

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

**May 12, 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 163A-159(e)..... Chair Deerhake

North Carolina General Statute 163A-159(e) 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 Environmental Management Commission'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 Meeting Minutes, March 2021](#)

II. Actions Items

1. Request to Proceed to the EMC with Amendments to 15A NCAC 02B .0211 for a Site Specific Chlorophyll-a Surface Water Quality Standard for the High Rock Lake Reservoir (Chris Ventaloro, Division of Water Resources Classification, Standards, and Rules Review Branch)

The Division of Water Resources (DWR) is requesting approval from the WQC of the amendments to 15A NCAC 02B .0211 for a site-specific chlorophyll-a surface

water quality standard for the High Rock Lake Reservoir to proceed to the EMC for public notice and hearings. The proposed site-specific chlorophyll-a standard will modify the existing chlorophyll-a standard in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act which allows states to modify standards to reflect site-specific conditions. (Attachments enclosed: [15A NCAC 02B .0211 Proposed Rule](#), [DWR Overview of High Rock Lake \(HRL\) Chlorophyll-a Site-Specific Standard Proposal](#), [Assessment Methodology Recommendation](#), [Nutrient Criteria Development Plan \(NCDP\) Scientific Advisory Council High Rock Lake Chlorophyll-a Criteria Recommendation](#), and [Updated PowerPoint Presentation](#) (received the morning of 2021 May WQC meeting)) Supplemental Attachment: [High Rock Lake Reservoir Regulatory Impact Analysis](#) (received after posting agenda)

1. Request Approval of the 2022 303(d) Listing and Delisting Methodology (Pam Behm, Division of Water Resources Modeling and Assessment Branch)

DWR staff will present proposed updates to the 2022 303(d) Listing and Delisting Methodology for approval. (Updated attachments enclosed: [Draft 2022 303\(d\) Listing and Delisting Methodology](#) and [PowerPoint Presentation](#))

III. May 13, 2021 EMC Meeting Agenda Items

1.*Request Approval of the Proposed Removal of the Swamp Classification and Removal of a Part of a Water Quality Management Plan for a Portion of the Cape Fear River in New Hanover and Brunswick Counties (Cape Fear River Basin) (Elizabeth Kountis, Division of Water Resources Classification, Standards, and Rules Review Branch)

2.* Request Approval of Hearing Officer’s Report and Adoption of Temporary Rules 15A NCAC 02H .1401-1405 “Discharges to Federally Non-Jurisdictional Wetlands and Federally Non-Jurisdictional Classified Surface Waters” and Temporary Rule Amendments for 15A NCAC 02H .1301 “Discharges to Isolated Wetlands and Isolated Waters: Purpose and Scope”(Sue Homewood, Division of Water Resources 401 Buffer Permitting Branch)

3.*Request Approval of the 2022 3033(d) Listing and Delisting Methodology (Pam Behm, Division of Water Resources Modeling and Assessment Branch)

IV. Information Items

1. Overview of 2020 Integrated Report/303(d) List Cam McNutt, Division of Water Resources Modeling and Assessment Branch)

DWR staff will provide an overview of the 2020 Integrated Report. (Attachment enclosed: [PowerPoint Presentation](#))

2. Future Committee InterestsChair, Marion Deerhake

3. Director's Remarks (Danny Smith, DWR)

V. Closing Remarks..... Chair, Marion Deerhake