

NC Wildlife Resources Commission
Land Use and Access Committee Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 3PM

Visitors:

Eric Christofferson	Staff
Mark Hamlet	WRC
John Barbour	St. Property
Norman Young	NCDOJ
Betsy Foard	Staff
Kyle Briggs	WRC
Jaime Collazo	NC Coop Unit
Cindy Carr	WPC
David Cobb	WRC
Geoff Cantrell	WRC
George Norris	WRC
Bob Curry	WRC

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- **Committee called or order at 3:24 PM**

- **Statewide Habitat Threat and Risk Assessment Project:** expected benefits include spatially-explicit decision support tool, support short term and long term planning. Goal is to minimize intensive model development, favoring instead use of existing efforts and database. The approach is to compile spatial representations of habitat threats from best available data. Must consider the following: land use conversion, fragmentation, transportation and utility, pollutants, climate change, invasive species, and fire suppression.

- **Phase I Land Acquisitions:**
- **1. Duvall Tract in Macon County:** estimated value 280,000 dollars would cost the Wildlife Resources Commission 132,000 dollars. Benefits associated with it: addition to Needmore Game Land, increase Angler Access, and would protect three endangered species.
- **2. Lewiston Boating and Fishing Access Area in Bertie County:** estimated value is 75,000 dollars. Potential funding could come from Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Grant ~~form~~ or license receipts. Benefits associated with: Currently no public fishing access in the county, improve access to Wildlife Resources Commission Urquhart Tract.
- **3. Deviney Tract in Rutherford County:** estimated cost is 300,000 dollars. Potential benefits: addition to South Mountains Game Land.
- **4. Truth Temple Tract in Ashe County:** offered as donation by Blue Ridge land conservancy.
- **5. Holt Tract in Warren County:** offered as donation by Tar River Land Conservancy.

- **Phase II Land Acquisitions: Final Approval**
- **Trout Lake (Lease) in Ashe County:** leased to Wildlife Resources Commission for a term ~~for about~~ of 40 years at a cost of 1.00 dollar for the term
- **Browns Island Tract 2 in Carteret County:** stewardship costs around 600 dollars, accept donation from NC Coastal Land Trust.
- **Pinch Gut Phase IV Tract in Brunswick County:** stewardship cost around 2,500 dollars a year, accept as donation from The Nature Conservancy

- **Easement Request in Henderson County:** power line and easement currently in places. New easement of 0.9 acres needed to facilitate placement of additional guy wires.

- **Conveyance: McKinney Lake National Fish Hatchery:** major renovation with dam and keeping up the property. The State of North Carolina wants to take ownership of this property from the Federal government. Bill was filed in 2011 from Congressman Kissell and it has now has been turned over to the State.

- **Cooperative Agreement for Portion of Butner-Falls Game Land, Wake County** – Committee received notification of WRC intent to enter cooperative agreement authorizing City of Raleigh to connect the

Honeycutt Creek Greenway (part of the City's Capital Area Greenway) to the Falls Lake segment of the Mountains –to-Sea Trail.

- **Acquisition Activity Report** – Committee received a summary report of all land acquisition projects for the period of 2008-2012.