



*Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee Meeting Summary  
March 4, 2015 8:30 am  
NCWRC, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Commission Room*

**Meeting Attendees**

• **Committee Members:**

John Coley, Chair

Richard Edwards, Vice Chair

Tommy Fonville

Joe Barker

Brian White

• **Commissioners:**

Garry Spence

Ray Clifton

• **Staff:**

Jodie Owen

Donnie Barefoot

Chris Kreh

Mallory Martin

Carolina Medina

Brandon Sherrill

David Cobb

Allen Boynton

Russell Wong

Jon Evans

Ryan Myers

Jeremy Harrill

Timothy Handy

Lisa Hocutt

Gordon Myers

Betsy Haywood

Brad Howard

Doug Howell

Mark Jones

Isaac Harrold

Todd Kennedy

• **Guests:**

Fred Harris, NC Wildlife Federation

Ned Jones – NC Trout Unlimited

John Coley, *Chairman*, called the meeting to order at 8:45 am.

### **OPTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTING A LIGHTGOOSE CONSERVATION ORDER**

Doug Howell, *Waterfowl Biologist*, provided an overview about the Light Goose Conservation Order and how to implement it for the 2015-2016 season. The Light Goose Conservation Order is a management tool established in 2008 by the USFWS. Six states participate in the Conservation Order.

Howell discussed implementing the Conservation Order after the existing light goose hunt season to help control the population of light geese, which are considered to be overabundant. He recommended implementing the Conservation Order in the second week in March or aligning it with Virginia and running it until the end of March. The Committee directed staff to close the Conservation Order on March 30 or 31. The Wildlife Resources Commission could adopt this at the July meeting.

Participants are required to provide annual activity and harvest information to the USFWS. The Conservation Order cannot overlap the youth hunt season. The existing light goose hunt season will have to be closed.

The committee recommended that any permit should be free. A team will be formed to implement the Light Goose Conservation Order and to work out licensing, permits, and reporting system details.

### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business, Chairman John Coley adjourned the committee meeting at 9:20 am.