



**Land Use and Access Committee  
Meeting Summary January 28, 2015  
Commission Room, Raleigh NC**

**Committee Chairman** Tom Berry called the meeting of the Land Use and Access Committee to order at 10:05 am on January 28, 2015.

**Attendees**

**Committee Members**

Tom Berry, Chair  
John Coley  
Tommy Fonville

Ray Clifton  
Joe Barker

**Commissioners**

Jim Cogdell  
Joe Budd

David Hoyle, Jr.

**Staff**

Gordon Myers  
Betsy Haywood  
Mark Hamlett  
Jodie Owen  
Bob Curry  
Michael Hatley  
Todd Radabaugh

Isaac Harrold  
Erik Christofferson  
George Norris  
Kyle Briggs  
David Cobb  
Matt Long  
Shannon Deaton

**Guest**

Dick Hamilton – NC Wildlife Federation

### **Phase I Land Acquisitions Review**

Isaac Harrold, *Lands Program Manager*, reviewed five Phase I land acquisitions with the recommendation that the Commission approve staff working with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties:

- Gibson Tract – Scotland County (**G-1**)
- Poplin Tract – Richmond County (**G-2**) Max Lake Tract – Richmond County (**G-3**)
- North Toe River Penland Fishing Access Area Tract – Mitchell County (**G-4**)
- North Toe River Wolf Song Ridge Fishing Access Area Tract – Yancey County (**G-5**)

### **Phase II Land Acquisitions**

Isaac Harrold reviewed seven Phase II acquisitions for consideration of final approval to proceed with acquisition:

- Allen Tract – Swain County (**H-1**)
- Blackburn Tract – Wilkes County (**H-2**)
- Tracy Tract – Ashe County (**H-3**)
- Davis Tract – Buncombe County (**H-4**)
- Godwin II Tract – Pender County (**H-5**)
- Goodwin Tract – Scotland County (**H-6**)
- Watson-Old Man's Bog Tract – Alleghany County (**H-7**)

### **Species of Concern and Possible Acquisitions**

Chairman Berry asked staff to provide the HNGES Committee and the LUAC Committee with inventories of species of concern for purposes of evaluating properties for possible acquisition. Berry also requested that the presentations to the committee include maps that clearly identify where the counties and properties are located in the state.

### **Stewardship Costs of Land Acquisitions**

The Committee charged staff with reviewing five recent acquisitions to compare actual costs with the estimated stewardship costs.

### **Texas Plantation**

The Committee discussed the proposed project at Texas Plantation. Ducks Unlimited will make a matching commitment to enhance the project. Erik Christofferson will do a full-cycle analysis of Texas Plantation regarding capital replacement and depreciation.

### **Elk Habitat**

Chairman Berry stated that conservation partners have made a commitment to purchase more than 500 acres for elk habitat.

Chairman Berry adjourned the meeting at 11:05 am.