

Final Meeting Minutes
Wildlife and Boat Committee
Board of Wildlife Resources
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room
Henrico, VA 23228

May 20, 2026
9:00 am

Present: Mr. Jon Cooper, **Chair**, Mr. James Edmunds, **Vice Chair**, Ms. Laura Walters, Mr. Will Wampler (alternate), Mr. Lynwood Broaddus (alternate); **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. Woody Woodall, **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn and Mr. Darin Moore; **Director's Working Group:** Dr. Mike Bednarski, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. George Braxton, Mr. Michael Lipford, Ms. Shelby Crouch, Mr. Paul Kugelman, Mr. Bob Smet

The Committee Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone. The Chair noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today's meeting.

Approval of the March 18, 2026, Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chair called for a motion to approve the March 18, 2026, Wildlife and Boat Committee minutes. Ms. Walters made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, committee meeting. Mr. Edmunds seconded the motion. Ayes: Cooper, Edmunds, Walters, Wampler, Broaddus

Public Comment - Non-Agenda Item: The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items.

- Mr. Judge Charlton spoke regarding Foxhound Field Trials (P)
- Mr. Gary Kimberlin spoke regarding Hound Hunting (V)

Staff Recommendations for Sportfish Regulation Amendments:

The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for Sportfish Regulation Amendments.

Dr. Bednarski gave the Sportfish Regulation Amendments.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his Staff Recommendations.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Edmunds made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources that the updates to Sportfish Regulations Amendments, as presented by staff, be put out for public comment. It was seconded by Ms. Walters.

Ayes: Cooper, Edmunds, Walters, Broaddus, Wampler

Staff Recommendations for Boating Regulation Amendments:

The Chair called on Ms. Stacey Brown to give Staff Recommendations for Boating.

Ms. Brown gave the Staff Recommendations on Boating.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Brown for her Staff recommendations.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Walters made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources that the updates to Boating Regulations Amendments as presented by staff be put out for public comment. It was seconded by Mr. Edmunds. Ayes: Cooper, Edmunds, Wampler, Walters, Broaddus

Staff Recommendations for Nongame Regulation Amendments:

The Chair called on Ms. Amy Martin to give Staff Recommendations for Nongame.

Ms. Martin gave the Staff Recommendations on Nongame Regulation Amendments.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Martin for her Staff Recommendations.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Edmunds made a motion, Mr. Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources that the updates to Nongame Staff Regulations as presented by staff be put out for public comment. It was second by Ms. Walters. Ayes: Cooper, Edmunds, Wampler, Walters, Broaddus

Staff Recommendations for Wildlife Regulation Amendments:

The Chair called on Ms. Katie Martin to give Staff Recommendations for Wildlife Regulation Amendments.

Ms. Martin gave the Staff Recommendations on the Wildlife Regulations Amendments.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Martin for her Staff Recommendations.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Cooper made a motion. I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources that the updates to Wildlife Regulation Amendments as presented by staff be put out for public comment. It was second by Ms. Walters. Ayes: Cooper, Edmunds, Wampler, Walters, Broaddus

Stocked Trout Management Plan:

The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski to present the Stocked Trout Management Plan. Dr. Bednarski presented the Stocked Trout Management Plan.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

Good Neighbor Agreement:

The Chair called on Mr. Steve Living for a presentation.

Mr. Living gave a presentation explaining the Good Neighbor Agreement that DWR is looking to join with other agencies to benefit all and to reduce risk to public health and safety, benefit local economies, and restore recreational access and opportunities.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Living for his presentation.

CWD Update:

The Chair called on Ms. Alexandra Lombard for an update.

Ms. Lombard gave an update on Chronic Waste Disease. Her update provided information on finds and any expected changes for the next season.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Lombard for her update.

Bear Mange Update: The Chair called on Mr. Carl Tugend for a Bear Mange Update.

Mr. Carl Tugend gave a Bear Mange Update covering topics that included a summary of the 2025 mange reports, updates to agency response protocols, and collaborative mange research updates.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Tugend for his update.

Fall Turkey Workgroup & Spring Harvest Update: The Chair called on Mr. Mike Dye for an Update.

Mr. Dye gave an Update on the Fall Turkey Workgroup and Spring Harvest providing an update on the Turkey Program Update and Spring Harvest Report and efforts to include the process to re-evaluate fall turkey hunting seasons, He provided the final spring turkey harvest totals from the recent 2026 hunting season.

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Mr. Dye for his update.

Chair's Report: The Chair asked if there were any additional business or comments and hearing none, he announced the meeting date will be Wednesday, August 19, 2026 and adjourned the meeting at 11:30 am.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frances Boswell
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