



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

July 18, 2019
N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Ethics Inquiry and Recusal – Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused himself from discussion and action on **Exhibits P-1** and **P-2**, emergency and temporary rulemaking requests on Lake Tillery in Stanly and Montgomery counties, during bridge construction by N.C. Department of Transportation.

Approval of April 25, 2019 WRC Meeting Minutes – the Commission approved the April 25, 2019 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**Exhibit B**).

2019 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award – the Commission presented the 2019 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Ann Berry Somers and adopted a Resolution honoring her work in herpetology conservation.

Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee Appointments – the Commission appointed Jeff Beane, N.C. State Museum of Natural Sciences; Dr. Karen Beck, N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services; Michael Abney, Duke Energy; Dr. Joe Poston, Catawba College; and Elaine Jordan, The Coastal Companies to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (**Exhibit D**).

Motion from Fisheries Committee – the Commission approved a motion from the Fisheries Committee to adopt the use of less than 2.6 parts per thousand (ppt) during low salinity periods and greater than 2.6 ppt during high salinity periods to delineate the locations for the dividing lines between inland and coastal fishing waters, and for staff to provide the Commission with specific lines using that criteria.

Adoption of North Carolina Wildlife Resources Catfish Management Plan – the Commission adopted the *North Carolina Wildlife Resources Catfish Management Plan* (**Exhibit E**).

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission approved proceeding with acquisition of the Three Top East tract in Ashe County (**Exhibit F**).

Rulemaking Notice of Text – Controlled Hunting Preserves for Domestically Raised Game Birds 15A NCAC 10H .0100 – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 10H .0100 Rules and opening the public comment period as part of the 2016 Periodic Review of Rules (**Exhibit G**).

Final Adoption – Wildlife Captivity and Rehabilitation 15A NCAC 10H .1401 – 10H .1406 – the Commission reviewed public comments and adopted 10H .1400 Rules for Wildlife Captivity and Rehabilitation (**Exhibits H-1, H-2**).

Final Adoption – Wildlife Taken for Depredations 15A NCAC 10B .0106 – the Commission reviewed public comments and adopted amendments to 15A NCAC 10B .0106 for Wildlife Taken for Depredations (**Exhibits I-2, I-2**).

Final Adoption – Safety Zone, City of Rocky Mount 15A NCAC 10F .0370 – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0370 City of Rocky Mount, for a safety zone in the waters of the Tar River near the Rocky Mount Millpond Dam (**Exhibit J**).

Final Adoption – No Wake Zone, McDowell County – Lake James 15A NCAC 10F .0339 – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0339 for a no-wake zone in the waters of Lake James within 50 yards of the shoreline of the peninsula at Old Wildlife Club Subdivision in McDowell County (**Exhibit K**).

Final Adoption – No Wake Zone, Onslow County – Intracoastal Waterway 15A NCAC 10F .0320 – the Commission adopted an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0320 for a no-wake zone in a portion of the Intracoastal Waterway at Hammocks Beach State Park in Swansboro in Onslow County (**Exhibit L**).

Final Adoption – No Wake Zone Technical Correction – Lake Norman 15A NCAC 10F .0307 – the Commission adopted a technical correction to correctly identify coordinates that mark a no-wake zone on Lake Norman in a small cove north of the entrance to Hager Creek in Iredell County (**Exhibit M**).

Approval of Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – No Wake Zone, Lake Gaston 15A NCAC 10F .0336 – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note review and approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one public hearing for a proposed amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0336, for a no-wake zone within a portion of Jimmies Creek on Lake Gaston in Northampton County (**Exhibits N-1, N-2**).

Temporary Rulemaking – No Wake Zone, Lake Tillery 15A NCAC 10F .0317 – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* and holding one public hearing for a temporary rule for a no-wake zone within 50 yards of the fuel docks at the Boathouse and Marina at 712 Berry Hill Drive on Lake Tillery in Norwood, in Stanly County (**Exhibit O**).

Emergency Rulemaking Requests – No Wake Zone, Lake Tillery in Stanly County 15A NCAC 10F .0317 and Montgomery County 15A NCAC 10F .0327 – With Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused, the Commission approved proposing text for emergency rulemaking for a no-wake zone in the waters of Lake Tillery in Stanly and Montgomery counties, 85 yards north and 85 yards south of the NC Hwy 24/27/73 bridge eastbound and westbound spans, otherwise known as the James B. Garrison Bridge, to mitigate water safety hazards during an NCDOT bridge construction project (**Exhibit P-1**).

Temporary Rulemaking Requests - No Wake Zone, Lake Tillery in Stanly County 15A NCAC 10F .0317 and Montgomery County 15A NCAC 10F .0327 – with Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused, the commission approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* with an open comment period and one public hearing, for temporary rulemaking for a no-wake zone in the waters of Lake Tillery in Stanly and Montgomery counties 85 yards north and 85 yards south of the NC Hwy 24/27/73 bridge eastbound and westbound spans, otherwise known as the James B. Garrison Bridge, to mitigate water safety hazards during an NCDOT bridge construction project (**Exhibit P-2**).

Final Adoption – License Fee Rule 15A NCAC 10A .1601 – the Commission reviewed public comments and adopted 15A NCAC 10A .1601 to establish license fees in rule and adjust those fees by the Consumer Price Index for all Urban Consumers (CPI-U) (**Exhibits Q-1 and Q-2**).

Temporary Rulemaking Request – License Fees 15A NCAC 10A .1601 – the Commission approved publishing Notice of Text for temporary rulemaking because the status of House Bill 597 is uncertain. In accordance with changes in House Bill 597, 15A NCAC 10A .1601 moves all licenses, permits, stamps, and certifications issued and administered by the Commission (except for the Recreational Commercial Gear License) and associated fees from statute to rule and adjust existing fees by the CPI-U (**Exhibit R**).

Election of Officers – the Wildlife Resources Commission elected Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr. as Chairman and Commissioner Monty Crump as Vice Chairman for a term of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified pursuant to NCGS §143-243.

Adjournment – Chairman David Hoyle, Jr. adjourned the meeting at 11:01 a.m.