



AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

November 7, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

1751 Varsity Drive

NCWRC Conference Room, 5th Floor

Raleigh, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER - *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – *Commissioner Garry Spence*

INVOCATION - *Commissioner David Hoyle, Jr.*

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 Cogdell*

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Take action on the August 29, 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 Officer* (**EXHIBIT B**)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Fisheries Committee Report – *Wes Seegars, Chair*

Big Game Committee Report – *David Hoyle, Jr., Chair*

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

Committee of the Whole Report – *Jim Cogdell, Chair*

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – Receive an update about statewide Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) surveillance – *Dr. Maria Palamar, Wildlife Veterinarian, Division of Wildlife Management*

DIVISION OF ENGINEERING AND LANDS MANAGEMENT

Land Acquisitions and Property Matters

Phase I Land Acquisitions - Consider approval for staff to work with State Property Office and funding partners to develop acquisition plans for the following properties – *Isaac Harrold, Lands Program Manager* (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2, C-3, C-4, C-5**)

- Allen Tract – Swain County (C-1)
- Page Tract – Cleveland County (C-2)
- Wolf Laurel Tract – Yancey County (C-3)
- Reinberg Tract – Watauga County (C-4)
- Zacharin Tract – Watauga County (C-5)

Phase II Land Acquisitions - Consider final approval to proceed with acquisition of the following properties – *Isaac Harrold* (**EXHIBITS D-1, D-2**)

- McFadden Tract – Bladen County (D-1)
- Faircloth Tract – Bladen County (D-2)

Annexation Request, Onslow County - Consider request from the Town of Holly Ridge to voluntarily annex the Folkstone tract of Stones Creek Game Land in Onslow County – *Isaac Harrold* (EXHIBIT E)

Shooting Range, Cleveland County - Consider final approval of an agreement with Cleveland County to assist in the design and construction of a shooting range facility – *Isaac Harrold* (EXHIBIT F)

Easement Request, Edgecombe County - Consider a request from Edgecombe-Martin EMC for a utility easement across a portion of Newbold Pond Public Fishing Area in Edgecombe County – *Isaac Harrold* (EXHIBIT G)

Rulemaking - Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2014-2015 game land management rules to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Isaac Harrold* (EXHIBITS H-1, H-2)

INLAND FISHERIES

Fisheries, Wildlife Education and Outreach Update - Receive an update on activities of the Division of Inland Fisheries - *Bob Curry, Inland Fisheries Division Chief*

Rulemaking - Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2014-2015 fishing rules to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Bob Curry* (EXHIBITS I-1, I-2)

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

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

Rulemaking – Consider staff recommendations for proposed changes in the 2014-2015 rules for hunting, trapping and other regulated activities to be presented at statewide public hearings – *Dr. David Cobb* (EXHIBITS J-1, J-2)

FISCAL NOTE – 2014-2015 PROPOSED RULES - Approve the fiscal note for the 2014-2015 inland fisheries, wildlife management and land management rule proposals – *Erica Garner, Rulemaking Coordinator* (EXHIBIT K)

WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING

Technical Change – 15A NCAC 10F .0313 - No Wake Rule, Hyde County – Approve technical changes to NCAC 10F .0313 - Hyde County, to provide correct coordinates and correct location name – *Kate Pipkin, No Wake Zone Coordinator (EXHIBIT L)*

Technical Change – 15A NCAC 10F .0352 – No Wake Rule, Camden County – Approve technical changes to NCAC 10F .0352 – Camden County, to provide correct coordinates - *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBIT M)*

Amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0336 – Northampton and Warren Counties – Consider staff recommendation to take to public hearing an amendment to NCAC 10F .0336 – Northampton and Warren counties, to list counties, correct road names, and provide clarification about locations. Approve fiscal note – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBIT N-1, N-2)*

Amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0326 and Fiscal Note – Pamlico County – Consider staff recommendation to present at public hearing an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0326 (a)(2) to repeal the unenforceable no wake zone on the Intracoastal Waterway in Pamlico County. Approve fiscal note associated with proposed repeal – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBITS O-1, O-2)*

Amendment, Technical Change, and Fiscal Note – 15A NCAC 10F .0354 – Pitt County – Consider staff recommendation to present at public hearing an amendment to 15A NCAC 10F .0354(a)(2) to repeal a no wake zone at the Seine Beach area of the Tar River. Incorporate a technical change to (a)(3) that clarifies the description of the no wake zone on Tranters Creek in Pitt and Beaufort counties. Approve the fiscal note associated with the proposed repeal of (a)(2) – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBITS P-1, P-2)*

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES RULEMAKING

Poacher Reward Fund and Fiscal Note – Consider staff recommendation for three proposed rules to establish a Poacher Reward Fund under 15A NCAC 10A .1301, 10A .1302, and 10A .1303, to be presented at statewide public hearings. Approve the fiscal note associated with rulemaking for the Poacher Reward Fund – *Kate Pipkin, Rules Biologist (EXHIBITS Q-1, Q-2)*

Vessel Registration Proposed Amendments and Fiscal Note – Consider staff recommendation to present at a public hearing at WRC Headquarters in Raleigh proposed amendments to rules 15A NCAC 10F .0102, 10F .0103, and 10F .0106 (vessel registration) to make them consistent with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly. Consider staff recommendation to present at a public hearing at WRC Headquarters a proposed amendment to 10F .0107, to provide two vessel registration validation decals with the requirement that one be applied to the portside bow and one to the starboard side bow of the vessel. Approve associated fiscal note for the vessel registration rules – *Lisa Hocutt, Customer Services Section Manager (EXHIBITS R-1, R-2)*

Totally Disabled License Eligibility Rule and Fiscal Note – Consider staff recommendation to present at statewide public hearings a proposed rule 15A NCAC 10G .0601. The new rule is necessary to comply with legislation passed in the 2013 Session of the General Assembly that authorizes the Wildlife Resources Commission to establish rules defining documentation acceptable for determining eligibility of totally and permanently disabled residents for the purpose of obtaining a discounted lifetime license. Approve the fiscal note associated with the Totally Disabled License Eligibility Rule proposal – *Lisa Hocutt (EXHIBIT S-1, S-2)*

2014 MEETING SCHEDULE OF THE WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION – Approve a schedule for 2014 meetings of the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission – *Chairman Cogdell (EXHIBIT T)*

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – *Jim Cogdell*

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – *Gordon Myers*

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