



**Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee
Meeting Summary – May 20, 2015
Commission Room, Raleigh NC**

Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Chair Mark Craig called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm on May 20, 2015.

Attendees

Committee Members

Mark Craig, Chair
Wes Seegars

John Coley
Neal Hanks

Commissioners

Tim Spear
Brian White
Jim Cogdell
Tom Berry
Ray Clifton

Tommy Fonville
Richard Edwards
John Litton Clark
Joe Budd
Joe Barker

Staff

Mallory Martin
Betsy Haywood
Jodie Owen
Landon Nolkes
David O'Neal
Kyle Briggs
Brad Howard

Bob Curry
Shannon Deaton
Kris Smith
Richard Tucker
Steve J. Bullins
Isaac Harrold
David Cobb

Cindy Carr
Doug Howell
Carolina Medina
Thomas Harvey
Scott Anderson
David Sawyer
Mitch Kirkland

Guests

Fred Harris – NCWF

NC Wildlife Action Plan Update

Cindy Carr, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, provided a presentation on the Wildlife Action Plan (WAP) revision which is due to the US Fish and Wildlife Service by September 30, 2015. Carr stated that the WAP is required to be revised every ten years. Federal dollars are allocated to the states to meet some of the provisions of the Wildlife Action Plans. Members were reminded that they will be requested to vote at their August 2015 business meeting and that staff will be providing an opportunity for Commissioners to review the chapters before they are released for public comment in July.

Carr presented an overview summarizing the chapter organization and examples of the content. She showed the committee the process of viewing the chapters online. A handout was provided to Commissioners with the Plan's timeline and considerations when reviewing the chapters.

Staff will host a question and answer session at a July HNGES Committee meeting to facilitate a discussion with Commissioners about the Plan's revision.

Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award -2015

Shannon Deaton, *Wildlife Diversity Program Manager*, gave an overview of the process for choosing a recipient of the Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award.

HNGES committee members were reminded of the schedule for awarding the 2015 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award. Nominees were accepted from the public from January through February 10, 2015. HNGES members received six nominations and voted on the three most deserving nominees in February. Since February, Tim Sweeney's nomination has been pulled from consideration as requested by his nominator.

The Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee considered the nominees and recommended Jeff Beane as the 2015 recipient.

The Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species committee unanimously approved the recommendation from the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee and from agency staff, and will present it to the full Commission during the WRC meeting on May 21, 2015.

There being no further business, Mark Craig adjourned the committee meeting at 1:30 pm.