1. **Rolfe (Wayne) Bailey:**
Bailey worked as a biologist for the West Virginia Conservation Commission from 1945-1970. He was a founding father of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTF) in 1973 and was the first recipient of the NWTF Conservationist of the Year Award in 1978. He worked and retired from the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources (WVDNR) as well as the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC). Wayne is widely known for his work on wild turkey management and restoration.

2. **Tom Quay:**
Tom earned his Ph.D. in Zoology in 1948 and began his career working as a professor at North Carolina State University (NCSU). He taught Ornithology at NCSU until 1980 when he retired. His research focused on avian adaptations within their habitats. In 1999 the Thomas Quay Wildlife and Natural Resources Experiential Learning Award was established in his honor to provide financial assistance to students majoring in environmental sciences and natural resources at NCSU.

3. **Tom Henson:**
After receiving his BS degree in Tennessee Tom became a Wildlife Officer for the Tennessee Wildlife Resource Agency. He worked there for one year then moved to North Carolina in 1975 where he became a District 9 Biologist managing game lands for the NCWRC. He then went on to work as a coastal forester for 8 years with the NCWRC. Tom retired from the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC) as a Wildlife Diversity Program Coordinator.

4. **Titus (Stuart) Critcher:**
Stuart started his career in 1948 as a Waterfowl Biologist with the NCWRC, while working on his BS. He later obtained his MS in Wildlife Management from NCSU. He began his career as an Assistant Chief of the NCWRC, later becoming Chief of Habitat Conservation. He received a Governor’s Award from the National Wildlife Federation as Wildlife Conservationist of the Year in 1981. Stewart also developed the North Carolina Bald Eagle Project in 1982 which was a large success.

5. **Leon (Lawrence) Lineberry Sr.**
After attending school to become a Wildlife Officer in North Carolina, Leon started his career stationed in District 6 in 1955 as the Cabarrus County Protector as it were called at that time. He then moved to Richmond County for one year before being promoted to Patrolman and was later promoted again to Assistant Supervisor in 1959. During his time as Assistant Supervisor, and later as Supervisor in District 4, he was an integral part of developing over time what is now an extremely rigorous Wildlife Officer training program both for new officers and supervisors alike. He was part of the first implementations of boating laws in the state, and strived to enhance public relations between the agency and the public. In 1979 he transferred to District 9 before later being promoted to Major and retiring out of the Raleigh office in 1985.
6. **John Lentz:**
   John became a member of the North Carolina Wildlife Federation (NCWF) in 1959 and was elected as president in 1981. He was named the North Carolina Conservationist of the Year in 1988 and was installed in the North Carolina Conservation Hall of Fame in 1999. John served as the Region 3 director of the National Wildlife Federation from 1985-1995. He began a forestry management business in 1964 and started Lentz Realty and Forestry in 1975. He was the director of the North Carolina Forestry Association (NCFA) from 1983-1990 and was chairman to the Council.

7. **John R. Kennedy:**
   After attending school to become a Wildlife Officer in North Carolina in 1957, John started his wildlife career in 1958 stationed as a Trainee in District 3 before getting promoted and moving to District 2 for a number of years. He was awarded a citation as “N.C. Wildlife Protector of the Year” in 1961. John was heavily involved in honing the techniques and developing technology used by Wildlife Officers today such as aircraft law enforcement. His work along with others of the time helped establish higher credibility for wildlife laws in the courts, and he was paramount in establishing undercover wildlife law enforcement efforts both in NC and other states.

8. **Jim Raniger:**
   In 1955 Jim attended school in Chapel Hill to become a Wildlife Officer. Upon completion he became a District 2 Wildlife Commission trainee. He later transferred in 1956 to Transylvania County where he continued to work as a Wildlife Officer until 1962. After 1962 Jim went to Henderson County where he later retired.

9. **Bill Smith:**
   Bill went to Virginia Tech and majored in Forestry and Wildlife Conservation and obtained his BS. He went back to obtain his MS at Virginia Institute of Marine Science in Gloucester Point, VA. where his research focus was on multiple fish species and blue crabs. From 1955-1958 he served as Assistant Fisheries Biologist with the NCWRC in District 2, District 1, and District 3. In 1960 Bill became the Assistant Chief of the Inland Fisheries Division where he later retired in 1972.

10. **William (Capers) Carnes:**
    Carnes received his BS from North Carolina State University (NCSU) in 1956. He continued on to receive his MS in 1959. While working on his MS, William started working for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC). He became District 5 Fisheries Biologist in 1969 and was one of the pioneers in NC freshwater fisheries work. He continued to work as a Fisheries Biologist with NCWRC through the 1980’s.
11. **Charles Woodhouse:**

Charles was one of the first trained wildlife biologists to begin his career in the dually created North Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission after WWII. He graduated in 1941 from NC State with a Wildlife Conservation degree. In 1945 he worked for the Predator Road Control Agency as an Assistant District Agent for one and a half years. In 1947 Charles went to work for the reorganized NCWRC as a Biologist. He continued working through the 1950’s helping farmers manage their lands. In 1986 Charles began his work with small game and continued to work with quail and other small game for over 30 years.

12. **Dave Adams:**

Adams received his BS and MS from North Carolina State University (NCSU). In 1950 he worked for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC) as a Waterfowl Biologist for one year. He continued his education at NCSU to receive his Ph.D. working on salt marsh research. Dave later obtained a job working for the North Carolina State Museum. He continued his career working as the Department Head of the Commercial Fisheries Commission. He later returned to NCSU to teach natural resource policy. His main works involved shorebirds.

13. **Duane Raver:**

Duane’s interest in wildlife began as a young child and he started making artwork at 19 years old. He obtained a degree in Fisheries Management at Iowa State University in 1949. During the summers he worked at a fish hatchery. Duane later went to work for the North Carolina Wildlife Resource Commission (NCWRC) as a Fisheries Biologist and stayed until 1979 when he retired. He continues to create very highly esteemed wildlife art and has received the NC Wildlife Federation’s Wildlife Artist of the year four times.

14. **Eugene (Gene) Hester:**

In 1949 Gene attended Wake Forest College and then transferred to NC State to work on his BS and MS in Wildlife Conservation and Management. While obtaining his degrees he did surveys on streams and lakes for the NCWRC. He continued to receive his Ph.D. in Fisheries at Auburn University. He taught classes at Auburn for one year before coming to NC in 1959 as an Assistant Professor of Zoology. In 1963 he began work for the Fish and Wildlife Service in the U.S. Department of Interior. In 1971 he became head of the Division of Fisheries Research for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Washington. He continued his work for the Department of Interior for 25 years where he retired.

15. **Frank Barick:**

Frank earned his BS and MS in Forest Wildlife Management from Syracuse University and graduated in 1943, and taught Zoology there from 1941-1947. Frank then went to work for the Pennsylvania Game Commission from 1947-1949. Later in 1949 Frank was hired by the NCWRC as the Project Leader for the highly successful statewide deer repopulation program. He was promoted to Chief of the Game Division and later retired from his position.