



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

February 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Commissioner Recusals – Commissioner Monty Crump recused himself from discussion and vote on **Exhibit F-6**, Almond/Buchanan Tracts in Anson, Richmond, and Montgomery counties, and **Exhibit F-9**, ALCOA High Rock Tract in Davie, Davidson, and Rowan counties. Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr. recused himself from discussion and vote on **Exhibit L**, Final Adoption of a water safety rule amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0333 on Lake Wylie in Mecklenburg County.

Approval of December 6, 2018 Minutes – the Commission approved the December 6, 2018 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. (**Exhibit A**)

Portion of State Ethics Review of 2018 Statement of Economic Interest Read into Minutes – Pursuant to NCGS §163A-159(c), a portion of the review by the State Ethics Commission of the 2018 Statement of Economic Interest for Commissioner Landon G. Zimmer, President Pro Tempore appointee, was read into the Minutes.

Motion from the Committee of the Whole Regarding Twelve-Month Extension of Readoption Deadline for Rules under the Periodic Review – the Commission voted to request permission from the Rules Review Commission to extend the deadline for 12 months for readoption of Rules 15A NCAC 10H .1201, .1202, .1203, .1204, .1205, .1206, and .1207, pertaining to controlled fox hunting preserves.

Changes in 2019-2020 Inland Fisheries Rules – the Commission adopted 19 changes to Inland Fisheries Regulations for 2019-2020. After considering constituent feedback, the Commission did not vote to adopt F10 that would have removed the exception to the general statewide regulation for crappie in B. Everett Jordan Reservoir by reducing the minimum size limit. The size limit remains 10 inches. (**Exhibit C-2**)

Changes in 2019-2020 Wildlife Management Rules – the Commission adopted six changes to Wildlife Management Regulations for 2019-2020. Of the six adopted, the proposal to open fox squirrel hunting in all 100 counties and to extend the season to close on January 31, instead of December 31, was opposed by four Commissioners. (**Exhibit D-2**)

Changes in 2019-2020 Game Land Management Rules – the Commission adopted 16 changes to Game Land Management Regulations for 2019-2020. **(Exhibit E-2)**

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved proceeding with the acquisition of the Duck Creek Wetlands Tract, Salters Creek Tract, Truth Temple/Croasmun Tract, Roberts Estate Tract, North Bend BAA Tract, Hubbard-Pinkerton Tract, and Corpening Tract. **(Exhibits F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4, F-5, F-7, F-8)** With Commissioner Crump recused, the Commission approved proceeding with the acquisition of the Almond/Buchanan Tracts and ALCOA High Rock Tract. **(Exhibits F-6 and F-9)**

Permanent Utility Easement Request Tabled – Northwest River Marsh Game Land, Currituck County - the Commission tabled a request from a property owner and Dominion Energy for a permanent utility easement at Northwest River Marsh Game Land in Currituck County. **(Exhibit G)**

Disposition of Well and Pump House, Armstrong Fish Hatchery, McDowell County – the Commission approved a staff request to demolish a well and pump house structure at the Armstrong Fish Hatchery in McDowell County. **(Exhibit H-1)**

Lease Rate Change Request, Bolivia Depot Site, Brunswick County – the Commission approved a change in the lease rate at the Bolivia Depot site in Brunswick County for three years, with a rate increase of three percent or less per year. **(Exhibit H-2)**

Changes in 2019-2020 Law Enforcement Rules – the Commission approved changes to two 2019 - 2020 Law Enforcement Regulations. **(Exhibit I-2)**

Local Water Safety Rule Technical Correction – City of Rocky Mount Millpond Dam Safety Zone – the Commission approved proceeding with publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0370, to clarify descriptions and correctly designate the water safety rule in the waters around the Millpond Dam in Rocky Mount as a safety zone. **(Exhibit J)**

Local Water Safety Rule Application – Lake James in McDowell County – the Commission approved an application from McDowell County to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and public hearing for an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0339, for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the shoreline of a peninsula at Old Wildlife Club Subdivision on Lake James in McDowell County. **(Exhibit K)**

Local Water Safety Rule Final Adoption – Lake Wylie Marine Commission in Mecklenburg County – with Commissioner Hoyle recused, the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0333 requested by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission, for a no-wake zone in the vicinity of the Yachtsman on Lake Wylie Community in Mecklenburg County. **(Exhibit L)**

Local Water Safety Rule Final Adoption – Chocowinity Bay and Pamlico River in Beaufort County – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0303 requested by Beaufort County, for a no-wake zone in the canals at the eastern end of the peninsula between Chocowinity Bay and Pamlico River at Whichards Beach and Fork Point. **(Exhibit M)**

Rulemaking for License Fee Changes – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and approved proceeding with publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10A .1601, to establish license fees in rule and adjust fees by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). **(Exhibits N-1, N-2)**

Rulemaking for Wildlife Taken for Depredations – the Commission approved proceeding with Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one public hearing for proposed amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0106, regarding wildlife taken for depredations. **(Exhibit O)**

Rulemaking for Wildlife Captivity and Rehabilitation – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note and approved proceeding with Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and two public hearings, for proposed adoption of 15A NCAC 10H .1400 Rules for holding wildlife in captivity and rehabilitation of wildlife. **(Exhibits P-1, P-2)**

2018 Periodic Review of Rules Readoption Schedule – the Commission approved the readoption schedule for 10A, 10D, 10E, 10G, 10I, 10J, and 10K Rules as part of the 2018 Periodic Review process. **(Exhibit Q)**

Adjournment – Chairman John Coley adjourned the meeting at 11:02 am.