

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION AT PREGNALL FEBRUARY 4, 1969

Present were Commissioners Eltzroth, Glenn, Eppes, Mishoe, Rhame, Thompson and Williams, Major Cantey, Mr. Webb and the Secretary.

Mr. Glenn presided at the opening of the meeting, Mr. Eltzroth arriving a few minutes later.

The question of legislative action on license revision was discussed, after which the following motion was adopted:

"The Commission goes on record as unanimously supporting the position of the Governor in regard to his proposal for hunting and fishing licenses and every Commissioner agrees to approach the legislators in his district asking their support for the Governor's proposal."

The Secretary was asked to furnish each Commissioner with a list of the legislators on the delegations in his district. It was agreed that the best way to contact the legislators would be by coming to Columbia.

Mr. Eltzroth presented a proposed fact sheet drawn up by Mr. Ryan that gives answers to some questions that might arise relating to the fishing and hunting license structure and additional services that could be provided with the increased revenue. It was agreed that any suggestions any Commissioner might have should be forwarded to Mr. Ryan, and if there were no major changes the fact sheet should be sent out by next Monday.

The policy statement as drawn up by the special committee was approved with a few minor changes suggested by Mr. Eltzroth.

The Commission approved a proposal by the Governor that it be designated as the acting agency for the coastal plains regional commission for a study of marine resources of the State, and North Carolina and Georgia.

Mr. Eltzroth said that he had received a letter from Bob Edwards of Woods Hole Oceanographic Laboratory and that Mr. Edwards was coming down for a meeting with the



Governor on February 18 regarding the directorship of the proposed marine laboratory. He added that Mr. Glenn, Mr. Mishoe and himself could meet at the Commission office around 11 o'clock on the 18th and talk with Mr. Edwards after he had conferred with the Governor.

It was agreed that the regular February meeting will be held on the 21st, the scheduled date, in Columbia.

The matter of crab traps being used in much-traveled waterways, such as the Inland Waterway, was brought up by Mr. Eltzroth who said there were complaints that they were a trouble to navigation. He said that Dr. Lunz opposed legislation curtailing the use of the traps and he read a letter from Dr. Lunz to this effect.

Mr. Glenn said that he agreed with Dr. Lunz and suggested that any recommendations be held over to some future date.

Mr. Webb said that someone was needed in the Information-Education division to prepare feature news stories and related matters and that Roger Seamans had two men in consideration. The Commission agreed to the hiring of either one who was deemed the most suitable.

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