus elegans</i>	King Rail		
<i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Common Moorhen		
<i>Tyto alba</i>	Barn Owl		SR
<i>Picoides borealis</i>	Red-cockaded Woodpecker	LE	E
<i>Lanius ludovicianus</i>	Loggerhead Shrike		SC
<i>Vireo griseus</i>	White-eyed Vireo		
<i>Poliophtila caerulea</i>	Blue-gray Gnatcatcher		
<i>Dendroica discolor</i>	Prairie Warbler		
<i>Mniotilta varia</i>	Black-and-white Warbler		
<i>Limnithlypis swainsonii</i>	Swainson's Warbler		
<i>Seiurus aurocapilla</i>	Ovenbird		
<i>Ammodramus savannarum</i>	Grasshopper Sparrow		
<i>Ammodramus henslowii</i>	Henslow's Sparrow		SC
MAMMALS			
<i>Corynorhinus rafinesquii</i>	Rafinesque's Big-eared Bat		T
<i>Sciurus niger</i>	Eastern Fox Squirrel		SR-G
<i>Zapus hudsonius</i>	Meadow Jumping Mouse		
REPTILES			
<i>Clemmys guttata</i>	Spotted Turtle		
<i>Kinosternon baurii</i>	Striped Mud Turtle		
<i>Ophisaurus attenuatus</i>	Slender Glass Lizard		SR
<i>Cemophora coccinea</i>	Scarlet Snake		
<i>Farancia erytrogramma</i>	Rainbow Snake		
<i>Lampropeltis triangulum elapsoides</i>	Scarlet Kingsnake		
<i>Virginia valeriae</i>	Smooth Earth Snake		
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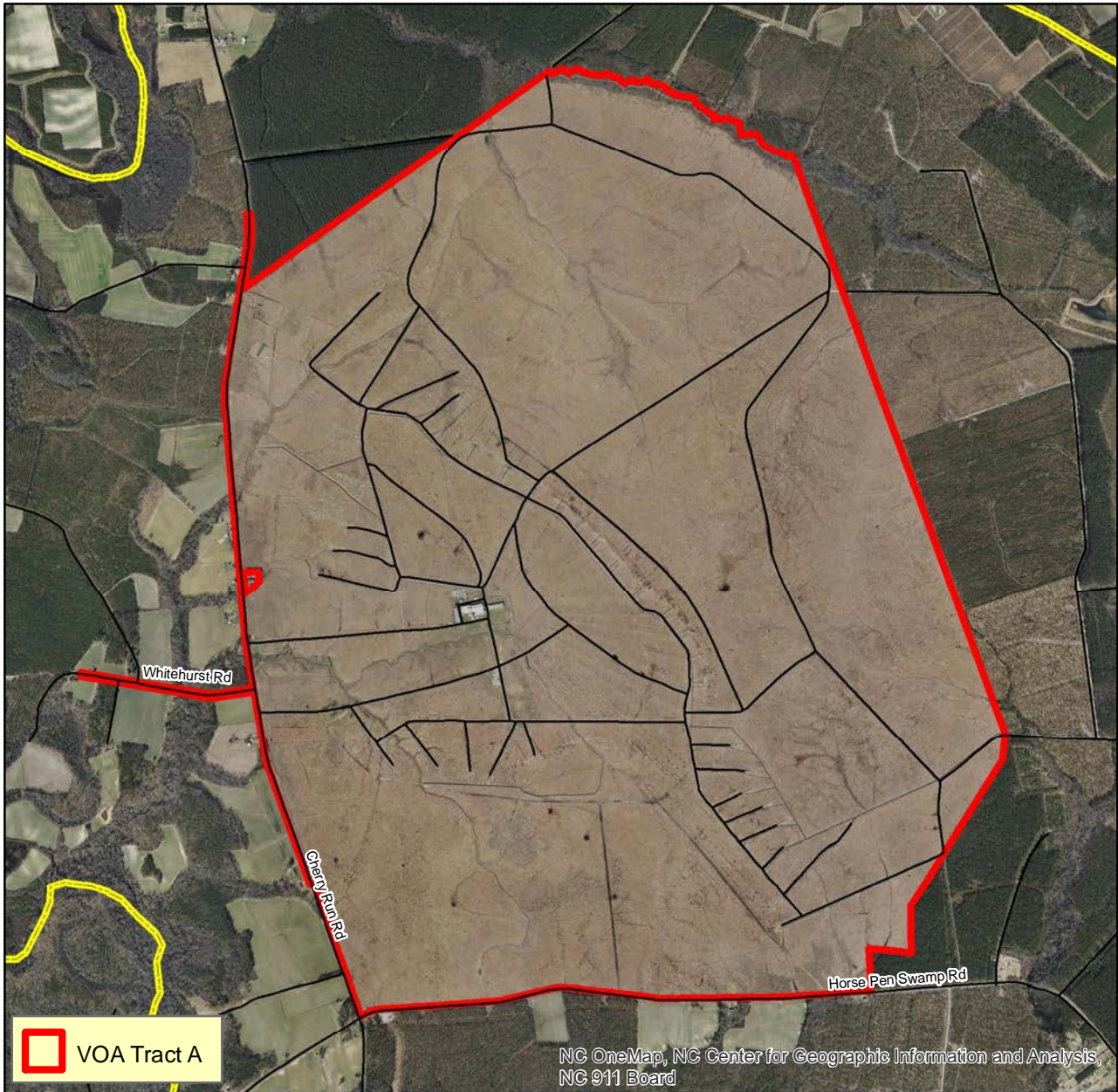
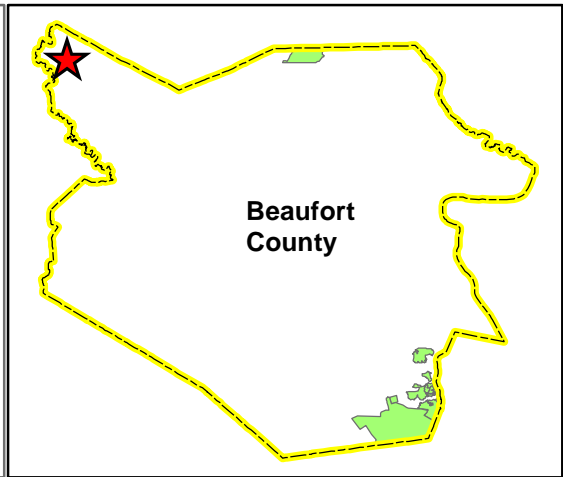


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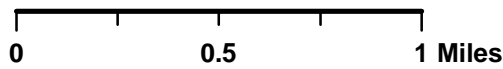


EXHIBIT J

August 27, 2015



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August 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: John Pilson-WRC Reciprocal Easements
Green River Game Land, Polk County

Mr. John Pilson has recently purchased an 11-acre tract in the English Heifer Cove Development adjacent to Green River Game Land in Polk County (Parcel No. P1-16). Mr. Pilson would like to memorialize a reciprocal easement between himself and WRC along a portion of access road that meanders back and forth between game land and his adjacent property for a distance of approximately 1,000 ft. (see attached map).

Mr. Pilson's easement will provide additional access to his property and will facilitate plans to sell a future subdivided parcel. Note that any subsequent request for a utility easement to service the subdivided parcel will be considered separately upon receipt of an easement request from the utility company. The WRC easement will be for administrative access only and will include that portion of the access road that generally follows the game land boundary (1,000 ft.), plus approximately 700 additional feet within Mr. Pilson's property. The easement is important to Mr. Pilson since this route is the most direct and reasonable access to his property and will facilitate plans to sell a portion of his tract. The easement is important to WRC since the portion of road on Mr. Pilson's property serves as a firebreak for one of the burn units associated with the ongoing and long-term Fire and Fire Surrogate Study. WRC has historically utilized the privately owned portion of the road/firebreak under a "handshake" agreement.

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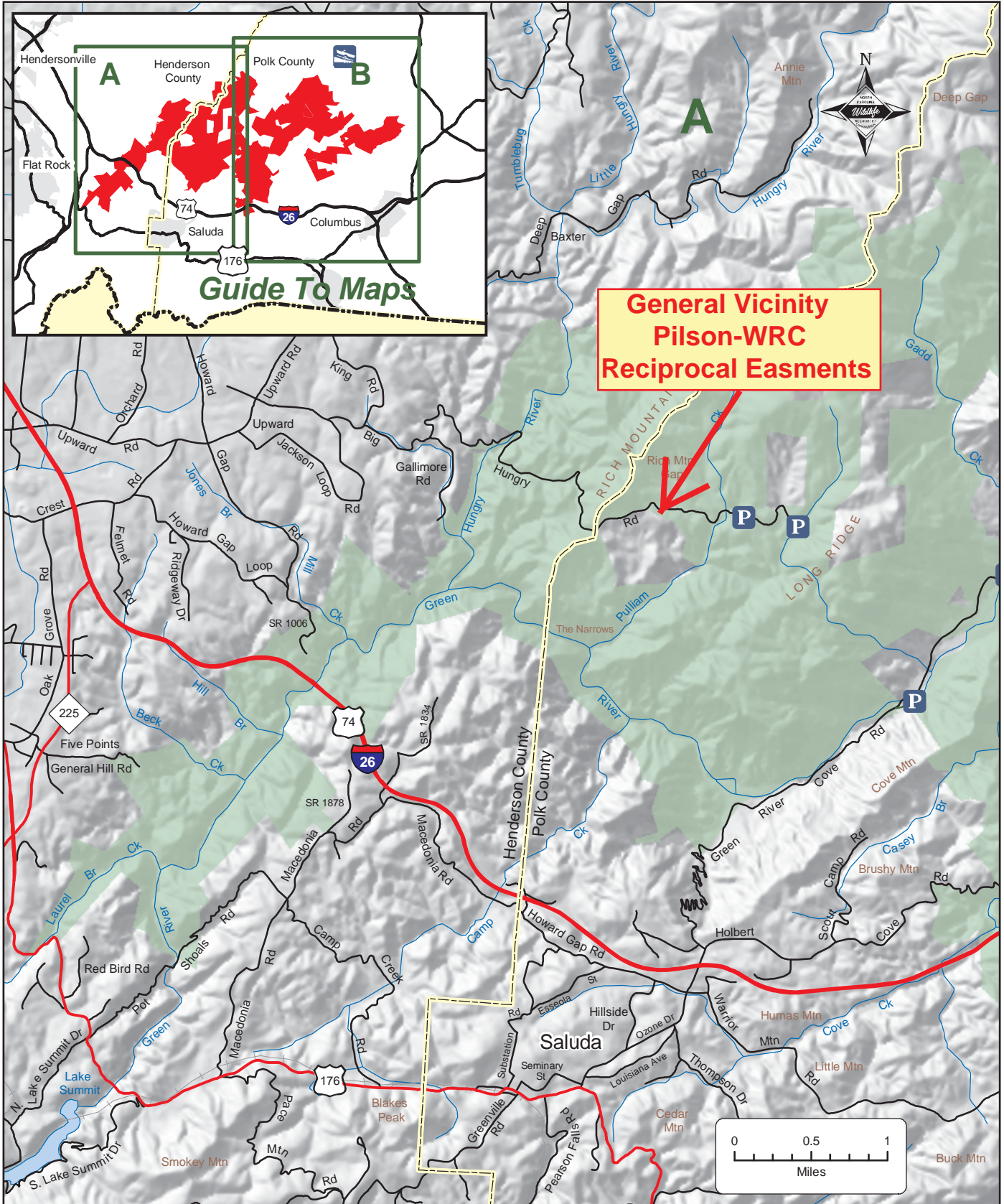
Mr. Pilson and WRC staff both agree to 20-foot easements measured 10-foot on each side of the existing road centerline. Based upon the recognition of mutual benefits, staff recommends that neither party be required to compensate the other for the value of the easement acquired and that the cost of the survey work required to develop the legal description be cost-shared equally.

Staff recommends approval to accept an access easement as described and recommends granting a reciprocal easement for access provided that:

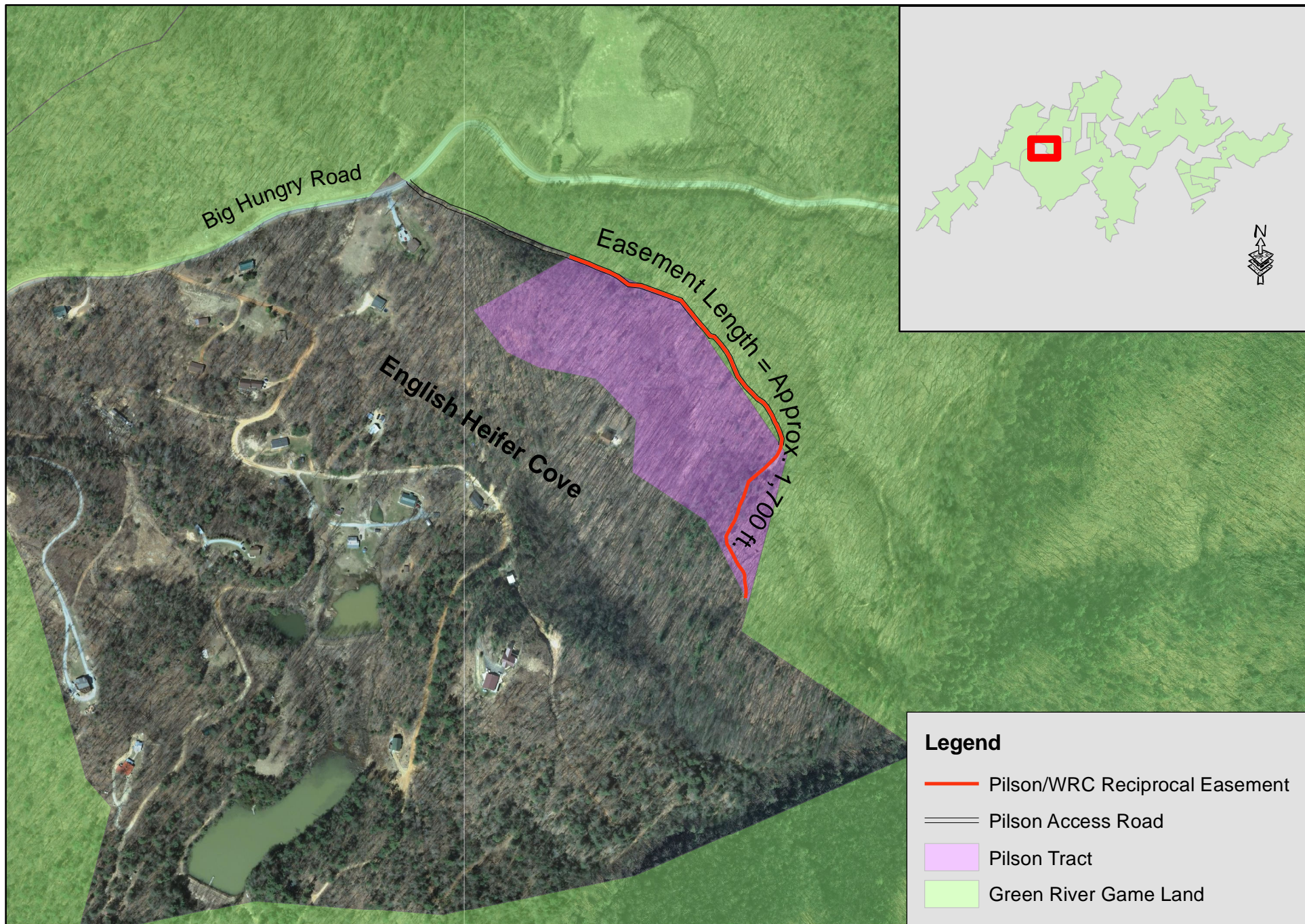
- WRC bear no more than one-half of the associated expense,
- the easement serve no commercial purpose,
- the easement include a damage liability clause and restrictions as necessary to prevent interference with the operation and maintenance game land.

GREEN RIVER GAME LAND

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission,
Henderson and Polk Counties (14,332 acres total)



Pilson/WRC Reciprocal Easement, Green River Game Land



0 500 1,000 2,000 Feet

EXHIBIT K

July 16, 2015



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August 4, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager

SUBJECT: DOT Permanent & Temporary Easement Requests
Columbus County Game Land – Columbus County
Slap Swamp Bridges on Old Lake Road
TIP/Parcel No: 17BP.6.R.40/029

NC Department of Transportation (DOT) has requested temporary construction and permanent drainage easements on a portion of Columbus County Game Land to facilitate improvements to two bridges over Slap Swamp on Old Lake Road in Columbus County.

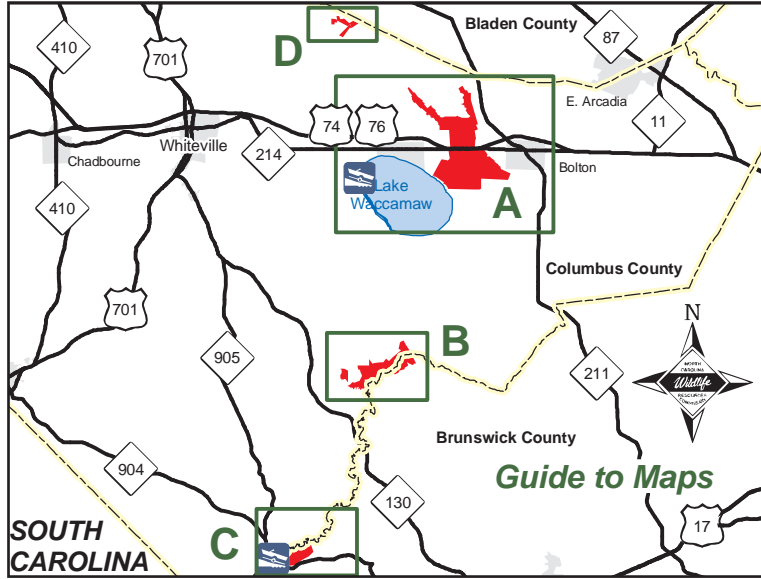
DOT has identified the need for a permanent drainage easement of 0.023 acres and a temporary construction easement of 0.185 acres.

Staff identified no significant negative impacts recommends approval.

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COLUMBUS COUNTY GAME LAND

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission,
Brunswick and Columbus Counties (8,875 acres total)



NCDOT TEMPORARY (0.185 AC.) AND PERMANENT (0.023 AC.) EASEMENT REQUEST TWO BRIDGES ON OLD LAKE ROAD OVER SLAP SWAMP

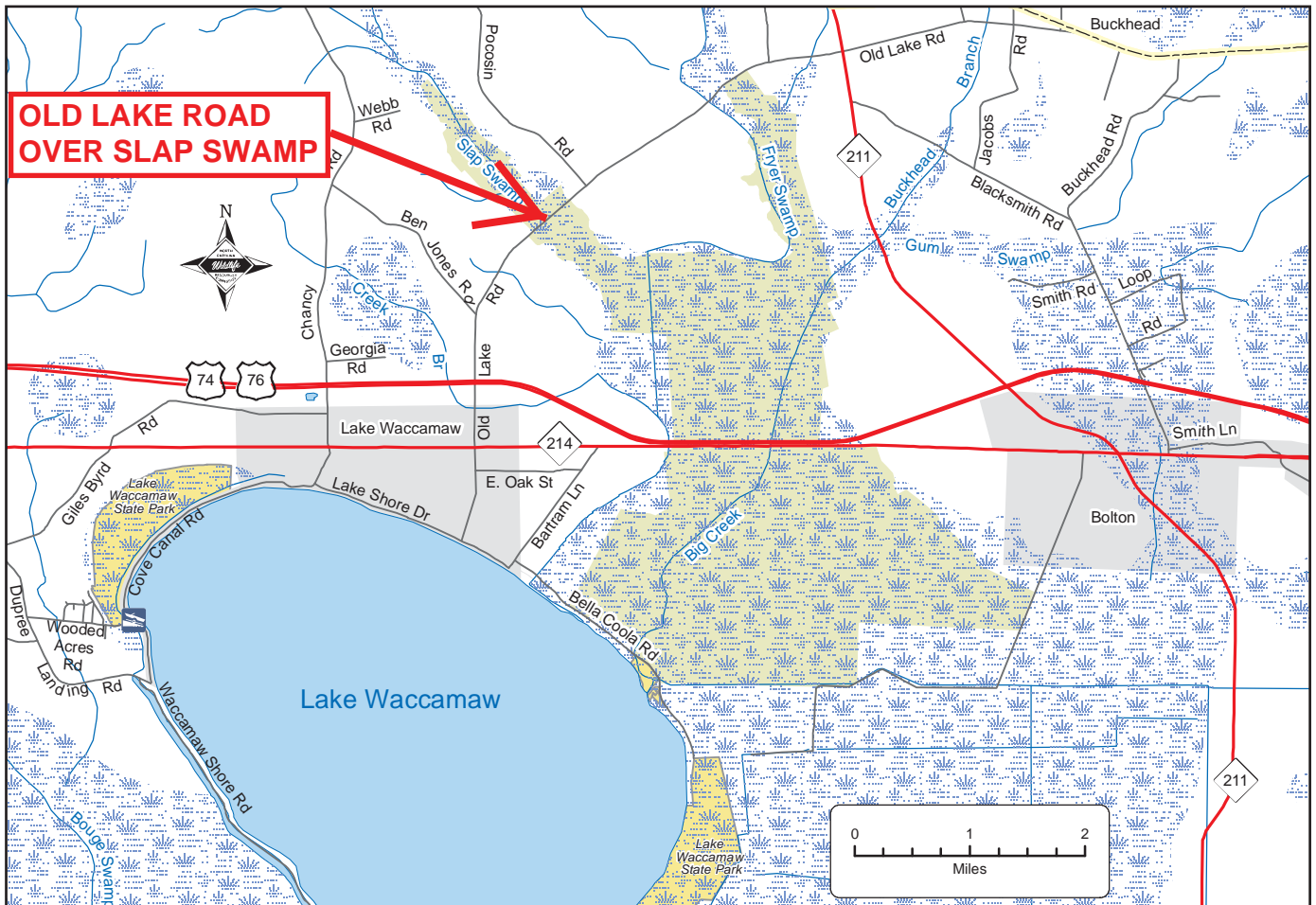


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August 27, 2015



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August 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: Easement Amendment
Piedmont Natural Gas
Johns River Game Land, Burke Polk County

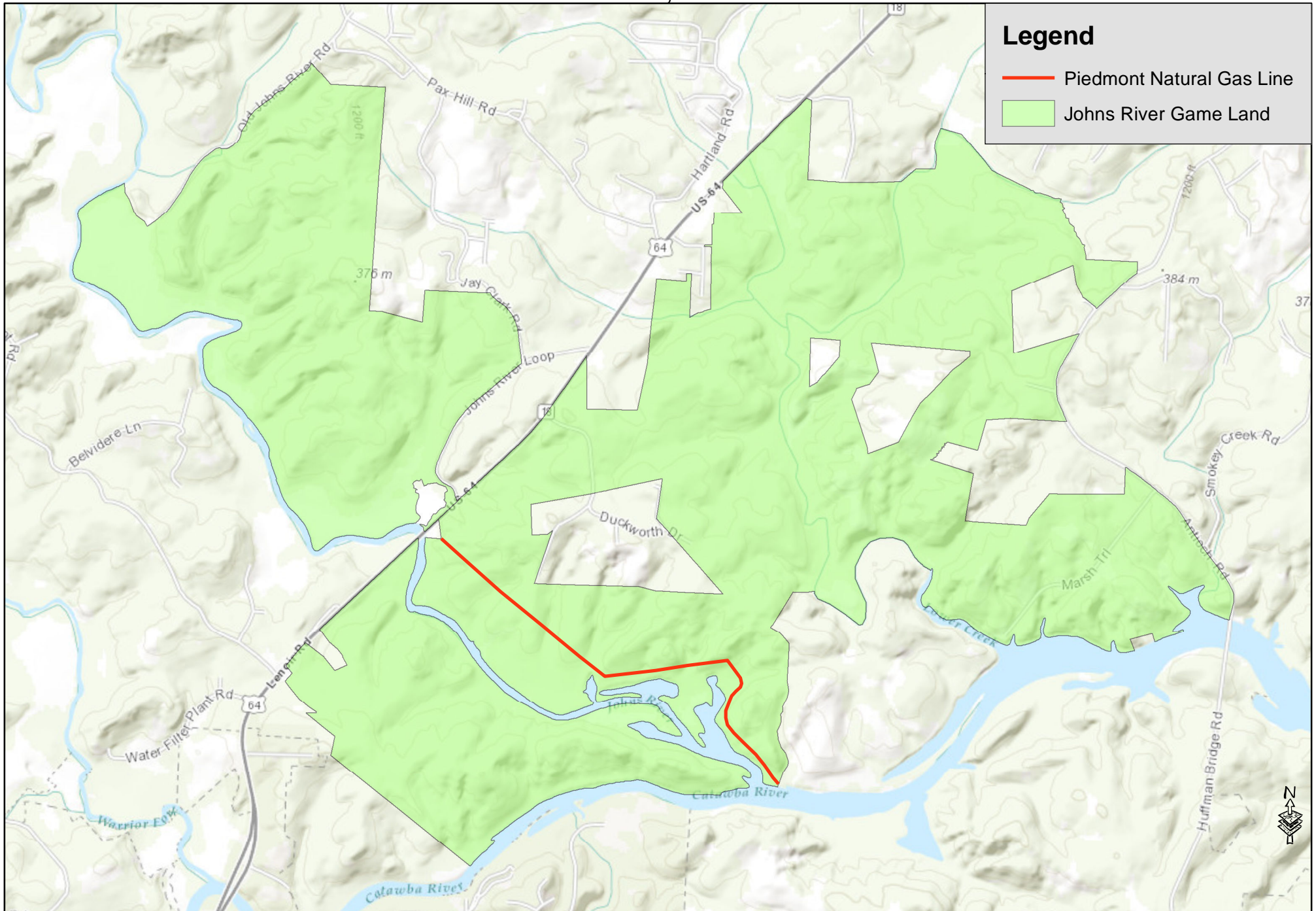
Piedmont Natural Gas (PNG) has requested an amendment to an existing 50-foot wide gas line easement that crosses Johns River Game Land in Burke County (see attached). Recent survey work conducted by PNG has revealed areas where the gas line was not located properly when initially installed. Proper maintenance of the easement area requires that the actual gas line not be located within 15 feet of the edge of the easement area. Currently, there are areas where this criterion is not met. The requested amendment will correct the situation by shifting the easement where needed to meet the 15 foot maintenance requirement. The actual width of the easement will remain at 50 feet and the easement will not shift more than 15 feet at any location.

The PNG gas line corridor currently provides habitat diversity on the game land and in certain locations also provides opportunities to implement wildlife habitat improvements that are popular with sportsmen. This benefit will not be diminished with the easement amendment and may allow WRC additional opportunities to improve wildlife habitats.

Staff recommends seeking Commission approval to grant the amendment as requested.

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Piedmont Natural Gas Line, Johns River Game Land



0 0.5 1 2 Miles



EXHIBIT M

August 27, 2015



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Coordinator

SUBJECT: Zone Designations in the Vicinity of Little River School
Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land, Durham County

DATE: August 21, 2015

Several alternatives have recently been discussed to address safety issues associated with the presence of an elementary school located off of Snow Hill Road near Butner Falls Game Land in Durham County, as well as several narrow fingers of game land in that same vicinity.

The original proposal focused primarily on compliance with the federal Gun Free School Zones Act, which prohibits the possession of firearms within 1,000 feet of elementary and secondary schools and involved establishment of an Archery Only Zone on approximately 45 acres along the northern game land boundary. This proposal included all of the game land property within 1,000 feet of the school property, plus some limited additional acreage to facilitate marking/maintaining the zone boundary. A public meeting was advertised for June 10, 2015 to solicit public comments on the proposal and opportunity was also provided to submit written comments via email. There were no public attendees and no comments received.

The original proposal did not address the use of firearms within several small fingers of game land in the same vicinity, which measure approximately 400-500 feet at the widest points. Therefore, a second proposal was developed which involved a Safety Zone of approximately 37 acres along our northern boundary (essentially the Archery Zone area from the original proposal) and a Restricted Firearms Zone (which prohibits the use of centerfire rifles) extending south of the Safety Zone and encompassing another 108 acres. A second public meeting was conducted

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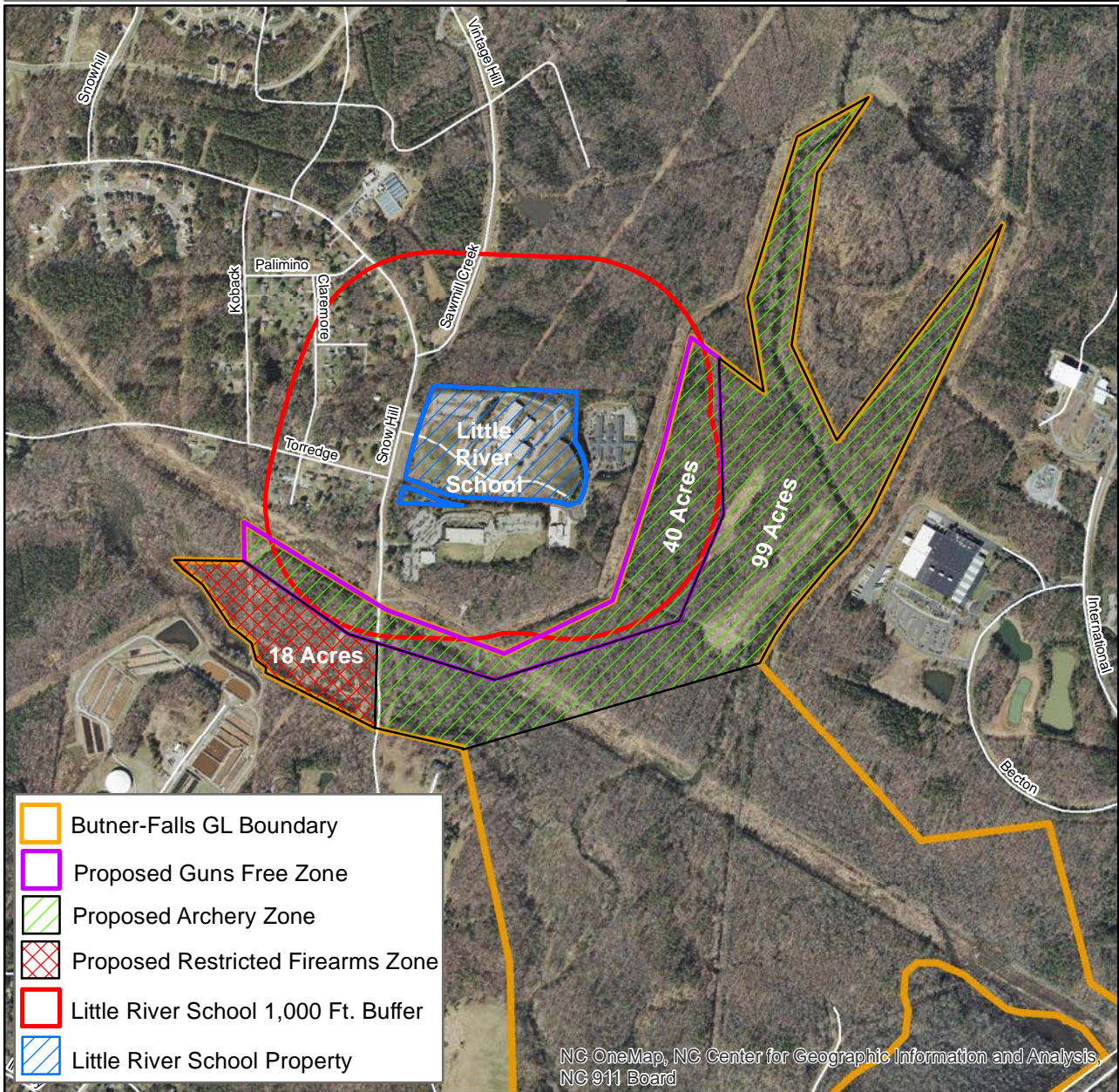
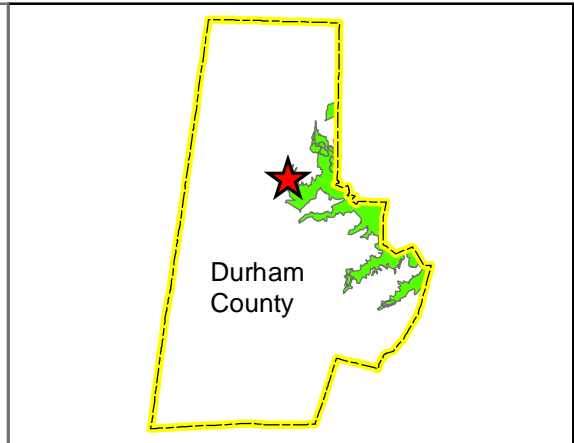
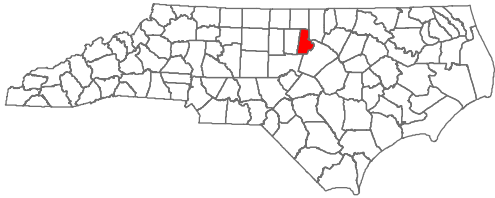
on August 13, 2015 to accept public comments on the revised proposal. Three individuals attended the meeting; one in support of the proposal and two opposed. Five written comments were also submitted via email with three indicating support and two opposed. A summary of both the verbal and written comments is attached.

Based on public comment and additional internal discussions, a third proposal has been developed as follows:

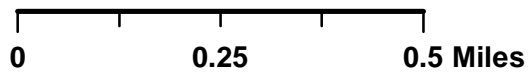
- Establish a Gun Free Zone (40 acres) along the northern game land boundary to comply with the federal Gun Free School Zones Act. This zone can be hunted with archery equipment, but the possession of firearms is prohibited under federal law.
- Establish a Restricted Firearms Zone (18 acres) immediately south of the Gun Free Zone and west of Snow Hill Road and prohibit the use of centerfire rifles.
- Establish an Archery Zone (99 acres) immediately south of the Gun Free Zone and east of Snow Hill Road. Firearms may be transported through this zone for the purpose of accessing adjacent game lands, but all hunting is restricted to archery equipment only.

The proposed zones associated with the current proposal are depicted on the attached map and I recommend seeking WRC approval to proceed with implementation.

Proposed Archery Zone Butner-Falls Game Land Durham Co.



August 21, 2015



Summarized Public Comments for Proposed Game Land Designation Changes near Little River School on Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land

E-mail Comments:

From: Chris Cole [<mailto:cbcole1968@gmail.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 8:11 PM
To: Owen, Jodie B. <jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org>
Subject: Changes game land

I do support the changes proposed for Butner Falls of the Neuse game lands in Durham County.

Chris Cole

From: Scott Poole [<mailto:spoole@pgcwaste.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 03, 2015 6:18 PM
To: Owen, Jodie B. <jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org>
Subject: Game land Change

I am in favor of changing proposed Falls-Butner Game Lands to safety zone. There are 2 schools and assisted living adjacent to the game lands. Makes good sense.

Thank You

Scott Poole

From: Mark [<mailto:mark@annisbuilding.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 3:22 PM
To: Owen, Jodie B. <jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org>
Subject: Little River School

I just reviewed the proposed changes to the Butner- Falls of Neuse Game Lands as it relates to Little River School. I support the proposed changes and offer the following.

- 1) Would it be more prudent for the proposed restricted firearms zone to be archery only?
- 2) At some point the northern most fingers become too small to hunt with a firearm. They appear less than 20 yards wide at certain places.
- 3) The entry point to this area seems limited and invites hunters to access the northern fingers via Torredge Rd. crossing private property or the 1000 foot school buffer.

Hope these comments help. We must protect our hunting heritage and strive for zero accidents!

Mark Annis



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From: Rod Mangrum [<mailto:Rod@sundancesignature.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2015 5:48 PM
To: Owen, Jodie B. <jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org>
Subject: Butner Falls Game Land

My opinion is the current proposal is to confusing and still not protective enough for the school. I would strongly recommend that all game lands north of the Power line be designated as "Archery Only". Areas south of the Power line, not effected by the "Safe Zone" boundaries, should be limited to "Shotgun Only".

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'RDM'.

Rod D. Mangrum



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C: 919-868-4955

Email: rdm@sundancesignature.com
www.sundancesignature.com

From: Tyler Black <greenheads7@gmail.com>
Date: 08/14/2015 7:42 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: "Owen, Jodie B." <jodie.owen@ncwildlife.org>
Subject: Comment - Hunting Designation to Butner-Falls of Neuse Game Land

I am contacting you to comment on the proposed change to hunting designations on Butner - Falls Gamelands. I am thoroughly disappointed to learn that NCWRC is reducing hunting opportunities in my area. The creation of a 108 acre Restricted Firearms Zone is against NCWRC'S core missions to provide hunting opportunities and protect hunting heritage in North Carolina. There is no justification for this change given that the safety zone will be added to the area and changing the zone will pull other hunting areas into question. In addition, I enjoy hunting this area and now I will have to find new locations to hunt. As such, I am strongly opposed to the proposed Restricted Firearms Zone and feel that this change is a blatant disregard of NCWRC's core values.

Sincerely,

Tyler Black
Raleigh, NC

Written Comments (Transcribed):

Kenneth Leshner
2514 Oleander Dr., Durham, NC
919-943-8195
kenneth.lesher@dpsnc.net

On behalf of Little River School, we appreciate that the school safety zone was reconsidered. We are comfortable with the new proposal, but overall have not felt the impact of hunting on the lands around the school.

(Assistant Principal at Little River School)

Joseph Zawadowski
503 Valley Dr., Durham, NC 27704
919-471-3079 (home) 919-280-1415 (cell)
bogwalker@frontier.com

1. Do only what is required by the Federal Government = 1000 Foot Safety Zone
2. Since I am not a centerfire rifle hunter I am willing to settle for the Restricted Firearms Zone option. I do not agree with the need for a Safety Zone beyond the 1000 Foot Federal line.
3. The loss of even small amounts of land for gun hunting use is a great concern to me. As a woodcock hunter, losing access to just a few acres may well mean loss of access to a great woodcock covert. The same might happen with the loss of flooded spots in the woods that hold wood ducks.
4. Gamelands are a defined resource. If the Commission is going to take pieces of them away, it should be mandatory that they replace hunting access in the same area.

(Game Land Hunter)

These were all the comments received from the two week e-mail open comment period and those on written comment cards from the Public Meeting on August 13th, 2015 at Durham Technical Community College.

Christopher Baranski, 8/17/15
Northern Piedmont Management Biologist
North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission

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August 2, 2015

MEMORANDUM

TO: Kyle Briggs, Section Chief
Land and Water Access

FROM: Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager
Land and Water Access

SUBJECT: North Carolina Field Trial Association 2015-2016 Running Schedule
J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Grounds

The 2015-2016 running schedule submitted by the NC Field Trial Association for use of the J. Robert Gordon Field Trial Area is consistent with NCAC rules governing this use and staff recommends approval.

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**NORTH CAROLINA FIELD TRIAL ASSOCIATION
RUNNING SCHEDULE
2015-2016**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 3-4	Duplin County Field Club	Warsaw
October 22-25	Richmond County Field Trial Club	Hoffman
October 30-1	Catawba Classic	Hoffman
NOVEMBER 5-8	Tar Heel Open All Age Championship	Hoffman
Nov. 9-15	Central Carolina	Hoffman
December 4-6	Carolina Amateur	Hoffman
December 7-10	NC Shooting Dog Championship	Hoffman
December 11-13	Hoffman Amateur FTC	Hoffman
December 17-20	REGION 3	Hoffman
December 18-21	Six Run FTC	Rose Hill
January 2-5	Swamp Fox FTC	Carrington Tract
January 1-3	Pinehurst FTC	Hoffman
January 2-3	Aurora	Pactolus
January 9-11	Tarheel Brittany	Hoffman
January 13-16	Southeastern Brittany	Hoffman
January 19-21	Atlantic Coast Championship	Hoffman
January 25-27	US Quail Futurity	Hoffman
February 5-7	NC Amateur All Age	Hoffman
February 12-14	Lean Breed	Hoffman
February 12-14	Six Run FTC	Rose Hill
February 19-21	Spring Valley	Hoffman
February 25-28	German Shorthaired Pointer Club	Hoffman
March 3- 6	Southern Pines Classic	Hoffman
March 11-13	National Amateur A/A Derby CHMP	Hoffman
March 17-20	NC Open All Age	Hoffman
March 21-24	NC Open Quail Championship	Hoffman



EXHIBIT O

August 27, 2015

SCHEDULE FOR THE JANUARY 2016 PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED CHANGES IN WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND GAME LAND MANAGEMENT RULES

HEARING TIME: 7:00 p.m.

DATE	DISTRICT	CITY	LOCATION
January 5, 2016 (Tuesday)	4	Dublin	Bladen Community College
January 6, 2016 (Wednesday)	5	Graham	Southern Alamance HS
January 7, 2016 (Thursday)	6	Norwood	South Stanly High School
January 12, 2016 (Tuesday)	9	Murphy	Haywood CC
January 13, 2016 (Wednesday)	8	Morganton	Western Piedmont CC
January 14, 2016 (Thursday)	7	Elkin	Elkin HS
January 19, 2016 (Tuesday)	1	Edenton	Swain Auditorium
January 20, 2016 (Wednesday)	2	New Bern	Craven CC
January 21, 2016 (Thursday)	3	Rocky Mount	Nash Community College