



ACTIONS
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

October 5, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.
NC Wildlife Resources Commission Headquarters
1751 Varsity Drive
Raleigh, North Carolina

Commissioner Recusal – Commissioner Landon Zimmer recused himself from discussion and vote on **Exhibits H-3** (Acquisition of Drowning Creek Tract by DOT Transfer – Scotland County) **and H-4** (Acquisition of Palmetto Peartree Preserve Tract by DOT Transfer – Tyrrell County).

Approval of August 23, 2017 Minutes - the Commission approved the August 23, 2017 Wildlife Resources Commission minutes. **(Exhibit A)**

Approval of Annual Allocation of Endowment Fund Interest – the Commission approved the allocation of \$2,869,412.84 of interest from the Wildlife Endowment Fund and the allocation of \$125,883.58 to the *Wildlife in North Carolina* magazine budget, which is 100 percent of the interest earned from magazine lifetime subscriptions. **(Exhibit C)**

Rulemaking for Proposed 2018-2019 Fishing Regulations – the Commission approved proposed rules for trout, black bass, blue catfish, nongame fishes, and equipment to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2018. **(Exhibit D-1)**

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Fishing Rules – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 fishing rules. **(Exhibit D-2)**

Rulemaking for Proposed 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rule Proposals – the Commission approved proposed rules for deer and bear, possession of non-native species, limited take of American alligators, clarification of definition of blackpowder firearm, and a technical correction for opening day of pheasant, rabbits, and fox hunting by archery to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2018. **(Exhibit E-1)**

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Wildlife Management Rules – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 wildlife management rules. **(Exhibit E-2)**

Adoption of the North Carolina Alligator Management Plan – the Commission added Hyde County to Alligator Management Unit 1 and adopted the North Carolina Alligator Management Plan. **(Exhibit F)**

Phase I Land Acquisitions – the Commission gave approval for staff to work with the State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for four properties – Salter’s Creek Tract – Carteret County; Fosters Creek Preserve Tract – Polk County; Rocky Swamp Tract – Halifax County; and Maggot Springs Gap Tract – Haywood County. (**Exhibits G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4**)

Phase II Land Acquisitions – the Commission gave final approval to proceed with the acquisition of the Godwin Tract – Pender County; Long Ridge Tract – Onslow County; and Johns River Tract – Burke and Caldwell Counties, in **Exhibits H-1, H-2, and H-5**. With Landon Zimmer recused from consideration and vote, the Commission gave final approval to proceed with the donations by NC Department of Transportation of the Drowning Creek Tract – Scotland County and Palmetto Peartree Preserve Tract – Tyrrell County, in **Exhibits H-3 and H-4**.

Easement Requests – Sandbanks Tract of Chowan Swamp Game Land – the Commission approved the acquisition of an easement from the Raynor family to provide permanent administrative access to the Sandbanks Tract of Chowan Swamp Game Land and approved conveying an easement to the Nature Conservancy to provide administrative access from the Sandbanks Tract of Chowan Swamp Game Land to an adjacent parcel in Virginia. (**Exhibit I**)

Disposal of Surplus Property Tabled – the Commission tabled **Exhibit J**, consideration of Commission approval to dispose of house and lot on Texas Plantation Game Land.

Rulemaking for Proposed 2018-2019 Game Land Rule Proposals – the Commission approved proposed changes to 2018-2019 Game Land rules to be presented at statewide public hearings in January 2018. (**Exhibit K-1**)

Fiscal Note for Proposed 2018-2019 Game Land Rule Proposals – the Commission approved the Fiscal Note for proposed changes in the 2018-2019 Game Land rules. (**Exhibit K-2**)

Fiscal Note and Notice of Text – Local Water Safety Regulations – the Commission reviewed the Fiscal Note and approved publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 25 water safety regulations under 15A NCAC 10F .0300, holding one public hearing, and opening the public comment period. (**Exhibits L-1, L-2**)

Adoption 2018 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Schedule – the Commission adopted the 2018 Schedule of Wildlife Resources Commission meetings, all on Thursdays: February 22, 2018; April 26, 2018; July 12, 2018; August 23, 2018; October 4, 2018; and December 6, 2018. (**Exhibit M**)

Resolution Honoring John Litton Clark – the Commission adopted by acclamation a Resolution honoring former Commission Chairman John Litton Clark.

Adjournment – Chairman John Coley adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am.