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TO: Members of the Environmental Review Commission
Interested Parties

FROM: George F. Givens, Commission Counsel
Jessica Bennett, Commission Clerk

RE: **Preliminary Notice of Commission Meeting and Site Visits
Schedule of Future Meetings
Meetings of Interested Parties (605 Working Groups)
Additional Information**

PRELIMINARY NOTICE OF COMMISSION MEETING AND SITE VISITS:

The Environmental Review Commission (Commission) will meet at 1:30 p.m. Monday 7 April 2008 in the Soundside Hall meeting room at the North Carolina Aquarium at Pine Knoll Shores, 1 Roosevelt Blvd., Pine Knoll Shores, North Carolina. The business meeting will be followed immediately by a tour of the Aquarium. On the morning of Tuesday 8 April 2008 the Commission will tour Hammocks Beach State Park. Other site visits are being planned. A subsequent Notice of Commission Meeting that includes an itinerary for the business meeting and site visits and information about lodging will be published shortly.

At this meeting, the Commission will begin or continue studies for which the Commission is responsible, hear reports from State agencies, discuss topics to be considered at future meetings, and attend to other matters. **This meeting will focus on parks, recreation, and land conservation.** Listed below are potential agenda topics for this meeting and for future meetings. More specific information regarding the agenda for the 7 April meeting of the Commission will be developed at the staff planning meeting discussed below. Commission Staff may publish a further notice/draft agenda following the staff planning meeting if circumstances permit.

STUDIES

- 1) Issues related to the use of pervious surfaces for vehicle parking areas, including associated costs, impact to the environment of stormwater runoff, and practices of other states with regard to stormwater best management practices. (S.L. 2007-323, Sec. 6.22.(b))
- 2) Allocation of surface water resources and their availability and maintenance in the State, including issues related to the transfer of water from one river basin to another, the withdrawal of

water for consumptive use, and the accuracy and tolerance of equipment used to measure the flow of water transferred from one river basin to another river basin. (S.L. 2007-518, Sec. 1.(a))

- 3) Preparation of a revised map entitled "Major River Basins and Sub-basins in North Carolina" as a recommended replacement for the map referenced in G.S. 143-215.22G. The revised map shall define the extent to which any river basin that encompasses any river that flows from another state into North Carolina or that flows from North Carolina into another state extends into an adjacent state. (S.L. 2007-518, Sec. 1.(b))
- 4) Other studies undertaken by the Commission

REPORTS *(Report due dates are indicated in parentheses)*

Parks and Recreation / Land Conservation:

- 5) Parks and Recreation Trust Fund Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2007-2008. (G.S. 113-44.15(c)) *(1 October)*
- 6) North Carolina Natural Heritage Trust Fund Award Report, Fiscal Year 2005-2006. (G.S. 113-77.9(e)) *(Semi-annually, within 30 days of each revision)*
- 7) Biennial report on the Natural Heritage Program. (G.S. 113A-164.4) *(15 February of odd-numbered years)*
- 8) Annual report on progress towards attaining the State's goal of protecting one million acres of farmland, open space, and conservation lands. (G.S. 113A-241(c)) *(1 October)*
- 9) Annual report on implementation of the Conservation Easements Program and inventory of all conservation easements held by DENR. (G.S. 113A-235(c)) *(1 October)*
- 10) Annual report on the activities of the North Carolina Agricultural Development and Farmland Preservation Trust Fund and Advisory Committee, the agriculture easements purchased, and agricultural projects funded during the previous year. (S.L. 2007-495, Sec. 23) *(1 May)*

Water Quality:

- 11) Annual report on the implementation of the Clean Water Management Trust Fund; projects and awarded grants. (G.S. 113-145.6A(a) and S.L. 2002-148, Sec. 3) *(1 December)*

OTHER MATTERS

- 12) Update on the current drought.

PLANNING MEETING:

To facilitate development of the agenda for the 7 April meeting of the Commission, to begin planning for subsequent meetings of the Commission, and to receive input from interested persons regarding the work of the Commission, the Commission Counsel will hold an informal planning meeting at **10:00 a.m. on Friday 28 March 2008 in Room 605 of the Legislative Office Building**. Persons who wish to participate in the development of the agenda for meetings of the Commission, or who are interested in any matter before the Commission, are invited to attend.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE MEETINGS:

Below is a schedule of meetings of the Commission for May 2008. This schedule is tentative and subject to adjustment. To facilitate development of the agenda for meetings of the Commission and to receive input from interested persons regarding the future work of the Commission, the Commission Counsel holds

informal public planning meetings for staff and interested parties. The schedule of these meetings is also set out below.

<u>Commission Meeting</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Staff Planning Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday 9 May 2008	9:30am	544 LOB	Tuesday 29 April 2008	605 LOB
Wednesday 14 May 2008	TBD	544 LOB		

MEETINGS OF INTERESTED PARTIES (605 WORKING GROUPS):

The Commission Counsel will hold meetings of interested parties on specific topics as indicated below:

Underground Storage Tank Working Group

10:00 a.m. Monday 31 March 2008

Impervious Parking Surfaces Working Group

10:00 a.m. Wednesday 2 April 2008 – 605 Legislative Office Building

Public Meeting on the Study of Issues Related to Construction on Artificial Slopes

30 April 2008 – Southwestern North Carolina (Time and location TBD)

(Subject to rescheduling or cancellation)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

If you have questions related to the Commission, please feel free to contact the Commission Counsel or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578.