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Public Meeting to Discuss Lake Mattamuskeet Watershed

SWAN QUARTER, N.C. (Jan. 6, 2017) — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission, Hyde County Soil and Water Board and Hyde County commissioners will host a public meeting on Jan. 31, 2017 to discuss a stakeholder-driven planning process for the Lake Mattamuskeet watershed. The meeting will occur at 7 p.m. in the Mattamuskeet High School cafeteria located at 20392 U.S. 264 in Swan Quarter.

This meeting will update local stakeholders on the status of the Lake Mattamuskeet watershed planning process. Dr. Randall Etheridge will present results from his watershed study and solicit feedback from participants. Representatives will be available to answer questions regarding upcoming research projects and programs and will seek input from attendees regarding planning for the watershed. Stakeholder input is an essential step in the planning process. Refreshments will be provided.

About the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

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About the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission

Since 1947, the N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has been dedicated to the conservation and sustainability of the state's fish and wildlife resources through research, scientific management, wise use, and public input. The Commission is the state regulatory agency responsible for the

enforcement of fishing, hunting, trapping and boating laws and provides programs and opportunities for wildlife-related educational, recreational and sporting activities. To learn more, visit www.ncwildlife.org.

