



## **AGENDA**

### **N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**July 11, 2013, 9:00 a.m.**

**1751 Varsity Drive**

**NCWRC Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Chairman David W. Hoyle, Jr.*

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**INVOCATION** - *Commissioner Garry Spence*

**RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

**MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY** - North Carolina General Statute 138A-15(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 inquire 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 David Hoyle, Jr.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Take action on the June 20, 2013 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

## **ADMINISTRATION**

**Financial Status Report** - Receive a financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund - *Tommy Clark, Budget Director* (**EXHIBIT B**)

## **SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

**2013 THOMAS L. QUAY WILDLIFE DIVERSITY AWARD PRESENTATION** – Present the 2013 Thomas L. Quay Wildlife Diversity Award to Mr. Eddie Bridges – *Gordon Myers, Executive Director*

**PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 SHIKAR-SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL OFFICER OF THE YEAR AWARD** – Present the 2013 Shikar-Safari Club International Officer of the Year Award to Captain Todd Radabaugh – *W. E. Boomer, Shikar-Safari Club International*

**RECOGNITION OF 2013 NATIONAL FISHING AND BOATING WEEK LICENSE WINNERS** - Present Lifetime Fishing Licenses to prize winners from fishing events held during the 2013 National Fishing and Boating Week – *Chairman Hoyle*

**Break for Photographs**

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee Report** – *Berkley Skinner, Chairman*

**Joint Marine Resources/CRFL Committee Report** – *Joe Barker, Vice Chair*

**Committee of the Whole Report** – *David W. Hoyle, Jr., Chairman*

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT** – Receive an overview of the Wildlife Resources Commission Website – *Janice Underwood, IT Director*

## **DIVISION OF INLAND FISHERIES**

**Fisheries and Outreach Activities Update** - Receive a staff update on activities of the Division of Inland Fisheries – *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

## **DIVISION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT**

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

**2013 – 2014 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Goose, and Falconry Seasons** – Receive information concerning the status of the mourning dove population, status of the woodcock population, consider federal frameworks, receive results of early season internet comments, and select the 2013 – 2014 seasons and bag limits for webless migratory game birds, resident Canada geese, and falconry – *Dr. David Cobb (EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4)*

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS** - Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 143-243, at the first scheduled meeting of the Commission after July 1 of each odd-numbered year, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall select from among its membership a chairman and a vice-chairman who shall serve for terms of two years or until their successors are elected and qualified.

## **COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN**

**COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** – *Gordon Myers*

## **ADJOURN**

# EXHIBIT A

## July 11, 2013



### MINUTES June 20, 2013 N. C. Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting Raleigh, North Carolina

The June 20, 2013 meeting of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission was called to order by *Commission Chairman* David W. Hoyle, Jr. at 9:00 a.m. in the Commission Room at Wildlife Resources Commission headquarters in Raleigh.

Commissioner Ray White led the Pledge of Allegiance. Commissioner John Coley gave the invocation.

#### MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY AND WELCOME

Chairman Hoyle advised the Commission of the mandatory ethics inquiry as presented in the agenda. Chairman Hoyle then welcomed the Commissioners and visitors present. Commissioners Hayden Rogers, Dalton Ruffin, and Dell Murphy were absent. Chairman Hoyle announced that the audio portion of today's meeting was being streamed live and can be heard on the agency website.

#### COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE

Ray White  
Wes Seegars  
Durwood Laughinghouse  
David Hoyle, Jr.  
Joe Barker  
Berkley Skinner

Tom Berry  
Mark Craig  
Jim Cogdell  
John Coley  
Ray White

Ray Clifton  
John Litton Clark  
Nat Harris  
Mitch St. Clair  
Richard Edwards

## VISITORS

Diane Newton – NC Bowhunters Assoc.	Crystal Cocleman – Land Trust for Central NC
William Newton – NCBA	Jason Walser – Land Trust for Central NC
John Barbour – State Property Office	Rebecca Schoonover – LTCNC
Emily Marino – LTCNC	Bob Pendergrass - LTCNC
Scott Pohlman – NCDENR	Eddie Smith – Grady-White Boats
Hal Atkinson –Camp-Younts Foundation	Scott Griffin
Robert Barnhill, Jr.	

## MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2013 MEETING

Commissioner Berkley Skinner made a motion to approve the May 17, 2013 Wildlife Resources Commission Meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Nat Harris and carried. **The Minutes**, titled **Exhibit A**, are hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## MINUTES OF EMERGENCY TELEPHONIC MEETING MAY 21, 2013

On a motion by Mitch St. Clair and second by Durwood Laughinghouse the Commission approved the minutes of the May 21, 2013 emergency telephonic meeting, titled **Exhibit B**. **Exhibit B** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## ADMINISTRATION

Tommy Clark, *Budget Officer*, gave the financial status report on the Wildlife Operating Fund and Wildlife Endowment Fund as of May 31, 2013, presented in **Exhibit C**. The Operating Fund balance was \$21,796,453.08. The Endowment Fund balance was \$97,609,052.67. **Exhibit C** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

### Fisheries Committee Meeting Report

Wes Seegars, *Chair*, reported that the Fisheries Committee met on June 19, 2013. The committee again reviewed the draft *North Carolina Trout Resources Management Plan* that was presented to the Fisheries Committee at the May 17, 2013 meeting. On a motion by Mark Craig and second by Nat Harris, the Commission approved the *North Carolina Trout Resources Management Plan* as presented in **Exhibit F**. **The North Carolina Trout Resources Management Plan** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting. Seegars stated that the committee received a Human Dimensions update from Kerry Linehan, *Human Dimensions Biologist*. Christian Waters, *Fisheries Management Coordinator*, gave an update about fisheries University research projects and research by fisheries staff to evaluate stocked brown and rainbow trout for a put-grow-and-take fishery at Apalachia Reservoir.

### **Big Game Committee Meeting Report**

John Litton Clark, *Chair*, reported that the Big Game Committee met on June 19, 2013. Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, gave an overview to the committee about the black bear management bill, an update about the status of the bill to allow hunting coyotes at night except in five eastern counties, an alligator project estimated to be completed by the end of 2013, the 2013 turkey harvest and impacts from extending Youth Day to Youth Week, and the study concerning deer management units in the state, estimated to result in consideration of changes in deer seasons by 2015.

### **Habitat, Non Game and Endangered Species Committee Meeting Report**

Durwood Laughinghouse, *Chair*, reported that the HNGES Committee met on June 19, 2013. Brad Howard, *Private Lands Coordinator*, presented an Elk Management update about the use of collars to track elk movements, behavior, and habitat use in western NC. Cindy Carr, *Wildlife Action Plan Coordinator*, reported that the 2005 Wildlife Action Plan content is being reviewed with plans to reorganize for the final report due in October 2015, and to put the Wildlife Action Plan into electronic format. Laughinghouse reported that the committee received updates from Todd Ewing, *Supervisor, Wildlife Diversity Program*, about the Conservation Recovery Plan and the Cape Fear shiner project. Perry Sumner, *Wildlife Diversity Coordinator*, discussed the Wildlife Diversity committee of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies (SEAFWA), a cooperative multi-state effort to compile data on species of special interest.

### **Land Use and Access Committee Meeting Report**

Jim Cogdell, *Chair*, reported that the Land Use and Access Committee met on June 19, 2013. Cogdell thanked staff for ongoing assistance in providing the committee with a process to consider acquisition proposals by first examining proposals for biological advantages, positive impacts on nearby game lands, and overall stewardship costs to the agency. The evaluations are completed before any consideration is given to the purchase of properties. Isaac Harrold, *Public Lands Manager*, showed a graph of land acquisitions by decade. The first acquisition was in 1937, before the NCWRC was created. Acquisitions stayed flat between the 1960s and 1980s, with a big spike in 2007. Of the \$313,000,000.00 spent, only ten percent has been funded by the NCWRC, with the majority coming from other state funding sources, especially the Clean Water Management Trust Fund and debt service on the International Paper bond obtained for the purchase of that tract in 2007. Cogdell reiterated that it is important to point out that agency funds are not being used for land acquisitions. He mentioned the Game Land Management Plans that Engineering Services is working on, and said that Erik Christofferson, *Engineering Division Chief*, will have the first set of plans available for consideration by the Commission within six months.

### **Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee Meeting Report**

Berkley Skinner, *Chair*, reported that the Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee met on June 19, 2013. Discussion included a final review of the *North Carolina Resident Canada Goose Management Plan* and *A Proactive Approach to Setting Canada Goose Hunting Seasons in the Northeast Hunt Unit – A Proposal*, which will be recommended for adoption by the Commission in Exhibits D and E.

### Boating Safety Committee Meeting Report

Joe Barker, *Chair*, reported that the Boating Safety Committee met on June 19, 2013. The committee reviewed **Exhibits H and I**, proposed no wake zones in Perquimans and Beaufort counties. The Boating Safety Committee will recommend adoption by the Commission of **Exhibits H and I**.

### PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 LAWRENCE G. DIEDRICK SMALL GAME AWARDS

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, provided an introduction about Commissioner Lawrence (Larry) Diedrick for whom the Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award is named. *Director* Gordon Myers and *Commissioner* Mitch St. Clair presented the 2013 Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award in the individual category to *Eddie Smith*, founder of Grady-White Boats. Mr. Smith was lauded for his many years of leadership and contributions toward providing boating and fishing opportunities, for involvement with youth, and for his contributions to small game conservation with the restoration of Grimes Plantation in Pitt County and stewardship of its 6000 acres for appropriate small game habitat. Myers and St. Clair also awarded the Diedrick Award in the organizational category to the *Land Trust for Central North Carolina*. Since 1995 the Land Trust for Central North Carolina has worked in ten piedmont counties and acquired more than 4000 acres, focusing on stewardship and education about keeping lands open for public access. *Jason Walser*, *Executive Director of the Land Trust for Central North Carolina* accepted the award.

**Break for Photographs** – Chairman Hoyle called a short recess at 9:35 a.m. so that photographs could be taken. The assembly reconvened at 9:50 a.m.

### AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Environmental DNA (eDNA) Technology

Lori A. Williams, *Mountain Region Wildlife Diversity Biologist*, presented a spotlight about partnerships with the NC Zoo, University of Idaho, and others to develop technology to test for environmental DNA in mountain waters. Unique genetic markers have been identified in hellbender and mudpuppy salamanders. Skin cells, live or dead tissue, egg material and body fluids are present in streams, and the water is tested for the presence of these specific species, providing proof of the presence of some species that would not otherwise be detected. In a pilot study in 2012, thirty-three sites tested positive for hellbenders. Nine new hellbender streams in seven counties have been identified. Hellbender eDNA spikes in September during their breeding season. Using eDNA to find mudpuppies has been less successful. Two streams tested positive for those salamanders but one new stream was recorded as a result of the testing. Future efforts will focus on refining methods to better detect the mudpuppies. Ms. Williams stated that eDNA can be used for early detection of invasive species and to detect the presence of rare mussels and rare fish, and for tracking anadromous fish as they make spawning migrations.

## WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Dr. David Cobb, *Wildlife Management Division Chief*, presented an update about the activities of the Division of Wildlife Management. Cobb announced that CDs provided to each Commissioner contain documents and newsletters of interest including the 2011 national survey of fishing, hunting and wildlife recreation, 2012-2013 tundra swan harvest information, information about setting the Canada goose hunting seasons in the Northeast hunt unit, turkey harvest information, and a publication concerning crossing structures for Northern flying squirrels.

## APPROVAL OF THE NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENT CANADA GOOSE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit D**, the *North Carolina Resident Canada Goose Management Plan* presented to the Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee on May 16, 2013 and on June 19, 2013. Ray White made a motion to approve the Plan. The motion was seconded by Berkley Skinner and carried. **Exhibit D, the North Carolina Resident Canada Goose Management Plan** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## APPROVAL OF A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO SETTING CANADA GOOSE HUNTING SEASONS IN THE NORTHEAST HUNT UNIT – A PROPOSAL

Dr. Cobb presented **Exhibit E**, *A Proactive Approach to Setting Canada Goose Hunting Seasons in the Northeast Hunt Unit – A Proposal*, which was reviewed by the Migratory Birds, Waterfowl Committee on May 16 and June 19, 2013, and recommended for approval. On a motion by Berkley Skinner and second by Wes Seegars **Exhibit E** was approved. *Director Gordon Myers* stated that he visited the Fish and Wildlife Service in Atlanta recently. The FWS complimented the NCWRC on its exemplary approach to setting waterfowl seasons for Canada geese in northeastern North Carolina. **Exhibit E** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## INLAND FISHERIES UPDATE

Bob Curry, *Inland Fisheries Division Chief*, presented an update on the activities of the Inland Fisheries Division. Curry announced that 162,500 striped bass hybrids have been stocked in Lake Norman. At the Becoming an Outdoor Woman weekend in Wilkes County one hundred four women participated. Curry announced that at statewide events held during National Fishing and Boating Week, two winners were chosen for lifetime licenses to be presented at the July WRC meeting. Curry stated that there will be a CRFL (Coastal Recreational Fishing License) joint committee conference call on June 25, to discuss the Vandemere Boating Access Area project.



## PROPERTY MATTER

### Surplus Property Matter- Pender County

On a motion by Ray White and second by Joe Barker, the Commission voted to table **Exhibit G**, consideration of possible disposition of three structures at the Watha Fish Hatchery in Pender County, pending further investigation and reports to be brought back to the Commission. **Exhibit G** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## RULEMAKING

### No Wake Zone Amendment and Technical Changes – Perquimans County

Norman Young, *Agency Counsel*, presented **Exhibit H**, a request by the Town of Hertford in Perquimans County to amend 15A NCAC 10F .0355 for a modification and enlargement of a no wake zone along the Hertford waterfront. Wes Seegars made a motion to adopt. Seconded by Durwood Laughinghouse, the motion carried. The Commission also voted to incorporate technical changes into the rule to correct location name of no wake zones in (a)(2)(A) and (a)(2)(B) to Yeopim Creek. The Perquimans County amendment and technical changes will be reviewed by the Rules Review Commission prior to codification in the North Carolina Administrative Code. **Exhibit H** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

### No Wake Zone Amendment and Technical Changes – Beaufort County

Norman Young presented **Exhibit I**, a request by the Wildlife Resources Commission to amend portions of 15A NCAC 10F .0303(a)(2) and (a)(5) to modify sizes of no wake zones located in Blounts Creek at Mouth of the Creek Bridge and in the vicinity of the Blounts Creek Boating Access Area. On a motion by Mitch St. Clair and second by Berkley Skinner the Commission approved the amendment and technical changes in Beaufort County. Technical changes to the rule clarify the descriptions of no wake zones in Broad Creek (a)(1) and in Tranter's Creek(a)(6), using latitude and longitude. The amendment and technical changes will be reviewed by the Rules Review Commission prior to codification in the North Carolina Administrative Code. **Exhibit I** is hereby incorporated into the official record of this meeting.

## COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN

*Chairman* David Hoyle again congratulated the individual and organizational winners of the Lawrence G. Diedrick Small Game Award. Hoyle thanked staff for their work on the various committee meetings and Commission meeting, and noted that there is not enough time to talk about all the important issues before the Wildlife Resources Commission. Hoyle thanked all Commissioners for their assistance to him and said it has been an honor to serve with fellow Commissioners and agency staff.

**COMMENTS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

*Executive Director* Gordon Myers thanked the Commissioners for their support and their teamwork with legislative budget issues. Myers stated that the House budget is more favorable than that proposed by the Senate. The budget would restore five million dollars the first year and seven million dollars the second year. Myers stated that staff is working on a conceptual plan to move the agency toward self-sufficiency. Some ideas include modest fee increases, a request for the agency to be allowed to adjust fees based on the Consumer Price Index, transition the age for reduced price lifetime licenses from 65 to age 70, and consider increasing non-resident license fees for additional revenue. The agency is seeking to eliminate the six percent service agent commission and instead add a two dollar transaction fee. The agency is proposing to limit the cash balance to no more than twenty-five percent of the annualized budget. If the agency exceeds that limit we would receive a *non-recurring* reduction in the appropriation the following year. If the Endowment Fund reaches more than one hundred million dollars the Commission will work to spend down fifty percent of the annual Endowment interest. Myers stated that the Hunter Heritage Apprentice bill has been signed into law.

Myers introduced Scott Griffin *of the North Carolina Sportsmen's Caucus Advisory Board*. Griffin thanked Diedrick Award winner Eddie Smith who was instrumental in starting the N.C. Sportsmen's Caucus. The Sportsmen's Caucus falls under the Congressional Sportsmen Foundation in Washington D.C. Three hundred members of Congressional Sportsmen Foundation support the caucus. Griffin announced a large wildlife conservation event on Wednesday, June 27 at the home of Frank and Judy Grainger. More than 190 people are expected to attend. There will be an effort to obtain funding for camouflaged wheelchairs for disabled sportsmen and women to use in the huntmaster lifts across the state. Griffin expects all of the wheelchairs to be funded. He urged all to attend and thanked the Commissioners for helping make the event possible.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

All exhibits are incorporated into the official record of this meeting by reference and are filed with the minutes.

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David W. Hoyle, Jr., Chairman

Date

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Gordon Myers, Executive Director

Date

**NORTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION**

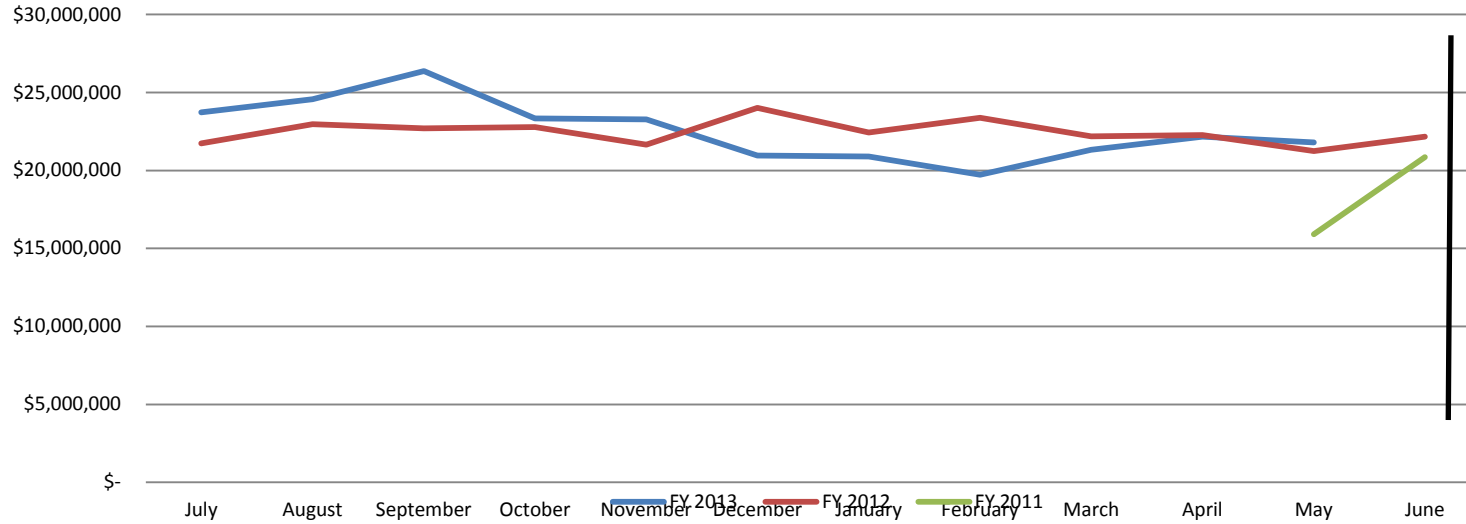
**Summary and Analysis of Agency Operating Cash Balance - Code 14350, 24350, 24351 and 24352**

	May-12		
<b>Cash Balance July 1</b>		<b>\$ 20,845,004.99</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2011-2012</b>		
	<b>Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of</b>
Appropriations	\$ 18,438,511.00	\$ 17,087,566.00	92.67%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,438,511.00</b>	<b>\$ 17,087,566.00</b>	<b>92.67%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
License Receipts		\$ 15,023,501.25	
Vessel Receipts		4,924,995.00	
Federal Funds		16,840,648.35	
Magazine Subscriptions		299,106.16	
Professional Services		3,560,774.29	
Agency Reimbursements		3,225,531.22	
Other Receipts		2,103,124.12	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 45,977,680.39</b>	
<b>Expenditures</b>			
2100 Administration	\$ 8,316,122.00	\$ 7,040,063.36	
2120 Enforcement	21,767,737.00	18,970,595.38	
2130 Education	4,467,142.00	3,334,794.07	
2140 Inland Fisheries	9,809,115.00	9,166,723.63	
2150 Management	16,966,804.00	14,449,815.96	
2160 Engineering Services	8,326,587.00	7,725,469.02	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	2,403,582.00	1,983,351.35	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 72,057,089.00</b>	<b>\$ 62,670,812.77</b>	<b>86.97%</b>
<b>Cash Balance May 31</b>		<b>\$ 21,239,438.61</b>	

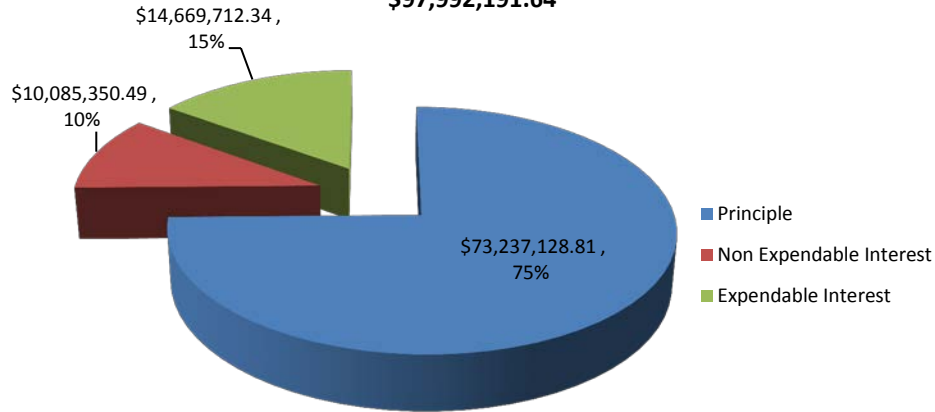
	May-13		
		<b>\$ 22,177,706.67</b>	
<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2012-2013</b>		
	<b>Authorized Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% of</b>
Appropriations	\$ 18,476,588.00	\$ 16,523,242.00	89.43%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 18,476,588.00</b>	<b>\$ 16,523,242.00</b>	<b>89.43%</b>
<b>Receipts</b>			
License Receipts	\$ 16,045,079.00	\$ 14,761,516.00	
Vessel Receipts	5,827,498.00	5,040,595.00	
Federal Funds	18,535,279.00	17,748,223.74	
Magazine Subscriptions	240,478.00	334,398.83	
Professional Services	4,607,249.00	3,648,501.80	
Agency Reimbursements	3,012,617.00	3,040,405.96	
Other Receipts	4,762,673.00	2,006,730.76	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 53,030,873.00</b>	<b>\$ 46,580,372.09</b>	<b>87.84%</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
2100 Administration	\$ 8,472,198.00	\$ 7,327,828.58	
2120 Enforcement	21,129,229.00	19,809,711.47	
2130 Education	4,095,793.00	3,072,718.48	
2140 Inland Fisheries	11,845,996.00	9,430,441.52	
2150 Management	11,032,328.00	9,746,337.21	
2160 Engineering Services	14,127,880.00	11,123,693.16	
2170 W/Life Fund Receipts	3,188,385.00	2,974,137.26	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 73,891,809.00</b>	<b>\$ 63,484,867.68</b>	<b>85.92%</b>
<b>Cash Balance May 31</b>		<b>\$ 21,796,453.08</b>	

**EXHIBIT B**  
**July 11, 2013**

### Agency Monthly Cash Balance



### Endowment Cash Value \$97,992,191.64



### Endowment Fund May, 2013

Revenues	\$ 218,332.80
Return on Investment	\$ 423,320.66
Transfer to Operations	\$ (258,514.49)
Book Value	\$ 97,992,191.64
Market Value	\$ 104,423,790.54

# EXHIBIT C-1

July 11, 2013

## Proposed Regulations Frameworks for 2013–14 Early Hunting Seasons on Certain Migratory Game Birds

Pursuant to the Migratory Bird Treaty Act and delegated authorities, the Department of Interior approved the following proposals for season lengths, shooting hours, bag and possession limits, and outside dates within which States may select seasons for hunting waterfowl and coots between the dates of September 1, 2013, and March 10, 2014. These frameworks are summarized below.

### General

Dates: All outside dates noted below are inclusive.

Shooting and Hawking (taking by falconry) Hours: Unless otherwise specified, from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset daily.

Possession Limits: Unless otherwise specified, possession limits are three times the daily bag limit.

Permits: For some species of migratory birds, the Service authorizes the use of permits to regulate harvest or monitor their take by sport hunters, or both. In many cases (e.g., tundra swans, some sandhill crane populations), the Service determines the amount of harvest that may be taken during hunting seasons during its formal regulations-setting process, and the States then issue permits to hunters at levels predicted to result in the amount of take authorized by the Service. Thus, although issued by States, the permits would not be valid unless the Service approved such take in its regulations.

These Federally authorized, State-issued permits are issued to individuals, and only the individual whose name and address appears on the permit at the time of issuance is authorized to take migratory birds at levels specified in the permit, in accordance with provisions of both Federal and State regulations governing the hunting season. The permit must be carried by the permittee when exercising its provisions and must be presented to any law enforcement officer upon request. The permit is not transferrable or assignable to another individual, and may not be sold, bartered, traded, or otherwise provided to another person. If the permit is altered or defaced in any way, the permit becomes invalid.

### Flyways and Management Units

#### Waterfowl Flyways:

Atlantic Flyway—includes Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## **Management Units**

### **Mourning Dove Management Units:**

Eastern Management Unit—All States east of the Mississippi River, and Louisiana.

### **Woodcock Management Regions:**

Eastern Management Region—Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia.

## **Definitions**

*Dark geese:* Canada geese, white-fronted geese, brant (except in Alaska, California, Oregon, Washington, and the Atlantic Flyway), and all other goose species, except light geese.

*Light geese:* snow (including blue) geese and Ross's geese.

## **Waterfowl Seasons in the Atlantic Flyway**

In the Atlantic Flyway States of Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, where Sunday hunting is prohibited Statewide by State law, all Sundays are closed to all take of migratory waterfowl (including mergansers and coots).

## **Special September Teal Season**

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and September 30, an open season on all species of teal may be selected by the following States in areas delineated by State regulations:

Atlantic Flyway—Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 16 consecutive hunting days in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. The daily bag limit is 6 teal.

Shooting Hours:

Atlantic Flyway—One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

## **Special Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days**

Outside Dates: States may select 2 days per duck-hunting zone, designated as “Youth Waterfowl Hunting Days,” in addition to their regular duck seasons. The days must be held outside any regular duck season on a weekend, holidays, or other non-school days when youth hunters would have the maximum opportunity to participate. The days may be held up to 14 days before or after any regular duck-season frameworks or within any split of a regular duck season, or within any other open season on migratory birds.

Daily Bag Limits: The daily bag limits may include ducks, geese, mergansers, coots, and gallinules and will be the same as those allowed in the regular season. Flyway species and area restrictions will remain in effect.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Participation Restrictions: Youth hunters must be 15 years of age or younger. In addition, an adult at least 18 years of age must accompany the youth hunter into the field. This adult may not duck hunt but may participate in other seasons that are open on the special youth day.

### **Scoters, Eiders, and Long-tailed Ducks (Atlantic Flyway)**

Outside Dates: Between September 15 and January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 107 days, with a daily bag limit of 7, singly or in the aggregate, of the listed sea duck species, of which no more than 4 may be scoters.

Daily Bag Limits During the Regular Duck Season: Within the special sea duck areas, during the regular duck season in the Atlantic Flyway, States may choose to allow the above sea duck limits in addition to the limits applying to other ducks during the regular duck season. In all other areas, sea ducks may be taken only during the regular open season for ducks and are part of the regular duck season daily bag (not to exceed 4 scoters) and possession limits.

Areas: In all coastal waters and all waters of rivers and streams seaward from the first upstream bridge in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, and New York; in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 1 mile of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in New Jersey, South Carolina, and Georgia; and in any waters of the Atlantic Ocean and in any tidal waters of any bay which are separated by at least 800 yards of open water from any shore, island, and emergent vegetation in Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, and Virginia; and provided that any such areas have been described, delineated, and designated as special sea duck hunting areas under the hunting regulations adopted by the respective States.

### **Special Early Canada Goose Seasons**

#### **Atlantic Flyway**

##### General Seasons

A Canada goose season of up to 15 days during September 1–15 may be selected for the Eastern Unit of Maryland. Seasons not to exceed 30 days during September 1–30 may be selected for Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, New Jersey, New York (Long Island Zone only), North Carolina, Rhode Island, and South Carolina. Seasons may not exceed 25 days during September 1–25 in the remainder of the Flyway. Areas open to the hunting of Canada geese must be described, delineated, and designated as such in each State's hunting regulations.

Daily Bag Limits: Not to exceed 15 Canada geese.

Shooting Hours: One-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except that during any general season, shooting hours may extend to one-half hour after sunset if all other waterfowl seasons are closed in the specific applicable area.

### **Common Moorhens and Purple Gallinules**

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and the last Sunday in January (January 26) in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. States in the Pacific Flyway have been allowed to select their hunting seasons between the outside dates for the season on ducks; therefore, they are late-season frameworks, and no frameworks are provided in this document.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 70 days in the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways. Seasons may be split into 2 segments. The daily bag limit is 15 common moorhens and purple gallinules, singly or in the aggregate of the two species.

Zoning: Seasons may be selected by zones established for duck hunting.

### **Rails**

Outside Dates: States included herein may select seasons between September 1 and the last Sunday in January (January 26) on clapper, king, sora, and Virginia rails.

Hunting Seasons: Seasons may not exceed 70 days, and may be split into 2 segments.

Daily Bag Limits:

Clapper and King Rails—In Rhode Island, Connecticut, New Jersey, Delaware, and Maryland, 10, singly or in the aggregate of the two species. In Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia, 15, singly or in the aggregate of the two species.

Sora and Virginia Rails—In the Atlantic, Mississippi, and Central Flyways and the Pacific Flyway portions of Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, and Wyoming, 25 rails, singly or in the aggregate of the two species. The season is closed in the remainder of the Pacific Flyway.

### **Common Snipe**

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and February 28, except in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia, where the season must end no later than January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 107 days and may be split into two segments. The daily bag limit is 8 snipe.

Zoning: Seasons may be selected by zones established for duck hunting.

### **American Woodcock**

Outside Dates: States in the Eastern Management Region may select hunting seasons between October 1 and January 31. States in the Central Management Region may select hunting seasons between the Saturday nearest September 22 (September 21) and January 31.

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Seasons may not exceed 45 days in the Eastern Region and 45 days in the Central Region. The daily bag limit is 3. Seasons may be split into two segments.

Zoning: New Jersey may select seasons in each of two zones. The season in each zone may not exceed 36 days.

### **Doves**

Outside Dates: Between September 1 and January 15, except as otherwise provided, States may select hunting seasons and daily bag limits as follows:



### **Eastern Management Unit**

Hunting Seasons and Daily Bag Limits: Not more than 70 days, with a daily bag limit of 15 mourning and white-winged doves in the aggregate.

Zoning and Split Seasons: States may select hunting seasons in each of two zones. The season within each zone may be split into not more than three periods. Regulations for bag and possession limits, season length, and shooting hours must be uniform within specific hunting zones.

### **Special Falconry Regulations**

Falconry is a permitted means of taking migratory game birds in any State meeting Federal falconry standards in 50 CFR 21.29. These States may select an extended season for taking migratory game birds in accordance with the following:

Extended Seasons: For all hunting methods combined, the combined length of the extended season, regular season, and any special or experimental seasons must not exceed 107 days for any species or group of species in a geographical area. Each extended season may be divided into a maximum of 3 segments.

Framework Dates: Seasons must fall between September 1 and March 10.

Daily Bag Limits: Falconry daily bag limits for all permitted migratory game birds must not exceed 3 birds, singly or in the aggregate, during extended falconry seasons, any special or experimental seasons, and regular hunting seasons in all States, including those that do not select an extended falconry season.

Regular Seasons: General hunting regulations, including seasons and hunting hours, apply to falconry in each State listed in 50 CFR 21.29. Regular season bag and possession limits do not apply to falconry. The falconry bag limit is not in addition to gun limits.

# EXHIBIT C-2

July 11, 2013

## 2013 Early Season Migratory Game Bird Season Options Response to internet questions

ES1. Mourning dove gun season dates

Of the following season date options for mourning doves, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Season dates should be kept similar to past years. **30 responses**
- Option 2. Some days should be taken from the early segment (typically early September thru early October) with those days added later in the year (November and December). **1 response**
- Option 3. No comment **1 response**

ES2. Woodcock gun season dates

Of the following season date preferences for woodcock, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. mid-December through late January (similar to last year) **5 responses**
- Option 2. Shift the entire season earlier in the year (mid-November through late December) **2 responses**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES3. Snipe gun season dates

Of the following season date options for snipe, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. mid-November through February (similar to last year) **3 responses**
- Option 2. Shift the season to earlier in the fall **No response**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES4. Rail, gallinule and moorhen gun season dates

Of the following season date options for rails, gallinule and moorhen, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Open the season in early September with no season split (similar to last year) **3 responses**
- Option 2. Open the season in early September, but have a short closed period during a low tide cycle before reopening the 2<sup>nd</sup> segment **2 responses**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES5. September teal gun season dates

Of the following date options for the September teal season, which do you prefer? (**Note: This season occurs only in the area east of U.S. Highway 17**)

- Option 1. Early September **No response**
- Option 2. Mid September **2 responses**
- Option 3. Late September (similar to last year) **2 responses**
- Option 4. No comment **10 responses**

ES6. Extended falconry season dates for doves

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Days allocated to the gun season + extended falconry days may not exceed 107

Of the following extended falconry season options for doves, which do you prefer.

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (September, October, November) **No response**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (December, January, February) **No response**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES7. Extended falconry season dates for rails, gallinules and moorhens

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Days allocated to the gun season + extended falconry days may not exceed 107

Of the following extended falconry season options for rails, gallinules and moorhens which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (October, November and December) **No response**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (January, February, March) **No response**
- Option 3. No comment **No response**

ES8. Extended falconry season dates for woodcock

Guidelines for extended falconry seasons include:

1. The season must fall between September 1 and March 10.
2. Days allocated to the gun season + extended falconry days may not exceed 107

Of the following extended falconry season options for woodcock, which do you prefer?

- Option 1. Days should occur early in this time period (October, November and December) **No response**
- Option 2. Days should occur later in the time period (January, February, March) **No response**

### Early Season Regulations Comments Report for 2013

Reg	District	Opinion	Comment	County	Name
ES1	District 9	Option 1		Buncombe	STROEBEL, PAUL E
ES1	District 2	Option 1	The season dates should always open on the Saturday ahead of Labor Day, regardless it is the last couple of days of August or not. A couple of days ain't going to matter. I see no benefit in extending the seasons longer. After opening Saturday and Labor Day Monday you will only fine a very, very hunters in the field, just a few can't keep the birds flying, so it gets boring. I believe the limit should be increased, cause there are way still enought doves for everyone. Just one or two days hunting ain't hardly enough to make a good pastry. I believe in conservation, but good conservation also allows for animals to be taken from the field, to balance the load as well. People are off work the saturday before and labor day so they buy shells, clothes etc. Tues-Fri people are back to work, getting ready for the other seasons. No benefit and not enough people going. Thanks	Lenoir	DAVIS SR, MICHAEL E
ES1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES1	District 5	Option 1	it just depends on what side of the state your on... around central nc, our only good days are the earlier days, on the coast they would love to see it later. maybe a split season similar to the deer season. splitting up in sections rather than state wide.. good luck	Durham	HEINEMANN, BEN A
ES1	District 6	Option 1		Davidson	WATKINS, JASON M
ES1	District 2	Option 1	Really enjoyed morning hunt of opening day of dove season. Hope opening day of dove season keeps morning hunt.	Onslow	MCCARTHY, MARK C
ES1	District 3	Option 1	I have a request that, if I could get all of my dove hunting friends to respond, would be a large number of people. Please consider and change the start date to the Saturday prior to September 1st when September the 1st falls on a Sunday or Monday. It is a really great time and event for me and many others for Labor Day weekend to hunt both Saturday and Sunday on this holiday. The way it is now, we don't get together because we can only hunt 1 day this year (i.e. September 2nd). I have several friend who travel to NC to hunt on Labor Day but not when they can only hunt 1 day. Thanks, Herb Hutchinson	Nash	HUTCHINSON III, HERB N
ES1		Option 1	Need to ALWAYS open Dove season the Saturday before Labor Day. {August 31 this year}		DENNIS, ROBERT C
ES1	District 6	Option 1	the earlier it starts the more hunting i get in i am in favor of starting the season ealier	Mecklenburg	BACOGEOGE, ALEX C
ES1	District 2	Option 1		Pitt	PRENTICE, MARSHALL W
ES1	District 2	Option 1	I would like to see the dove season open at noon during the first week.	Carteret	CROSS, FORD A
ES1	District 3	Option 1		Wake	COLEMAN III, WILEY G
ES1	District 7	Option 1	I would encourage you to open the season on Saturday August 31st, as this allows for optimal hunting. With the Labor Day opening, people have to travel back to places of work, and will generally miss the late afternoon segment. Consider a p.m. session for Saturday, then a dawn to dusk Monday, thanks Bob	Forsyth	NEWELL, WILLIAM R
ES1	District 6	Option 1	2 things. I would like the dove season to open at sunrise from now on.and also , I would like to have a provision on our liscense or hip card allowing us an un limited bag limit if we are to hunt ONLY on opening day.	Cabarrus	SAFRIT, KEVIN R
ES1	District 8	Option 1	I would like to see days taken from the last segment in January and moved to the middle segment in November around Thanksgiving	Cleveland	HAMRICK, WESLEY R

Reg	District	Opinion	Comment	County	Name
ES1	District 5	Option 1	I know USFWS allows you to open the season after SEP 01 (which is a Sunday this year). It would NOT be detrimental to the resource to open the season on Saturday, August 31. It WOULD provide more harvesting opportunities for out-of-state or waaay accross-the-state family members to come home on Labor Day weekend and have a traditional Opening Day hunt on Saturday, maybe hunt on Monday, September 01, or not, and then return home on Monday. It's a sorta common-sense suggestion that would not harm the resource and would make it easier for folks to continue a family tradition. Also, I bet a whole lot more Hunting Licenses would be sold !!	Guilford	LYNCH, THOMAS E
ES1		Option 1	I strongly prefer season dates to be kept similar to previous years. For 2013, I suggest the opening day be Labor Day, Sept. 2. Also, I urge the Commission to end morning hunts during the first week of the opening season. My perception after hunting doves in N.C. for over 30 years, is that morning hunts early in the season contribute to poor hunting later in the season. In the 1980s and 1990s we could depend on decent hunts throughout the early season. This is no longer the case. Please consider having shooting hours begin at noon during the first week of the season.		CHESTER, ALEXANDER
ES1	District 2	Option 1	I REALLY liked the ability to dove hunt in the mornings on opening day. That made for a very enjoyable time with out having to suffer in the afternoon heat when the birds don't fly that good anyway. Please keep the morning hunt schedule on opening day!!	New Hanover	WARREN JR, JAMES M
ES1	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES1	District 5	Option 1	I think that Dove season should open on the Sat before Labor Day no matter when Sept 1 occurs.Also,allow Sunday hunting.	Guilford	BANCROFT, ERIC S
ES1	District 2	Option 1	In my experience Dove season is the kickoff for the fall hunting season. I am happy with the season dates of last year.	Craven	WALTON, SHAUN M
ES1	District 7	Option 1	Please open the season on Saturday, Aug. 31st this year! It means so much to myself and my family to be able to spend a long weekend together enjoying the great outdoors and shooting limits of dove! If you open the season on labor day, we will only get 1 day to enjoy our hunting until we have to go back to work.	Forsyth	Newell JR, William R
ES1	District 3	Option 1	PLEASE open the season at 30 minutes before sunrise as you did last year. This is much easier on retrievers and will greatly cut down on heat stroke, heat exhaustion and exercise induced collapse (EIC) with dogs on opening day hunts. Thank you.	Wake	THOMPSON III, CARL S
ES1	District 2	Option 1	A noon opening for all days of the first week should be reinstated for both social and biological reasons. All day shooting clearly moves birds away from their usual feeding areas.	Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES1	District 3	Option 1	The Wildlife Commission employees do a fantastic job. THANKS!!!	Wake	GREEN JR, JOHN R
ES1	District 3	Option 1		Wake	BUTTS IV, DAVID F
ES1	District 2	Option 2	TO HOT IN SEPT AND OCT COOLER WEATHER LATER IN YEAR	Onslow	SULLIVAN, JOHN A
ES1	District 8	Option 1	have the dove season run all together, or have just a split season instead of a 3 part season	Gaston	HENRY, SCOTT T
ES1	District 2	Option 1	I would like to see more days overall allowed for the taking of doves. Dove hunting has become a sport that many people no longer take the time to enjoy. With less hunters there are less numbers of doves harvested. If the commission was to offer more dove hunting season dates maybe there would be more interest.	Beaufort	HILL, JUSTIN T
ES1	District 6	Option 1	Would like to see consideration of elimination of morning hours at least for the first week or so of Sept as it is putting significant pressure on the birds as many fields end up being hunted daylight to dusk. I personally do not hunt mornings for this reason	Rowan	SHAVER, JOSEPH S

Reg	District	Opinion	Comment	County	Name
ES1	District 3	Option 3	Two segments, the first starting September 1, 2013 lasting until October 12, 2013; a total of 42 days. This end date also coincides with the beginning of deer season. The second segment would be from Jan 1, 2014 to Jan 15, 2014 a total 15 days. This would account for 67 days of the maximum federal limit of 70 days(including Sundays as specified). This Season would be particularly advantageous for hunters, as season overlap is minimal.	Wayne	MYERS, PATRICK W
ES1	District 5	Option 1		Durham	BERGMAN, DAVID CHAD
ES2	District 2	Option 1	An early season usually precedes the arrival of migratory woodcock almost entirely in eastern North Carolina	Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES2	District 8	Option 1		Cleveland	HAMRICK, WESLEY R
ES2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES2	District 2	Option 1	This season reduces interactions with deer hunters.	Carteret	CROSS, FORD A
ES2	District 5	Option 2	these birds are coming down sooner than later.	Durham	HEINEMANN, BEN A
ES2	District 2	Option 2	So it would be more in line with the quail season. See woodcocks will quail hunting un able to harvest.	Onslow	MCCARTHY, MARK C
ES2	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES3	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES3	District 8	Option 1		Cleveland	HAMRICK, WESLEY R
ES4	District 8	Option 2		Cleveland	HAMRICK, WESLEY R
ES4	District 2	Option 1		Craven	HUNTSMAN, GENE R
ES4	District 2	Option 2		Carteret	CROSS, FORD A
ES4	District 1	Option 1		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES4	District 1	Option 1	It would be nice to have a portion of the 70 days allotted later in the season. There are times along the Outer Banks in November, December, and January that there are rails present that we could hunt.	Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES5	District 1	Option 3	In correlation to when the teal season is set, could the area east of Hwy 17 possibly get 1/2 after sunset for Canada Geese when the teal season is not open? In theory it would work for the 1/2 hr after sunset option for Sep 2-11 and then run the teal/Canada Goose season from the 12th to the 30th.	Dare	VAN DRUTEN, BRIAN M
ES5	District 6	Option 2	At what point is the WRC going to petition the USFWS for a experimental season west of US 17? Fairly certain teal don't recognize the road as a boundary marker thus you are allowing for unfair distribution of hunting days, especially given that the "experiment" is over. Either consider a season in the west or go to zones and count the teal season dates against the 60 day season east of US 17	Davidson	WATKINS, JASON M
ES5	District 5	Option 2	the closer to oct. the more you see the good ole boys knocking down woodies!! and not teal!!!good luck	Durham	HEINEMANN, BEN A
ES5	District 2	Option 3	Beleive late Sept. is better as we have a few more esarly birds to hunt any early probaly will not see as many birds.	Onslow	MCCARTHY, MARK C
ES5	District 2	Option 3		Carteret	CROSS, FORD A
ES5	District 7	Option 3	i was wondering if it would be possible to have the September teal season to be state wide. i see more teal in September then i do any other waterfowl through out the year.	Wilkes	PERRY, JONATHAN G
ES5	District 3	Option 3	The later the better, to have a chance of actually seeing teal.	Wake	COLEMAN III, WILEY G
ES5	District 2	Option 3	Best numbers of teal move down later in the month. The later in September the better.	Pitt	PRENTICE, MARSHALL W
ES5	District 8	Option 3	I would like to see Teal season moved later into September ( 14 - 30 ) and include the entire state	Cleveland	HAMRICK, WESLEY R

<b>Reg</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Opinion</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>Name</b>
ES5	District 4	Option 3	Eliminate the early teal season.Add those days to the end of the waterfowl season.This would appease the down east crowd opposed to Sunday hunting as it would add those days back to the best part of their season.A compromise and all are relatively happy.Early teal utilized by very few sportsman as contrasted to Sunday hunting on private lands.Where would the NCWRC get the biggest revenue lift?Calculate that into the equation given the budget axe job recently.u	Cumberland	MCLEAN JR, JAMES W
ES5	District 1	Option 3	Eliminate the early Teal season and add those days to extend the end of the season when we have more ducks in our flyway.	Currituck	POTTER JR, LINWOOD
ES5	District 1	Option 3	With the heat,humidity and insects I think we would see more participation and better experiences with the latest dates possible. Thanks, B Cannon	Camden	CANNON, WILLIAM B
ES5	District 1	Option 3		Dare	SCARBOROUGH JR, HARVEY D
ES5	District 3	Option 3	I PROPOSE WE MOVE THE TEAL SEASON BACK 2 WEEKS LATER INTO OCTOBER AND THUS MOVING ALL WATER FOWL SEASONS BACK 2 WEEKS, SO THAT DUCK SEASON WILL END IN FEBRUARY. THE BEST DUCK HUNTING IN EASTERN NC IS IN THE END OF JANUARY. MOST DUCKS DO NOT GET HERE IN FULL FORCE UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY AND FIRST OF FEBRUARY.	Wayne	TILLMAN, JEREMY P



## 2013-14 Early Season Migratory Game Bird Season Frameworks and DWM Staff Recommendations

Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommendations	
		Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Mourning Dove & White-winged dove	Outside Dates: September 1 – January 15, 70 days with 3 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 2 – October 5, November 25 – November 30, December 13 – January 11  <u>Note: September 1<sup>st</sup> is on Sunday.</u>	15
King & Clapper Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 26) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 7 – September 28, October 5 – November 21  <u>Note: We are recommending a split season this year to take advantage of tide cycles.</u>	15
Sora & Virginia Rails	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 26) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 25 singly or in the aggregate	September 7 – September 28, October 5 – November 21	25
Gallinule & Moorhens	Outside Dates: September 1 – last Sunday in January (January 26) 70 days with 2 splits daily bag of 15 singly or in the aggregate	September 7 – September 28, October 5 – November 21	15
Woodcock	Outside Dates: October 1 – January 31 45 days with 2 splits daily bag of 3	December 12 – January 25	3
Common Snipe	Outside Dates: September 1 – February 28 107 days with 2 splits daily bag of 8	November 14 – February 28	8

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		<b>Staff Recommendations</b>	
Species	Frameworks	Staff Recommended Season	Daily Bag
Canada Goose	<p>Outside Dates: September 1 – 30 (statewide), 30 days daily bag of 15</p> <p>Special methods: During the September Canada goose season only, the following expanded hunting methods are allowed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extended shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset.</li> <li>2. unplugged guns</li> <li>3. electronic calls</li> </ol> <p>Note: The special methods cannot occur during any other open waterfowl, e.g., teal season.</p>	<p>September 2 – 30 (statewide) <u>Note: September 1<sup>st</sup> is on Sunday.</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. extend shooting hours to ½ hour after sunset</li> <li>2. allow use of unplugged guns</li> <li>3. allow use of electronic calls</li> </ol> <p>These expanded methods are <u>only</u> to be allowed west of U.S. 17.</p>	15
September Teal	<p>Outside Dates: September 1 – 30, 16 days, daily bag of 6, east of U.S. 17 only</p>	<p>September 7 – 25 (East of U.S. 17 only)</p>	6

- Federal guidelines allow for shooting hours for all migratory game birds to be from ½ hour before sunrise to sunset.
- Possession limit is three times the daily bag for all species.

# EXHIBIT C-4

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## Extended Falconry Season Highlights & DWM Staff Recommendations for 2013-14 Extended Falconry Seasons for Webless Migratory Game Bird Species

### General Restrictions/Guidelines

- Seasons must fall between September 1 and March 10.
- Total days available for falconry cannot exceed 107 (for each species) and includes regular, (i.e., gun) seasons, experimental seasons and extended falconry seasons.
- The falconry daily bag limit is 3 permitted migratory game birds, singly or in the aggregate. The regular, (i.e., gun) season bag limits for individual species do not apply. Possession limit is 3 times the daily bag limit.
- Each extended season may be divided into a maximum of 3 segments.
- The falconry bag limit is not in addition to the gun bag limit.

### DWM Staff Recommendations

If the Commission chooses staff recommended “gun” seasons as presented, we recommend the following extended falconry seasons.

Mourning dove/White-winged dove	October 12 – November 16
Rails, Gallinule and Moorhens	November 23 – December 28
Woodcock	November 4 – December 7 & February 1 – February 28