



**Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Summary  
January 28, 2015 3:30 pm  
Commission Room, Raleigh, NC**

*Commission Chairman Jim Cogdell called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 3:30 pm on Wednesday, January 28, 2015.*

**Attendance**

**Commissioners**

Jim Cogdell  
Nat Harris  
Ray Clifton  
Tom Berry  
Tommy Fonville  
Joe Barker  
John Coley  
Joe Budd

John Litton Clark  
Mark Craig  
Richard Edwards  
Neal Hanks  
Tim Spear  
Brian White  
Wes Seegars  
David Hoyle, Jr.

**Staff**

Jon Evans  
Betsy Haywood  
Todd Kennedy  
Tamara Zmuda  
Carolina Medina  
Chris Dillon  
David Cobb  
Maria Palamar, D.V.M.  
Todd Radabaugh  
Jodie Owen

Gordon Myers  
Erik Christofferson  
Erica Garner  
Allen Boynton  
Shannon Deaton  
Bob Curry  
Allison Nolker  
Matt Long  
Geoff Cantrell  
Lisa Hocutt

**Guests**

Tommy Kimball – NC Bowhunters Assn.      William Newton – NCBA  
Don Williamson – NCBA

### **Comments from Public Hearings for Temporary Rulemaking for Captive Cervids**

The Committee reviewed comments from public hearings (**Exhibit E-1**) about rules proposals for adoption in March. Chairman Cogdell was asked to poll the Commission as to correspondence or calls received in support of captive deer farming. Cogdell announced that he had not been contacted.

Richard Edwards – hundreds of calls opposed; one in favor

Wes Seegars – more than seventy-five calls opposed; none in favor

John Litton Clark – more than one hundred calls opposed; none in favor

Nat Harris – numerous calls opposed; none in favor

Mark Craig – more than 50 calls opposed; none in favor

Tom Berry – numerous calls opposed; four in favor

Ray Clifton – numerous calls opposed; none in favor

Joe Budd – one letter and one call opposed; none in favor

Neal Hanks – few calls and none in support

Brian White – no calls in favor

Tommy Fonville – no calls in favor

Tim Spear – no calls opposed; 12 in favor

John Coley – all calls opposed

Joe Barker – all calls opposed

David Hoyle, Jr. – received many calls with none opposed. Of his contacts all are on record against the importation of captive cervids until there is a live test or cure.

Discussion included the responsibility of the WRC to protect the public trust deer herd against Chronic Wasting Disease.

### **Proposed Temporary Rulemaking for No Wake Zones on Lake Wylie**

The COW reviewed a request from the Lake Wylie Marine Commission for no wake zone rules on Lake Wylie at Sadler Island. Temporary rulemaking will proceed in time for boating season, followed by permanent rulemaking.

### **Boating Safety Report**

The COW received a Boating Safety report from Colonel Jon Evans. Evans mentioned pre-launch safety checks as successful in educating the public about boating safety. In July 2014 more than 930 boats were checked with prevention of more than 180 violations. Evans stated that all Districts will participate in On the Road On the Water Don't Drink and Drive 2015. All Districts will participate in Operation Dry Water the weekend of June 26-28, 2015.

Colonel Evans gave an overview of the partnership between the WRC and NC Marine Patrol. The Enforcement Divisions are providing mutual training and building relationships.

**Proposed Temporary Rulemaking for Management of Captive Cervids**

The Committee reviewed Exhibit E-2, temporary rulemaking for captive cervids which will require a vote at tomorrow's meeting. If approved the effective date will be March 1. Director Myers stated that the temporary rulemaking is aligned with US Department of Agriculture regulations.

**Proposed Temporary Rulemaking for Coyote Hunting and Taking Depredating Coyotes in Five Counties; and for Designating Red Wolf as State-Listed Species**

The Committee reviewed **Exhibits F-1**, public comments, and **F-2**, temporary rulemaking for coyote hunting and taking depredating coyotes in Washington, Beaufort, Hyde, Dare, and Tyrrell counties; and for designating the red wolf as a state-listed species. The temporary rulemaking will comply with a federal court order.

**Closed Session and Return to Open Session**

The Committee of the Whole moved into closed session under NCGS §143-318.11(a)(3) to receive legal advice from agency and assigned counsel on three lawsuits.

The Committee of the Whole returned to open session. The COW received an update from Law Enforcement about Operation Something Bruin. A work group will be established for legislative issues associated with the management of captive cervids.

**Adjourn**

Chairman Jim Cogdell adjourned the meeting of the Committee of the Whole at 7:40 pm.