

Revised January 6, 2022
NORTH CAROLINA ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2022
Archdale Building-Ground Floor Hearing Room
1:30 PM – 3:30 PM
Marion Deerhake, Chair Presiding

Due to the surge in Covid cases, the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) meetings will be entirely virtual. The audio and presentations will broadcast via the state web conferencing link posted on the Environmental Management Commission website at <https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission/emc-meetings-and-agendas>

In the event the previously scheduled committee meeting adjourns prior to the estimated adjournment time, the other committee may be called to order, by the Chairwoman, fifteen minutes after the previous meeting adjourned.

I. Preliminary Matters

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

North Carolina General Statute 138A-15 mandates that at the beginning of any meeting of a board, the chair shall remind all members of their duty to avoid conflicts of interest under this Subchapter. The chair also shall inquire as to whether there is any known conflict of interest with respect to any matters coming before the board at the time.

2. Approval of [minutes](#) from September 8, 2021, meeting

II. Information Item

1. Overview of the Division of Water Infrastructure’s Viable Utility Program (Jon Risgaard, Division of Water Infrastructure)

The EMC Water Allocation Committee has been invited to hear this presentation.

Division of Water Infrastructure staff will present on DEQ’s new Viable Utility program designed to support the long-term financial viability of water and wastewater utilities. (Attachments enclosed: [PowerPoint Presentation](#))

III. Action Item

1. North Carolina Water Quality Association Petition to Remove Department of Environmental Quality’s (DEQ) Freshwater Chronic Aquatic Life Standard for Silver (Christopher Ventaloro, Division of Water Resources Classifications, Standards, and Rules Review Branch and Paul Calamita, North Carolina Water Quality Association)

The Water Quality Committee (WQC) of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) will hear the petition for rulemaking to remove the freshwater chronic aquatic life standard for silver [15A NCAC 02B .0211(11)(c)(ix)] submitted by the NC Water Quality Association at its regularly scheduled meeting on January 12, 2022. (Attachments enclosed: [Petition](#) and PowerPoint Presentations - [Division of Water Resources](#) and [North Carolina Water Quality Association](#))

IV. January 13, 2022, EMC Meeting Agenda Items

These items 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.

1. Request Approval of Hearing Officer’s Report and Adoption of Permanent Rules 15A NCAC 02H .1401-1405 “Impacts to Federally Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands and Federally Non-Jurisdictional Classified Surface Waters” and Rule Amendments for 15A NCAC 02H .1301 “Impacts to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters”: Purpose and Scope (Sue Homewood, Division of Water Resources)

2. Summary of water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure funding opportunities provided through the American Rescue Plan Act and the Federal Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (Jon Risgaard, Division of Water Infrastructure)

V. Future Committee InterestsChair, Marion Deerhake

VI. Director’s Remarks (Danny Smith, DWR)

VII. Closing Remarks..... Chair, Marion Deerhake