



Yadkin Relicensing News

Alcoa distributes Agreement in Principle

After more than a year of settlement negotiations, Alcoa-Yadkin has distributed an “Agreement in Principle” that offers significant recreation enhancements and important environmental protections. The agreement will serve as the foundation for developing a formal “Relicensing Settlement Agreement” that will be submitted to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

“We’re proud of the proposed agreement. It reflects the contributions of many different organizations and individuals, and it addresses nearly all of the interests raised at the start of this process,” said Gene Ellis, Alcoa-Yadkin licensing and property manager. “It’s a good balance of interests that preserves our ability to continue generating clean and renewable energy.”

Alcoa-Yadkin worked closely with negotiation participants — representing more than two dozen state and federal agencies, local governments, recreational users, environmental groups and others — in an effort to strike an appropriate balance between many competing interests. Participants are currently reviewing the details of the agreement and will decide in the next several days if they agree with the proposed changes in operation.

The Agreement in Principle will be released publicly in the coming weeks.

Around the Lakes

N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission issues warning about kite tubes

The N.C. Wildlife Resources Commission has issued a warning about the new, extreme water sport of kite tubing, and the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission has pulled the Sportsstuff Wego Kite Tube off the market. The move comes following numerous reports of injuries and two deaths.



Kite tubes are 10-foot-wide round inflatable devices that resemble large inner tubes. The tubes are towed behind a boat. Riders can become airborne when boats reach high speeds by pulling on handles attached to the tube.

Sportsstuff has sold more than 19,000 kite tubes in the past year. It is urging consumers to stop using the product. If you purchased a kite tube, call Sportsstuff at 866-831-5524 to learn how to obtain free replacement products.

Upcoming Meetings

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August 8-10, 2006

Alcoa Conference Center

Badin, North Carolina

* Open to organizations which sign the Agreement in Principle

In the Community

Alcoa honored by N.C. Department of Labor for outstanding safety record

Alcoa was one of several local businesses honored by the N.C. Department of Labor at an awards banquet on June 28 at the Stanly Regional Hospital Family and Education Center. Labor Commissioner Cherie Berry presented Alcoa with a Gold Award in recognition of its outstanding on-the-job safety achievements during 2005. It is the 32nd consecutive year that Alcoa has received a Gold Award.

Did You Know?

The next time you pick up a baseball bat, you might find small Alcoa logos next to the Nike swoosh. Alcoa has teamed up with Nike to provide specialty aluminum drawn tube that will be used to develop its premium baseball bats. Nike's Aero Torque and Aero Strobe baseball bats will be made using Alcoa's advanced aluminum alloys C555 and C855, which are derivatives of alloys originally developed for the aerospace industry.

ESPN Outdoors Bassmaster Series Returns to High Rock Lake

High Rock Lake hosted another major bass fishing tournament this month. A 2006 ESPN Bassmaster Series fishing tournament was held on Friday, July 9. The event provided North Carolina anglers the opportunity to qualify for regional and national Bassmaster tournaments. Danny Haire of Yadkinville, NC captured the boater division with 14.1 lbs and Joel Garvin of Shallotte, NC won the non-boating division with 17.4 lbs. A total of 176 fishermen competed in the tournament and caught a combined 229 fish.

High Rock Lake is a popular bass fishing site and has previously hosted the Bassmaster Classic, widely regarded as the world championship of bass fishing. Bassmaster officials have already made plans for a return trip to High Rock Lake in August 2007 for a regional competition.



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