



**Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee
Meeting Summary, August 27, 2014
Commission Room, Raleigh NC**

John Coley, *Chair*, called the meeting to order at 2:15 pm.

ATTENDEES

Committee Members

John Coley, Chair
Joe Barker
Richard Edwards

Tommy Fonville
Mark Craig

Commissioners

Neal Hanks
David Hoyle, Jr.
Joe Budd
Ray Clifton
Wes Seegars

Brian White
Tom Berry
Garry Spence
Dell Murphy

Staff

Mallory Martin
Christian Waters
Lisa Hocutt
Geoff Cantrell
Brad Gunn
Doug Howell
Jon Evans

David Sawyer
Bob Curry
David Cobb
Betsy Haywood
Joe Fuller
Kate Pipkin
Brad Howard

Guests

Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation
Dick Hamilton - NCWF

Review of Federal Frameworks, Comments, Staff Recommendations for 2014-2015 Late Waterfowl Seasons

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, reviewed the entire **Exhibit E-1, E-2 and E-3** pertaining to the federal frameworks, public comments from the internet, and staff recommendations for 2014-2015 late waterfowl seasons.

Consider Recommendation to Establish Season for Taking One Peregrine Falcon for Use in Falconry

Dr. Cobb reviewed **Exhibit F**, staff recommendations to allow the take of one migrant peregrine falcon from the wild for use in falconry, from September 20 through October 20, 2014. The bird must be a juvenile and requires a permit. It may be taken east of Highway 17 only.

Trends in Duck Numbers at Lake Mattamuskeet

Doug Howell gave a report to the Committee about trends in duck numbers at Lake Mattamuskeet. He stated that there are more birds this year. Approximately 300,000 were counted on the lake. Howell stated that the polar vortex pushed the birds down. Even in areas of poor vegetation, macro invertebrates are a source of food for the birds.

Howell stated that the US Fish and Wildlife Service does not seem supportive of the WRC working on the lake and supports passive water level control. WRC wants to understand how the birds use the entire Hyde County habitat including the lake.

Chairman Coley adjourned the meeting at 2:55 pm.