



*Boating Safety Committee Meeting Summary
May 16, 2013 at 11:00 am
NC Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores*

Meeting Attendees

• **Committee Members:**

Joe Barker, Chair
Berkley Skinner
Garry Spence

Mitch St. Clair
Mark Craig

• **Commissioners:**

David Hoyle, Jr.
Ray Clifton

Tom Berry
Jim Cogdell

• **Staff:**

Mallory Martin
Bob Curry
Kyle Briggs
Christian Waters
Erica Garner
Isaac Harrold
David Cobb

Mark Hamlett
Betsy Haywood
Norman Young
Tommy Clark
Erik Christofferson
Kate Pipkin

• **Guests:**

Fred Harris, NC Wildlife Federation
John Barbour, State Property Office

Commissioner Joe Barker called the meeting to order at 11:00 am in Soundside Hall at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores.

Chairman Joe Barker called upon Colonel Dale Caveny, Enforcement Division Chief, to read the 2013 Safe Boating Week Proclamation that was signed by Governor Pat McCrory.

CONSIDERATION OF BOATING SAFETY RULE

Dale Caveny gave an overview of Exhibit F-1 that will be considered by the Wildlife Resources Commission at the meeting on May 17, 2013. Caveny discussed the requirement in 15A NCAC 10F .0201 that personal flotation devices (PFDs) must be carried on vessels to ensure safety of the boating public. Staff recommends an amendment to the existing rule to provide for additional exemptions from the requirement to carry PFDs on surfboards, paddle boards, tubes, swim rafts, inflatable toys and similar devices. The rule will be clarified to provide definitions of manually propelled vessels currently exempt from the requirement to carry PFDs, such as racing shells, rowing sculls, racing canoes and racing kayaks.

Caveny presented Exhibit F-2 to the Committee, which is the fiscal note analysis review of this proposed rule amendment that has been approved by the Office of State Budget and Management. The amendment will have no fiscal impact upon state or local government.

The Committee approved a motion to recommend to the entire Commission adoption of Exhibits F-1 and F-2 at the full meeting on May 17, 2013.

FURTHER DISCUSSION

Chairman Joe Barker asked Colonel Caveny how boating warning tickets will be tracked. Caveny responded that Enforcement is working with IT to create a database where warning tickets will be entered so that they can be pulled up by officers patrolling the waters.

Commissioner Jim Cogdell thanked Colonel Caveny for the outstanding efforts of the Enforcement Division in holding the various Hunter Skills Tournaments.

ADJOURNMENT

The Boating Safety Committee meeting was adjourned by Chairman Barker at 11:20 am.