**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**

*This meeting will occur in the Ground Floor Hearing Room of the Archdale Building at 512 N. Salisbury St. Raleigh, NC. Commissioners, staff, and scheduled speakers will attend in-person. Limited seating will be available to the public. Face coverings are required for employees and
posted on the Environmental Management Commission website at* [*https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission*](https://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/water-resources/water-resources-commissions/environmental-management-commission) *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.

 Presentations will be added the week of January 3rd.

**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.

Presentations will be added the week of January 3rd.

**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 Interests ……………………………...Chair, Marion Deerhake**

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

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