



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

December 5, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman David Hoyle, Jr.*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Tom Berry*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Mike Johnson*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – *Chairman David Hoyle*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute §163A-159(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 inquires 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 David Hoyle*

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 24, 2019 MINUTES – Take action on the October 24, 2019 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 –*Melissa Earp, Finance Office Chief* (**EXHIBIT B**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive Committee Report – *David Hoyle, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee Report – *Mike Johnson, Chair*

Finance Committee Report – *Brad Stanback, Vice Chair*

Land Acquisitions and Property Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Big Game Committee Report – *John Coley, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report – *Chairman David Hoyle*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – **The District Wildlife Biologist** – *Greg Batts, District 3 Biologist*

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Division Update - Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief*

Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award – Present the 2019 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award to Tim Eaton – *Brad Howard*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive an update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land and Water Access Section Update – Receive an update on the Land and Water Access Section – *Brian McRae, Land and Water Access Section Chief*

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisitions – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Jessie Birckhead, Land Acquisition and Grants Manager (EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4)*

- Pump Station BAA Tract – Rowan County (C-1)
- Folger Tract – Alleghany County (C-2)
- Hauser Tract – Polk County (C-3)
- Lake Waccamaw BAA – Columbus County (C-4)

Other Property Matters

Duke Energy Easement Release and Relocation Request at Green River Game Lands – Henderson County – Consider request by Duke Energy for release and relocation of an easement at Green River Game Lands in Henderson County – *Jessie Birckhead (EXHIBIT D)*

Ditmore Right-of-Way Easement Request – Buncombe County – Consider request from Mr. Alan Ditmore, a private citizen, for a right of way easement for road access at Sandy Mush Game Land in Buncombe County – *Jessie Birckhead (EXHIBIT E)*

New Bern Boat Storage Building Demolition Request – Craven County – Consider request from staff to demolish a boat storage building at the New Bern Depot due to safety concerns – *Jessie Birckhead (EXHIBIT F)*

DOT Easement Request at Holly Shelter Game Land – Pender County – Consider request by the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) for an easement at Holly Shelter Game Land in Pender County – *Jessie Birckhead (EXHIBIT G-1)*

DOT Easement Exchange Request – Craven County – Consider a request by DOT to exchange easements providing access to the Maple Cypress Boating Access Area to accommodate bridge replacement projects in the area (**EXHIBIT G-2**)

RULEMAKING

Consider Fiscal Note and Proposed Notice of Text – 15A NCAC 10A .1601 License Fees – Consider request to approve the fiscal note, publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and open the public comment period for the proposed permanent rule moving all licenses, permits, stamps and certifications issued and administered by the Commission and associated fees from statute to rule and adjust existing fees by the CPI-U – *Carrie Ruhlman, Rulemaking Coordinator (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Review Public Comments and Consider Final Adoption – 15A NCAC 10H .0100 – Controlled Hunting Preserves for Domestically Raised Game Birds – Review public comments and consider adoption of amendments to the 10H .0100 Rules pertaining to controlled hunting preserves for domestically raised game birds – *Carrie Ruhlman (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)*

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Review Public Comments and Consider Final Adoption - Carolina Beach No-Wake Zone –
Review public comments and consider final adoption of a no-wake zone in a portion of Myrtle Grove Sound, near the docks and shoreline at Oceana Marina and Carolina Beach Yacht Club and Marina - *Betsy Haywood, No-Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

Review Public Comments and Consider Final Adoption for No-Wake Zone – Jimmies Creek on Lake Gaston – Northampton County – Review public comments and consider final adoption of a no-wake zone on a portion of Jimmie’s Creek on Lake Gaston, in Northampton County – *Betsy Haywood (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman David Hoyle*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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