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AGENDA

1:00 p.m. Thursday, February 11, 2016
The John A. Wilkinson Center, 144 W. Main Street
Belhaven, North Carolina

1. Call to order
Senator Bill Cook, Presiding
2. Introductory Remarks by Co-Chairs
3. Presentation on Weight Restrictions on Bridges and Ditch Cleanup Efforts
John Rouse, Division Engineer, North Carolina Department of Transportation
4. Presentation on AgWRAP (Agricultural Water Resources Assistance Program), Drainage Issues in Eastern North Carolina, and the Role of the Soil & Water Conservation Commission
Pat Harris, Director, North Carolina Soil & Water Conservation Commission
5. Presentation on Drainage Issues in Hyde County
J.W. Spencer, Chairman, Hyde County Soil & Water Conservation District
6. Presentation on State and Federal Jurisdiction Over Wildlife Refuges
Cynthia Dohner, Southeast Region Director, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS)
David Viker, Southeast Region National Wildlife Refuge System Chief, USFWS
Gordon Myers, Executive Director, North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission
7. Presentation on U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service (USDA-NRCS) and the Swan Quarter Dike Project
Terri Ruch, State Conservation Engineer, USDA-NRCS
Joy Sherrod, Supervisory Civil Engineer, USDA-NRCS

8. Presentation on the Regulatory Role of the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) and the Corps' Involvement in Drainage Issues
Raleigh Bland, Regulatory Project Manager, Army Corps of Engineers
9. Public Comments and Committee Discussion
10. Adjourn

FUTURE MEETINGS:

TBD

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

There will be a site visit originating at the John A. Wilkinson Center, 144 W. Main Street Belhaven, North Carolina, at 10:30 a.m. The Commission will tour properties in the area affected by drainage issues.

Lunch will be provided at the John A. Wilkinson Center at 12:30 p.m.

Persons having questions about the Commission meeting or other matters related to the Commission may contact Chris Saunders, Commission Counsel, or other Commission staff at (919) 733-2578 or may visit the Commissions' website at:

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