



# Buncombe County Board of Commissioners

## Request for Board Action

**Meeting Date: February 4, 2025**

### New Business

**Department:** Governing Body **Presenter(s):** Commissioner Sloan

**Contact(s):** Commissioner Sloan

**Subject:** Resolution in support of the Eastern Hellbender's Endangered Listing

### Brief Summary:

On December 12th, 2024, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced a proposal to list the eastern hellbender as an endangered species throughout its range under the Endangered Species Act. And as part of that process, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will begin to accept public comments for a 60-day period as a part of that listing. Buncombe County has the duty to express its full and unwavering support for the endangered listing proposal for the eastern hellbender, so we can preserve this important species for future generations. The proposed resolution will be submitted to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a public comment and stance of North Carolina's 7th largest County & that is home to eastern hellbenders.

### Recommended Motion & Requested Action:

Motion to approve the resolution to support the Eastern Hellbender's Endangered Listing.

### County Manager's Comments & Recommendations:

County Manager recommends as presented