Gordon S. Myers  
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North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission  
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Dear Mr. Myers,

On behalf of the more than 160 members of the North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society (NCTWS), many of whom are professional wildlife biologists working in North Carolina, we wish to express our opposition to the declaration of the NC Pesticide Board to re-classify Eastern moles (*Scalopus aquaticus*) and Hairy-tailed moles (*Parascalops breweri*) as pests, and to issue regulatory guidelines for their removal and control using the pesticide Talpirid. The NCTWS supports the past position of the North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission (NCWRC) in refusing to concur with proposals to use pesticides for mole control. If NCWRC believes it is necessary to concur with the declaration, because moles might otherwise be listed as pests through legislation, then recommendations of NCWRC staff should be written into rule in order to minimize the effects of the pesticide on non-target wildlife.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Baranski  
Chair, Conservation Committee  
North Carolina Chapter of The Wildlife Society