



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
February 22, 2024 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Kelly Davis*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner John Alexander*

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 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 Crump*

NOTICES OF COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS – Receive Notices of Appointment by Governor Roy Cooper of N. Wes Seegars, District 3; Monty Crump, District 6, and Bradford G. Stanback, District 9 for terms ending April 25, 2029; **(EXHIBITS A-1, A-2, A-3)**; Appointments by Senate President Pro Tempore Phil Berger of Mark Craig, Thomas A. Berry, John M. Alexander, Landon Zimmer, and Joseph R. Budd for terms ending June 30, 2025 **(EXHIBITS A-4, A-5, A-6, A-7, A-8 Appointments Bill)**; and Appointments by House Speaker Tim Moore of John T. Coley IV, Vernon Ray Clifton, Jr., Tommy Fonville, John A. Stone, and Reid M. Smith for terms ending June 30, 2025 **(EXHIBITS A-9, A-10, A-11, A-12, A-13 Appointments Bill)** – *Margo Minkler*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEWS OF 2023 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONER JOSEPH R. BUDD - Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2023 Statement of Economic Interest for Joseph R. Budd, President Pro Tempore Phil Berger Appointee – *Margo Minkler*

APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 7, 2023 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the December 7, 2023 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT B)**

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Jason Cottle, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT C)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Education & Communication Committee – February 21, 2024 – *Tom Haislip, Chair*

Fisheries Committee – February 21, 2024 – *Brad Stanback, Committee Member*

Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee – February 21, 2024 – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*

Boating Safety Committee – February 21, 2024 – *JC Cole, Chair*

Small Game & Wild Turkey Committee – February 21, 2024 – *Jim Ruffin, Chair*

Committee of the Whole – February 21, 2024 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Environmental Health and Safety – *Allen Strickland, Environmental Health and Safety Director*

RULEMAKING

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to Inland Fisheries rules – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief (EXHIBITS D-1, D-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to Land and Water Access rules – *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to Wildlife Management rules – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 2024-2025 Annual Cycle Administrative Rules – Review public comments and consider request to adopt proposed changes to Administrative rules – *Ben Meyer, Law Enforcement Division Colonel (EXHIBITS G-1, G-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10A .0500 Declaratory Rulings Rules – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 10A .0501 through .0503 Declaratory Rulings rules as part of the periodic review – *Melva Bonner, Regulatory Analyst (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Adoption – 10E Fishing and Boating Access Areas Rules – Review public comments and consider request to readopt 10E .0101 through .0104 Fishing and Boating Access Areas rules as part of the periodic review – *Melva Bonner (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)*

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10I Endangered, Threatened, and Special Concern Species Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to 10I .0102 through .0105. Review and consider approval of fiscal note. – *Melva Bonner (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)*

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Executive Director Ingram*

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