



## **AGENDA**

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

**March 5, 2015, 9:00 a.m.**

**1751 Varsity Drive**

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

**Raleigh, North Carolina**

**CALL TO ORDER** - *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – *Commissioner John Coley*

**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 Cogdell*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Take action on the January 29, 2015 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

**RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2014 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONERS** - *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 2014 Statements of Economic Interest for Thomas Fonville, John T. Coley IV, and James Cogdell – *Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison*

## **ADMINISTRATION**

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Migratory Birds/Waterfowl Committee Report** – *John Coley, Chair*

**Small Game Committee Report** – *Garry Spence, Chair*

**Fisheries Committee Report** – *Joe Barker, Vice Chair*

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

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

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

**AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – UPDATE ON AGENCY BRANDING AND MARKETING** - Receive a presentation about recent branding efforts and marketing initiatives – *Jenny Harris, Marketing Director*

## **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*

**Summary of Public Comments** - Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to inland fishing regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT C)*

**2015 – 2016 Inland Fishing Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption changes in the 2015 - 2016 inland fishing regulations – *Bob Curry (EXHIBIT D)*

## **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*

**Summary of Public Comments** – Receive summary of public comments on proposed changes to wildlife management regulations received from state-wide public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT E)*

**2015 – 2016 Wildlife Management Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in wildlife management regulations for 2015 - 2016 – *David Cobb (EXHIBIT F)*

## **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 G-1, G-2, G-3, G-4)*

- Deviney 2014 Tract – Rutherford County (G-1)
- DOT River Bend Tract – Caswell County (G-2)
- Graves Addition Tract – Caswell County (G-3)
- Shelton Tract – Buncombe County (G-4)

**Easement Request, Rowan County** - Consider an easement request across a portion of Second Creek Game Land in Rowan County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT H)*

### **Rulemaking**

**Summary of Public Comments** – Review summary of public comments on proposed changes to game land regulations received from statewide district public hearings held in January 2015, the WRC internet portal and correspondence – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT I)*

**2015-2016 Game Land Regulation Proposals** – Review and consider for adoption proposed rule changes in the 2015-2016 game land regulations – *Isaac Harrold (EXHIBIT J)*

## **WATER SAFETY RULEMAKING**

**No Wake Zone Adoption, Currituck County** – Review public comments and consider adoption of a no wake zone at Waterview Shores in Currituck County – *Kate Pipkin, Rules Biologist (EXHIBIT K)*

**Temporary No Wake Zones Adoption, Lake Wylie** – Review public comments and consider recommendation for temporary adoption of two proposed no wake zones on Lake Wylie in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBITS L-1, L-2)*

**Approval of Fiscal Note and Notice of Text for Permanent Rulemaking, Lake Wylie** – Consider approval of fiscal note and consider recommendation to publish Notice of Text in the *NC Register* for two permanent no wake zones requested by the Lake Wylie Marine Commission on Lake Wylie, in Gaston and Mecklenburg counties – *Kate Pipkin (EXHIBIT M -1, M-2)*

**COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN** – *Jim Cogdell*

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

**ADJOURN**