



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 15

DATE OF MEETING: June 22, 2015

REQUESTED BY: David Williams, Chairman

SHORT TITLE: Discussion and Consideration of the Purchase of Land Surrounding the Public Boat Ramp on Lewis Road in Hampstead.

BACKGROUND: Mr. Williams has been working with David Proper with The Conservation Fund for the past year to put together a purchase agreement with the owner of an approximately 2.5-acre property surrounding an existing public boat landing at the end of Lewis Road near Hampstead. The Conservation Fund with Pender County where they would purchase the land and then sell it to the county for \$1.3 million which is slightly below its appraisal. Mr. Williams has already spoken with the Wildlife Resources Commission about a parking lot, restrooms, and a fishing pier. Since the Wildlife Resources Commission cannot purchase property, the County could do so and partner with Wildlife to make improvements to the property. Payments for the property would be \$150k in July 2015, \$250K in July 2016, \$450K in July 2017, and \$450K in July 2018.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To discuss and consider purchasing land surrounding the Public Boat Ramp on Lewis Road in Hampstead.