



**Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee
Meeting Summary May 20, 2015
Commission Room, Raleigh, NC**

John Coley, *Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Chair*, called the meeting to order at 12:50 pm.

Attendees

Committee Members

John Coley, Chair
Tim Spear
Brian White
John Litton Clark

Richard Edwards
Tommy Fonville
Mark Craig
Joe Barker

Commissioners

Jim Cogdell
Neal Hanks
Joe Budd

Wes Seegars
Tom Berry
Ray Clifton

Staff

Mallory Martin
Cindy Carr
Landon Tholkes
Geoff Cantrell
Allen Boynton
Doug Howell
Joe Fuller
Isaac Harrold
Steve Bullins
Kate Pipkin
Carolina Medina
Gordon Myers

Betsy Haywood
Thomas Hardy
Richard Tucker
Lisa Hocutt
Brad Howard
David Cobb
David Sawyer
Scott Anderson
David O'Neal
Kris Smith
Mitch Kirkland

Implementation of a Light Goose Conservation Order

The committee received an overview by Doug Howell, *Waterfowl Biologist*, of a Light Goose Conservation Order that would open in 2016, from February 15 to March 31, 2016. Expanded hunting methods will be allowed with no bag limits and no possession limits for light geese. Participants must be licensed and have a federal duck stamp. All participants must obtain a free permit and complete a harvest survey. Howell said that the agency website will be used as a portal, with a light goose season link. Permits will be available on September 1, 2016.

Compensatory Days for Migratory Birds and House Bill 640

Executive Director Gordon Myers reported that he met with the Assistant Director of the US Fish and Wildlife Service about the migratory bird program regarding compensatory days for hunting migratory waterfowl. HB 640, with the provision for Sunday hunting on private lands, affects migratory bird hunting in North Carolina. Because the USFWS is not prepared to allow compensatory days for any migratory birds if hunting on Sunday is allowed, Representative Dixon amended the bill to disallow any migratory bird hunting on Sunday.

Chairman Coley adjourned the meeting at 1:05 pm.