

**NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE**

**September 8, 2021
Archdale Building-Ground Floor Hearing Room
1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Marion Deerhake, Chair Presiding**

In the event the previously scheduled Committee meeting adjourns prior to the estimated adjournment time, the Water Quality Committee (WQC) meeting may be called to order, by the WQC Chair, fifteen minutes after the previous meeting adjourned.

Meeting audio and presentations will be broadcast via the state web conferencing link posted on the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission>

Items marked with an asterisk () will be presented orally at the WQC meeting only upon a request by a WQC member and can be approved where required as a group. Also, items marked with a less-than sign (<) have no agenda item pages in the package.*

I. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order and Notice of NCGS 138A-15..... Chair Deerhake

North Carolina General Statute 138A-15 mandates that the Chair inquire as to whether any member knows of any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to matters before the EMC's Water Quality Committee. If any member knows of a conflict of interest or appearance of conflict, please so state at this time.

2. Approval of Draft WQC July 7, 2021, Meeting Minutes (To published by 9/27)

II. Actions Items

1. Request Approval to Proceed to the EMC with the 2021 Annual Report on the Progress in Developing and Implementing Basinwide Water Resource Management Plans to the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) (Michelle Raquet, Division of Water Resources Basin Planning Branch) – (To published by 9/27)

North Carolina General Statute 143-215.8B(d) and 143-355(p) requires the EMC and the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) report on or before November 1 of each year on the progress in developing and implementing water resource management plans and on the development of basinwide hydrologic models to the ERC. The 2021 annual report provides a summary of the progress in developing and implementing basinwide water resource management plans (basin plans), pollutants identified in the basin plans, and progress on developing hydrologic models between July 1, 2020, and June 30, 2021. The Division of Water Resources (DWR) staff is requesting approval to proceed to the full EMC with the 2021 annual report on the progress of developing and implementing basinwide water resource management plans to the ERC (Attachments enclosed: 2021 Annual Basinwide Water Resources Management Report, Annual Report on the Progress in Developing and Implementing Basinwide Water Resource Management Plans: July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021, and PowerPoint Presentation)

2. Request Approval to Proceed to the EMC with the 2021 White Oak River Basin Water Resources Plan (Robin Hoffman, Division of Water Resources Basin Planning Branch)

The DWR Basin Planning staff will update the WQC on the completion of the 2021 White Oak River Basin Water Resources Plan and introduce recommendations for this river basin. (Attachments enclosed: [2021 Executive Summary White Oak River Basin](#), [2021 White Oak River Basin Webpage](#), [2021 White Oak River Basin Comments and Responses](#), and [PowerPoint Presentation](#))

III. September 9, 2021, EMC Meeting Agenda Items

1. * Request Approval of the 2021 Pasquotank River Basin Water Resources Plan (Forest Shepherd DWR)

2. * Request for Approval to Proceed to Public Notice and Hearing with Proposed Permanent Rules 15A NCAC 02H .1401-1405 “Discharges to Federally Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands and Federally Non-Jurisdictional Classified Surface Waters” and Permanent Rule Amendments for 15A NCAC 02H .1301 “Discharges to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters: Purpose and Scope” (Sue Homewood DWR)

3. * Request Approval of the 2021 Annual Report on the Progress in Developing and Implementing Basinwide Water Resource Management Plans to the Environmental Review Commission (ERC) (Michelle Raquet DWR)

IV. Information Items

1. Review Draft Coastal Habitat Protection Plan 2021 Amendment with Recommended Actions (Anne Deaton Division of Marine Fisheries/Jimmy Johnson Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program)

(Attachments enclosed: [Draft Amendment](#), [Minutes for the Steering Committee Meeting](#), [Appendix A Public Comment Pew and Coastal Federation](#), and [PowerPoint Presentation](#))

V. Future Committee InterestsChair, Marion Deerhake

VI. Concluding Remarks..... DWR Director Danny Smith/Chair, Marion Deerhake