



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

April 25, 2019, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman John Coley*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Joe Budd*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner Garry Spence*

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS – *Chairman John Coley*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY - North Carolina General Statute §163A-159(e) mandates that the Commission Chair shall remind all Commissioners of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict under this Chapter, and that the chair also inquires as to whether there is any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before the Commission at this time. It is the duty of each Commissioner who is aware of such personal conflict of interest or of an appearance of a conflict, to notify the Chair of the same. *Chairman John Coley*

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019 MINUTES – Take action on the February 21, 2019 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

APPROVAL OF MARCH 21, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the March 21, 2019 Wildlife Resources Commission special meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT B**)

ADMINISTRATION

Financial Status Report - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund –*Melissa Earp, Finance Office Chief* (**EXHIBIT C**)

2019-2020 Endowment Fund Annual Interest Allocation Report- Receive a financial status report and vote on the allocation of interest from the Endowment Fund for 2019-2020 - *Melissa Earp* (**EXHIBIT D**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Committee on Delineation of Fishing Waters Report – March 21, 2019, Raleigh, NC –
Commissioner John Stone

Land Use and Access Committee Report – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame, and Endangered Species Committee Report – *Mark Craig, Chair*

Finance Committee Report – *Landon Zimmer, Chair*

Small Game and Wild Turkey Committee Report – *Garry Spence, Chair*

Migratory Birds and Waterfowl Committee Report – *Richard Edwards, Chair*

Committee of the Whole Report March 21, 2019 – *Chairman John Coley*

Committee of the Whole Report April 24, 2019 – *Chairman Coley*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – COASTAL PRESCRIBED FIRE PROGRAM - *Casey Phillips, Recovery and Sustainment Program Forester*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS SECTION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Jessie Birckhead, Land Acquisition and Grants Manager* (**E-1, E-2, E-3**)

- Little Cedar Mountain – Burke County (E-1)
- Rocky Swamp Tract – Halifax County (E-2)
- Rhems Depot NCDOT Tract – Craven County (E-3)

Other Property Matters – Consider two additional property matters – *Jessie Birckhead* (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)

- Consider a request from staff to demolish one residence at the McKinney Lake Hatchery in Richmond County (F-1)
- Consider a request from staff to release and relocate an easement providing access to the Roberson Tract of Lower Roanoke River Game Land in Martin County (F-2)

WILDLIFE EDUCATION DIVISION UPDATE – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Education Division – *Kris Smith, Wildlife Education Division Chief*

INLAND FISHERIES DIVISION

Fisheries Division Update - Receive an update on activities of the Inland Fisheries Division – *Todd Ewing, Aquatic Wildlife Diversity Supervisor*

Town of Wilkesboro Mountain Heritage Trout City Request – Consider designating the Town of Wilkesboro as a Mountain Heritage Trout City and recognizing the Public Mountain Trout Waters within Wilkesboro as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters – *Todd Ewing* (EXHIBIT G)

Town of North Wilkesboro – Mountain Heritage Trout City Request – Consider designating the Town of North Wilkesboro as a Mountain Heritage Trout City and recognizing the Public Mountain Trout Waters within North Wilkesboro as Mountain Heritage Trout Waters – *Todd Ewing* (EXHIBIT H)

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

Wildlife Management Division Update – Receive an update on the activities of the Wildlife Management Division – *Dr. David Cobb, Research Director*

2019-2020 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Geese, Extended Falconry, and Waterfowl Seasons – Review U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service frameworks, receive public comments, and select the 2019-2020 season dates and bag limits for webless migratory birds, resident Canada geese, extended falconry, and waterfowl – *David Cobb* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2, I-3, I-4)

Consider staff recommendations to establish a season for taking up to 6 migrant peregrine falcons for use in falconry in 2019 – *David Cobb* (EXHIBIT J)

Consider staff recommendations for final adoption of five Species Conservation Plans – *Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Wildlife Diversity Supervisor* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2, K-3, K-4, K-5)

RULEMAKING NOTICES OF TEXT – PERIODIC REVIEW OF RULES

Game Bird Propagators – 15A NCAC 10H .0900 – Consider request to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 10H .0900 Rules and open the public comment period – *Daron Barnes, Section Manager, Regulated Activities Permits Section (EXHIBIT L)*

Furbearer Propagation – 15A NCAC 10H .1100 – Consider request to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 10H .1100 Rules and open the public comment period – *Daron Barnes (EXHIBIT M)*

Reptiles & Amphibians – 15A NCAC 10H .1300 – Consider request to approve publishing Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for proposed amendments to 10H .1300 Rules and open the public comment period – *Daron Barnes (EXHIBIT N)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Chairman John Coley*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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