

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee



Meeting Summary

August 26, 2015

HNGES Chairman Mark Craig called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Attendees

Committee Members

Mark Craig, Chair
Wes Seegars
John Coley

Commissioners

Brian White	Tommy Fonville
Joe Barker	John Litton Clark
David Hoyle, Jr.	Jim Cogdell
Tom Berry	Joe Budd

Staff

Mallory Martin	Betsy Haywood
Susan Bunn	Jodie Owen
Thomas Harvey	Mark Rich
Ashton Godwin	David Cobb
Erik Christofferson	Wes Barger
Andrew Helton	Bob Curry
Kate Pipkin	Todd Ewing
Kyle Briggs	Christian Waters
Allen Boynton	Carolina Medina
Shannon Deaton	Gordon Myers

Visitors

Henri McClees – McClees Consultation	Wilson Laney - USFWS
Joe McClees – McClees Consultation	Sarah McRae – USFWS
Justin Boner – The Conservation Fund	Fred Harris – NC Wildlife Federation

Summer 2015 Augmentation proposals

The WRC Augmentation Policy requires staff to present any species augmentation project involving listed species to the HNGES committee for their review and approval before animals can be returned to the wild.

Todd Ewing summarized augmentation project proposals for four freshwater mussels using hatchery produced animals. The project proposals will enhance existing populations of the Triangle Floater, Atlantic Pigtoe, Carolina Heelsplitter and Tar River Spiny mussel. Staff will release them into the same stream reaches where brood stock was originally collected and the species are still found.

ACTION ITEM: The HNGES Committee unanimously approved a motion authorizing staff to implement the augmentation plans for the Triangle Floater, Atlantic Pigtoe, Carolina Heelsplitter, and Tar River Spiny mussel as presented.

Other Business

No additional business was discussed.

Adjourn

Commissioner Craig adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.