



Relicensing News

FERC holds public meetings on Yadkin relicensing

Officials from the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) visited the Yadkin Project in January as part of the federal relicensing process. A two-day site visit provided FERC representatives with a tour of the Yadkin lakes, dams and powerhouses. That was followed by a series of meetings that focused on environmental issues that will be addressed by the commission in an Environmental Impact Statement.

Several hundred people turned out for public meetings held in Lexington on January 23 and Albemarle on January 24. At the first meeting, many homeowners and recreation users voiced support for the extended recreation season and drought management plan proposed by Alcoa-Yadkin, but encouraged FERC to consider keeping more water in High Rock Lake during the winter drawdown period. Concerns about the possible environmental impact from Alcoa's Badin Works smelter were raised at the second meeting. At a meeting with representatives from state and federal agencies, local governments and environmental interest groups, there was strong support for the water quality and environmental enhancements included in Alcoa's proposed relicensing agreement.

FERC will accept written comments from the public through Monday, February 26.

Alcoa nears completion of Relicensing Settlement Agreement

The work to develop a comprehensive Relicensing Settlement Agreement is expected to be finalized in the next several weeks. Alcoa-Yadkin has been working closely with 27 stakeholder groups representing state and federal agencies, local governments, environmental organizations and homeowners groups to develop a collective recommendation regarding the future management of the Yadkin Project.

A signed agreement will be formally submitted to FERC in March 2007.

"The relicensing agreement reflects the involvement, input and influence of many different organizations and represents a true balance of interests. We have worked hard to develop an agreement that offers substantial benefits for everyone involved," said Gene Ellis, licensing and property manager at Alcoa-Yadkin. "If FERC adopts the settlement agreement, people can expect to see more water in High Rock Lake, more recreational opportunities, stronger environmental protections, long-term land protection and much more."

The final relicensing agreement is expected to closely mirror the Agreement in Principle (AIP) released in August 2006. During the past several months, negotiation participants have been hammering out final language that adds more detail to the agreement.

Around the Lakes



Record catfish caught at Badin Lake
There's a monster blue catfish out there in Badin Lake.

Eric Fincher of Mount Pleasant knows it, because he caught and released the record-breaking catfish, certified at 89 pounds and four feet, four inches long, in the Stanly and Montgomery counties reservoir.

"I brought him in and pretty much went into shock," Fincher said. "He was too big for the net, but I told my wife I had to get him in the boat, he was a record setter. And somehow, we did."

Unable to find certified scales that afternoon, Fincher took the giant blue catfish to his father-in-law's house, where he made a makeshift holding tank by damming a nearby creek. That was Nov. 25.

On Nov. 27, certified scales were located and Lawrence Dorsey, a fisheries biologist with the Wildlife Resources Commission, was on hand to make things official. Fincher used an Eagle Claw medium rod with an Abu Garcia 6500 reel, fishing a live shiner at 18 feet in a 43-foot depth, on 15-pound test line, while trolling for striped bass.

"The next day, Nov. 28, I took him back to the lake and he swam right off," Fincher said. "I'm confident he's still in

In the Community

Alcoa Foundation now accepting 2007 grant applications

Deadline: March 15, 2007

The Alcoa Foundation is now accepting grant applications for 2007. Organizations interested in being considered for a grant should submit a concept proposal outlining the grant request to Lanita Coley by March 15, 2007. Click [here](#) for additional directions on grant submissions.

"Every year Alcoa Foundation touches the lives of thousands of people around the world through financial grants," said Tommy Gibson of Alcoa. "We have the privilege of sharing Alcoa Foundation funding to help improve the quality of life in our local as well as surrounding communities."

Through Alcoa Foundation grants and donations from Alcoa's Badin Works, Alcoa-Yadkin and Alcoa Sub-Assembly & Logistics in Salisbury, organizations in Stanly, Rowan and surrounding counties received more than \$172,000 to support their community initiatives in 2006.

The Alcoa Foundation is a global resource that actively invests in the quality of life in Alcoa communities worldwide. In 2006, Alcoa Foundation invested \$26 million in 215 communities around the world. Alcoa Foundation is an asset-based foundation, originally established by Alcoa in 1952. Today it operates as separate entity from Alcoa – issuing grants from earnings on its assets.

Alcoa uses the Alcoa Foundation's four areas of excellence to guide its decisions concerning the allocation of local grants. These areas of excellence – conservation and sustainability, global education and workplace skills, business and community partnerships and safe and healthy children and families – demonstrate the Foundation's commitment to use resources for the benefit of community, family and the environment.

Proposals may be submitted electronically or sent to Alcoa's Badin Works, Attn: Lanita Coley, P.O. Box 576, Badin, NC 28009.

In The News

Alcoa urges U.S. government to reduce greenhouse gas emissions

Alcoa has joined nine highly esteemed U.S.-based companies and four leading environmental organizations to call on the U.S. government to quickly enact strong national legislation to achieve significant reductions of greenhouse gas emissions.



Alcoa is a founding member of the U.S. Climate Action Partnership, a group formed to send a clear signal to lawmakers that legislative action is urgently needed.

"Each year that we delay action to control emissions increases the risk of unavoidable consequences that could necessitate even steeper reductions in the future, at potentially greater economic cost and social disruption," said Alcoa Chairman and CEO Alain Belda. Belda represented Alcoa at congressional and national press briefings introducing the U.S. Climate Action Partnership on January 22, 2007.

The group believes that U.S. policy must include mandatory approaches to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from economic sectors with the highest emissions; flexible

there and getting bigger."

The previous record of 85 lbs, caught at Lake Norman, was set in 2004.

To qualify for a state record, anglers must have caught their fish on a hook and line, must have their fish weighed on a certified scale witnessed by one observer, have the fish positively identified by a qualified expert from the Commission and submit an application with a full, side-view photo of the fish. For a list of all freshwater fish state records in North Carolina, visit the Commission's Web site, www.ncwildlife.org.

Story and photo from the NC Wildlife Resources Commission.

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approaches to establish a price signal for carbon that varies by economic sector; and incentives for other countries to take action.

[Click here](#) to read **A Call for Action**, a report from the U.S. Climate Action Partnership that outlines the group's recommendations for climate protection.

Alcoa has long been a leader in addressing climate change. The company has reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 25% since 1990 — mainly through aggressive reduction of Perfluorocarbon (PFC) emissions. In addition, Alcoa continues to invest in green power and looks for new ways to increase energy efficiency.

Alcoa named one of the world's most sustainable corporations

Alcoa has been named one of the world's most sustainable corporations for the third consecutive year. The company was recognized among the top role models in sustainable business practices in the annual Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World ranking, during a ceremony at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.



The Global 100 was initiated in 2005 by Corporate Knights Inc. of Canada, which publishes the world's only mainstream corporate responsibility magazine. Innovest Strategic Value Advisors Inc., an investment research and advisory firm, compiles and analyses the data of 1800 international companies to create the list.



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