



AGENDA
N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION
June 6, 2024 9:00 a.m.
1751 Varsity Drive
NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor
Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER – *Chairman Monty Crump*

This electronic meeting is being streamed live for the public to attend and recorded as a public record. The recording of the meeting will be available at www.ncwildlife.org.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Joe Budd*

INVOCATION – *Commissioner Tommy Fonville*

ROLL CALL OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT – *Margo Minkler, Commission Liaison*

MANDATORY ETHICS INQUIRY – North Carolina General Statute §138A-15 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 Crump*

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2024 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR PROSPECTIVE COMMISSIONER REID M. SMITH - Pursuant to NCGS §138A-15(c), any actual or potential conflict of interest by a public servant sitting on a board and cited by the Ethics Commission under NCGS 138A-24(e) is required to be read into the minutes of the applicable board. Read into the Minutes relevant portions of the evaluations by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2024 Statement of Economic Interest for Reid M. Smith, House Speaker Tim Moore Appointee – *Margo Minkler*

ADMINISTER OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COMMISSIONER – Administer the Oath of Office to House Speaker Appointee Reid M. Smith – *Representative John R. Bell, IV, North Carolina General Assembly*

BREAK FOR PHOTOGRAPHS

APPROVAL OF APRIL 18, 2024 MEETING MINUTES – Take action on the April 18, 2024 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit. **(EXHIBIT A)**

FINANCIAL STATUS REPORT – Receive Financial Status Report on the Wildlife Resources Commission General Fund, Capital Improvement Fund, and the Endowment Fund. – *Jason Cottle, Chief Financial Officer (EXHIBIT B)*

COMMITTEE MEETING REPORTS

Rules Committee – May 14, 2024 – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Land Acquisition & Property Committee – June 5, 2024 – *Tom Berry, Chair*

Habitat, Nongame, & Endangered Species Committee – June 5, 2024 – *Kelly Davis, Chair*

Big Game Committee – June 5, 2024 – *David Hoyle, Chair*

Finance, Audit & Compliance Committee – June 5, 2024 – *Brad Stanback, Vice Chair*

Committee of the Whole – June 5, 2024 – *Monty Crump, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Searching for Sound – *Aubrey Greene, Wildlife Diversity Biologist*

RECIPROCAL HUNTING LICENSE FEES FOR NON-RESIDENTS – Consider adoption of a resolution to allow changes in nonresident hunting license fees for neighboring states to establish parity, under the authority of NCGS 113-275(a1) – *Brian Daniels, Customer Service Manager, Customer Support Services. (EXHIBIT C)*

CONSIDERATION OF NONGAME WILDLIFE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

APPOINTMENTS – Pursuant to North Carolina General Statute §113-335, consider appointment of members to the Nongame Wildlife Advisory Committee – *Kyle Briggs, Chief Deputy Director (EXHIBIT D)*

LAND AND WATER ACCESS DIVISION

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase II Land Acquisition – Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following property – *Ben Solomon, Assistant Chief and Land Acquisition Manager (EXHIBIT E)*

- Rash Heirs – Ashe County **(E)**

Other Property Matters – Consider approval of the following other property matters - *Ben Solomon (EXHIBITS F-1, F-2)*

- Easement Request – Request from Dominion Energy to purchase an easement through a portion of R. Wayne Bailey-Caswell Game Land in Caswell County **(F-1)**
- Easement Request – Request from Tyr Energy Development Renewables to purchase an easement through a portion of Bertie County Game Land in Bertie County **(F-2)**

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT DIVISION

SPECIES CONSERVATION PLAN – Consider staff recommendation for final adoption of the Sea Turtles Conservation Plan – *Dr. Sara Schweitzer, Wildlife Management Division Assistant Chief (EXHIBIT G)*

RULEMAKING

Temporary/Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2024-2025 Land and Water Access - 10D .0252 Needmore Game Land Rule – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for the 2024-2025 Annual Cycle deer season companion rule. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 2024-2025 Land and Water Access Rules – Review public comments and consider request to amend the 2024-2025 Annual Cycle deer season companion rules – *Melva Bonner* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Land and Water Access Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to Land and Water Access rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Daron Barnes, Land and Water Access Division Chief* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Wildlife Management Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to Wildlife Management rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Brad Howard, Wildlife Management Division Chief* (EXHIBITS K-1, K-2)

Permanent Rulemaking Notice of Text – 2025-2026 Annual Cycle Inland Fisheries Rules – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for amendments to Inland Fisheries rules. Review and consider approval of fiscal note – *Christian Waters, Inland Fisheries Division Chief* (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet Rule – Review public comments and consider request to amend 10C .0422 Striped Mullet and White Mullet rule – *Christian Waters* (EXHIBITS M-1, M-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Adoption – 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements Rule – Review public comments and consider request to adopt 10C .0218 Harvest Reporting Requirements rule – *Christian Waters* (EXHIBITS N-1, N-2)

Temporary Rulemaking Notice of Text – 10C .0307 Flounder Rule – Consider request to notice proposed rule text with an open comment period and public hearing for temporary amendments to the flounder rule – *Christian Waters* (EXHIBIT O)

COMMENTS BY THE CHAIRMAN – *Chairman Crump*

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