

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Webb Wildlife Center
Garnett, S. C.
August 17, 1990
1:00 P.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 1:00 P.M., August 17, 1990, at the Webb Wildlife Center, Garnett, S. C., with Chairman Burnside presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Miller, Compton, Snow, Pendarvis, Owen, Poston and Drummond. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Brock Conrad, Bill Chastain, Paul Sandifer, Benny Reeves, Sonny Baines and various other staff and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed all 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 July 20, 1990 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that the Department will meet with the State Budget and Control Board on September 4, 1990 at 10:10 a.m., in Room 105 of the Gressette Building to discuss our budget proposal for FY 1991-92.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that the International Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies will meet in New Orleans on September 7-12, 1990 and he invited any of the Commissioners that would like to do so to attend.

APPEARANCE - MR. JAMES McABEE: Mr. James McAbee appeared before the Commission to make an appeal regarding the law which prohibits shining. Mr. McAbee noted that shining was legal until 11:00 p.m., but it is now prohibited and that he and others use to take youth and church groups into the woods to shine and identify animals as a recreational activity. Mr. McAbee presented two letters to Chairman Burnside relating to the



request to change the law back to where some shining would be allowed. Mr. McAbee proposed that shining be allowed until 9:00 p.m. in the wintertime and 11:00 p.m. in the summertime with the change being made with the time change from Eastern Standard Time to Daylight Savings Time. Mr. McAbee presented Chairman Burnside a partition regarding this requested change. Following discussion, Chairman Burnside referred this matter to the Law Enforcement & Boating Advisory Board for their evaluation and reporting back to the Commission.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins noted that he did not have anything further to report to the Commission.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed Waterfowl Season 1990-91: Brock Conrad noted that the proposed 1990-91 waterfowl seasons had been sent to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Conrad discussed this proposed framework with the Commission and following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the recommendations as submitted.

B. Proposed Policy - Freedom of Information Act: Dan Dobbins noted that the Commission had been sent a proposed policy on the Freedom of Information Act in the Commission Packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion of this proposed policy, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the policy as presented.

C. Water/Fisheries Management - Duke Power Company & SCE&G: Jim Bulak gave a background on efforts made by the Department to work with the utility companies as it related to relicensing in order to benefit freshwater species. Mr. Bulak went over the types of agreements that have been developed with Duke Power Company and SCE&G to assist in our fisheries management program and noted that the utility companies have worked very closely with the Department on these matters.

D. S. C. Public Service Authority Sea Turtle Conservation Program: Sally Murphy informed the Commission that Georgetown County became the first county to pass an ordinance on lighting in order to protect sea turtle nesting. Mrs. Murphy noted that the S. C. Public Service Authority took action to develop a public relations campaign to protect sea turtles. Mrs. Murphy noted that a press conference was held regarding this campaign and it gained very wide spread news coverage throughout the state. Mrs. Murphy noted that the S. C. Public Service Authority has adopted a logo with bumper stickers and other items as part of this public relations campaign and several videos of news



stories regarding this public relations campaign were shown to the Commission. Mrs. Murphy noted that the S. C. Public Service Authority is to be commended for the fine job that they have done in developing this public relations campaign to protect the nesting of sea turtles.

E. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

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

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines distributed to the Commissioners, the RESPECT license tag noting that these were being sold through the magazine program in the Department.

5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

F. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted the Board met on August 9, 1990 and he went over the items discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Owen noted that he did not have any items for Commission action.

2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted the Board met on August 10, 1990, and discussed the by-catch of finfish by shrimp trawling. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that a number of people attended this meeting and made comments concerning the by-catch of finfish and that the Marine Resources staff and the National Marine Fisheries Service will be reviewing this information for consideration with any proposed future action.

G. Other Remarks: Commissioner Compton thanked Dr. Timmerman and the staff for efforts that went into the Commission Retreat and he asked Dr. Timmerman to send a letter of thanks to the landowners that participated in the Commission Retreat.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Chairman Burnside announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.



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Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the DWCO re-appointments, new appointments not recommended, change in authority, and promotions in Law Enforcement as presented by staff (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

H. Appointments: This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

I. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia on September 21, 1990.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

