



**RESOLUTION
REGARDING THE NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the enjoyment of the wildlife resources of the State belongs to all of the people of North Carolina [G.S. 113- 133.1 (a)]; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (Commission) is charged by statute (G.S. 113-132 and 113-331) with conserving fish and wildlife resources in the state and providing opportunities for wildlife recreation; and

WHEREAS, since 1983 the Commission has met conservation priorities by investing in the Commission's technical expertise and research along with cooperative partnerships and collaborative research; and

WHEREAS, the Commission's Strategic Plan and NC Wildlife Action Plan provide a conservation blueprint to guide and direct wildlife diversity conservation priorities statewide, emphasizing best available science; and

WHEREAS, the North Carolina Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee (NWAC) was created by the General Assembly in 1987, and defined by statute as an "advisory board of knowledgeable and representative citizens established by resolution of the Wildlife Resources Commission and charged to consider matters relating to nongame wildlife conservation and to advise the Commission on such matters" [G.S. 113-331]; and

WHEREAS, the NWAC shall also advise the Commission on matters related to the creation of protected animal lists and development of conservation programs. [G.S. 113-335].

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in Raleigh on October 30, 2014 to hereby reaffirm the NWAC by resolution to perform the following functions as determined appropriate and advisable by the Commission:

1. To provide advice and assistance through NWAC business meetings, Commission business and committee meetings, and as requested by the Commission;
2. To make recommendations to the Commission on protected animal lists implemented in accordance with NWAC's Procedures and Schedule;
3. To conduct business as set forth in the NWAC Procedures and Schedules document;
4. To provide an external perspective from the scientific community and make any other relevant recommendations to the Executive Director through official action of the NWAC;
5. To provide advice to the Commission on activities or matters of conservation concern expected to have an impact on NC's wildlife diversity; and
6. To support the Commission's conservation initiatives through peer review, expert elicitations, project implementation, partner engagement, and outreach.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission shall provide adequate resources and support to ensure NWAC has the information necessary to conduct business as described in a NWAC Procedures and Schedule.

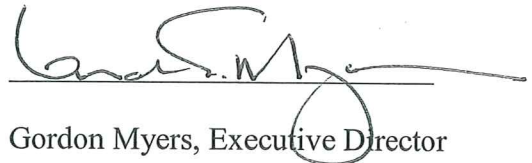
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the NWAC shall consist of fifteen (15) citizens of North Carolina, who shall be appointed to serve staggered terms of three years as follows:

1. One-third (1/3) of Committee seats will expire each year and be considered for re-appointment or open nomination;
2. Nominations shall be accepted from the conservation community at-large for no less than 30 days prior to July 1 of each year;
3. The request for nominations shall include information regarding affiliation and expertise desired by the Commission;
4. The Executive Director shall submit a list of all nominated individuals to the Commission with his recommendation on new Committee members that shall include representation from key agencies and organizations;
5. The committee is expected to include members with a comprehensive knowledge on matters dealing with wildlife conservation; and
6. Appointment of members will be based on credentials, expertise, affiliation, and constituency at-large.

This resolution, introduced by Chairman James Cogdell, was passed unanimously by the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission in a meeting duly assembled on October 30, 2014 in Raleigh, North Carolina.



James Cogdell, Chairman



Gordon Myers, Executive Director