

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Savannah River Valley Beagle Club  
Edgefield, S. C.  
April 18, 1986  
11:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 11:00 A.M., April 18, 1986, at the Savannah River Valley Beagle Club with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioners Webster, Compton, Harrelson, Bennett, Owen, Thomason, and Stokes. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Buford Mabry, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Brock Conrad, Bill Chastain, Charlie Bearden, and various other staff and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 11:00 A.M. and welcomed all guests to the meeting. He thanked the Savannah River Valley Beagle Club for hosting the meeting and the National Wild Turkey Federation for hosting lunch. Dr. Timmerman introduced and welcomed various guests to the meeting.

#### ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the March 14, 1986 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that we have been closely reviewing our boat ramps and maintenance needs at all the Department-owned and leased ramps. Dr. Timmerman noted that we need a policy for future boat ramp construction projects and current maintenance needs. He distributed a proposed policy for the Commission to consider (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted the policy as recommended by Dr. Timmerman.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he has received a letter from the Mayor of Hanahan recommending that we name a boat ramp constructed down there a year or so ago for John Bettis. In addition, the same request has been made by the Berkeley County Legislative Delegation. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this request.

Dr. Timmerman went over the status of the HELP bill and discussed various amendments that have been made to the bill. Dr. Timmerman noted that Representative Pearce has done an excellent job on providing floor leadership for this bill.

#### ITEM III. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Dobbins distributed a copy of the legislative report and went over this report with the Commission.

ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Regulations for Dargan's Pond - Florence County: Commissioner Owen noted that these regulations were presented to the Commission at their last meeting and a copy was sent in the Commission packet (Copy attached to regular Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these regulations as presented.

ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Property Purchase at Styx Fish Hatchery by Ms. Wilmarth Smith: Buford Mabry noted that a request has been made by a church organization to purchase some land adjacent to the Styx Hatchery. This land is not owned by the Department, but is managed by the Department, thus, the Commission directed Mr. Mabry to inform Ms. Smith of such.

B. Update - Small Game Program: Mark Hall and Breck Carmichael presented a slide show and in-depth discussion on the Small Game Program to the Commission. A list of projects was distributed to the Commission and discussed (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves informed the Commission that the Department's computer services are being updated and the auditors have returned to review the Department's books.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.

4. Conservation, Education & Communications: Jim Goller distributed a list of the CEC Advisory Council noting that three vacancies exist. The Chairman of the Council, Commissioner Quackenbush, recommends that the Commission recommend to the Governor, the appointment of Paula Bethea and Pinkney Skinner to this Council. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation. Dennis Gunter presented some survey results on Project WILD to the Commission for information.

5. Marine Resources: Charlie Bearden noted that the shrimp situation is similar to last year and he recommended to the Commission that the shrimp season not open on May 15th and that the opening of the season be delayed until further notice. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as presented. Mr. Bearden noted that the Commission has been sent a recommended list of appointees to the Blue Ribbon Committee for a Marine Recreational Fisheries License (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these appointees as presented.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted the Board met on April 17th and toured the goose restoration project. He recommended that the Commission hold a meeting sometime in this area and tour this project. Commissioner Owen noted the Board adopted several recommendations and such will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting.

2. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain noted the Board met on April 10th and there are no items for Commission action.

3. Marine Resources: Commissioner Harrelson noted the Board met on April 11th and he went over the items discussed by the Board. He stated that the Board recommended that we find the funds to test two turtle extruder devices from Georgia.

E. Other Remarks: Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session for personnel and legal matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting. Chairman Webster asked Commissioner Harrelson to report on the actions taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Harrelson reported that the Commission took the following actions in Executive Session:

1. A motion was adopted to approve all appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as presented (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes).
2. A motion was adopted to authorize Brock Conrad to pursue acquisitions under the MARSH Program that might be available.
3. A motion was adopted whereby the Commission accepted the settlement on the Saluda River Fish Kill.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve and ratify these actions.

F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Spartanburg on May 16, 1986, at a time to be announced.

G. Appointments: This item has been previously acted upon by the Commission.

ITEM VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the regular meeting, a motion was adopted to adjourn.

