



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 22, 2020 9:00 a.m.
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Webinar Meeting
Raleigh, North Carolina

Roll Call of Commissioners – Pursuant to NCGS §166A-19.24 (Public Bodies/Remote Meetings During Declared Emergencies), the roll call of Commissioners attending the webinar meeting was taken.

Approval of August 27, 2020 Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC) Meeting Minutes – the Commission approved the August 27, 2020 WRC minutes as written in the exhibit **(Exhibit A)**

Approval of September 10, 2020 WRC Meeting Minutes – the Commission approved the September 10, 2020 WRC minutes as written in the exhibit **(Exhibit B)**

Motion from Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species (HNGES) Committee – the Commission approved a motion from the HNGES Committee for Allen Boynton to receive the 2020 Thomas L. Quay Award.

Motion from Finance Committee – the Commission approved a motion from the Finance Committee to approve the transfer from the Bond Index Fund to the Equity Index Fund in the amount of \$3 million dollars, that was processed in July and August of 2020, and the approval of fund transfers from the Bond Index Fund to Equity Index Fund of \$1.5 million dollars each month for twelve months, beginning in November 2020 and ending in October 2021.

Appointments of Members of the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) – the Commission approved appointments of Sarah McRae, Judith Ratcliffe, Marquette Crockett, Dr. David Webster, and Dr. Liz Rutledge to the NWAC. **(Exhibit D)**

Inland Fisheries Rulemaking – the Commission approved staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2021-2022 fishing rules to be presented at statewide public hearings. The Commission approved the Fiscal Note for the proposed rules. **(Exhibits E-1, E-2)**

Wildlife Management Rulemaking – the Commission approved staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2021-2022 wildlife management rules to be presented at statewide public hearings. The Commission approved the Fiscal Note for the proposed rules. **(Exhibits F-1, F-2)**

Game Land Management Rulemaking – the Commission approved staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2021-2022 game lands management rules to be presented at statewide public hearings. The Commission approved the Fiscal Note for the proposed rules. **(Exhibits G-1, G-2)**

Land Acquisitions Final Approval – the Commission approved the acquisitions of Riverstone Jenerette Tract in Columbus County, Pitzer Road PFA Tract in Stokes County, and North Fork Catawba Tract in McDowell County. **(Exhibits H-1, H-2, H-3)**

Elizabethtown Pole Shed Demolition – the Commission approved the demolition of a damaged pole shed at Elizabethtown Depot. **(Exhibit I)**

Emergency Water Safety Rulemaking – Burke County – the Commission approved proposing text to the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) for emergency rulemaking for a no-wake zone adjacent to a safety zone, where unauthorized vessel traffic is prohibited, during construction of a pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek on Lake James at Lake James State Park. **(Exhibit J-1)**

Temporary Water Safety Rulemaking – Burke County – the Commission approved proposing text to OAH with an open comment period and one virtual public hearing, for a temporary no-wake zone adjacent to a safety zone, where vessel traffic is prohibited, during construction of a pedestrian bridge over Mill Creek on Lake James at Lake James State Park. **(Exhibit J-2)**

Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – Brunswick County No-Wake Zone – The Commission approved a Fiscal Note and approved a request from the Town of Ocean Isle Beach to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one virtual public hearing, for a no-wake zone in the waters of the Intracoastal Waterway at the Hwy 904 Odell Williamson bridge. **(Exhibits K-1, K-2)**

Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – Wildlife and Alligator Control Agents - the Commission adopted a Fiscal Note and approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one virtual public hearing for proposed adoption of rules for licensing and regulating wildlife and alligator control agents. **(Exhibits L-1, L-2)**

Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – Wildlife Taken for Depredations – the Commission adopted a Fiscal Note and approved publishing notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one virtual public hearing for proposed amendments to the rule for wildlife taken for depredation. **(Exhibit M-1, M-2)**

2021 Statewide Public Hearing Schedule – the Commission approved holding regional public hearings for rules proposals – January 12, 2021 at Craven County Courthouse, 302 Broad Street, New Bern; January 14 at AVS Catering and Banquet Center, 2045 N. Fayetteville Street, Asheboro, NC; and January 19, 2021 at McDowell Technical Community College, 54 College Drive, Marion, NC; and one virtual public hearing January 21, 2021. **(Exhibit N)**

2021 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Schedule – the Commission approved the 2021 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting schedule for meetings on February 25, 2021; April 22, 2021; July 29, 2021; August 26, 2021; October 28, 2021; and December 9, 2021. **(Exhibit O)**

Adjournment – Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. adjourned the webinar meeting at 10:22 a.m.