

AGENDA

N.C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION July 10, 2014, 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 Nat Harris

INVOCATION - Commissioner Tommy Fonville

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 May 22, 2014 Wildlife Resources Commission meeting minutes as written in the exhibit and distributed to members (**EXHIBIT A**)

RECEIVE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION REVIEW OF 2014 STATEMENT OF ECONOMIC INTEREST FOR COMMISSIONER NEAL HANKS - 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 portion of the evaluation by the N.C. Ethics Commission of the 2014 Statement of Economic Interest for Neal Hanks – Betsy Haywood, Ethics Liaison

ADMINISTRATION

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Joint Big Game/Habitat, Nongame and Endangered Species Committee Report –
David Hoyle, Jr., Big Game Chair and Mark Craig, HNGES Chair
Fisheries Committee Report – Wes Seegars, Chair
Land Use and Access Committee Report – Tom Berry, Chair
Boating Safety Committee Report – Joe Barker, Chair
Committee of the Whole Report – Jim Cogdell, Chair

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT – South Atlantic Landscape Conservation Cooperative – Ken McDermond, US Fish and Wildlife Service

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 on Proposed Temporary Rulemaking – Review comments and consider adoption of temporary rules to regulate the hunting and taking of coyotes in Beaufort, Dare, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington counties – *David Cobb* (**EXHIBITS C-1, C-2**)

Proposed Designation of Eastern and Hairy-tailed Moles as Pests - Review comments and consider designation of eastern mole and hairy-tailed mole as pests – *David Cobb* (**EXHIBITS D-1, D-2**)

2014 – 2015 Webless Migratory Birds, Resident Canada Goose, and Falconry Seasons – Receive information concerning the status of the mourning dove population, status of woodcock population, consider federal frameworks, receive results of early season internet comments, and select the 2014 – 2015 seasons and bag limits for webless migratory game birds, resident Canada geese, and falconry – *David Cobb* (EXHIBITS E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4)

INLAND FISHERIES

Special Recognitions – Present Lifetime Fishing Licenses to grand prize and first prize winners from drawings at fishing events held during the 2014 National Fishing and Boating Week – *Chairman Jim Cogdell*

Break for photographs

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

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 F-1, F-2, F-3, F-4**)

- Story 2014 Tract Polk County (F-1)
- Bean Lot 112 Tract Ashe County (F-2)
- Goodwin Tract Scotland County (F-3)
- PCS Phosphate Mitigation Tracts Beaufort, Hyde, Pamlico counties (F-4)

Phase II Land Acquisition, Carteret County – Consider final approval to proceed with donation of the Browns Island #1 Tract in Carteret County – *Isaac Harrold* (**EXHIBIT G**)

Easement Request, Richmond County - Consider a request from NC Department of Transportation for easements across a portion of Sandhills Game Land in Richmond County to facilitate a bridge improvement project – *Isaac Harrold* (**EXHIBIT H**)

Easement Request, Pender County - Consider an easement request across a portion of the Angola Bay Game Land in Pender County for the purpose of accessing private property – *Isaac Harrold* (**EXHIBIT I**)

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN – Jim Cogdell

COMMENTS BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Gordon Myers

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