

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Columbia, S. C.  
January 17, 1986  
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., on January 17, 1986, 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, Owen, Quackenbush, Stokes, Thomason and Bennett. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Brock Conrad, Benny Reeves, Sonny Baines, R. M. Gifford, Bill Chastain and various other staff and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.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 November 15, 1985 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. PRESENTATION - SHIKAR-SAFARI CLUB INTERNATIONAL

Mr. Bill Rose of Shikar-Safari Club International presented an award to Conservation Officer George Harter as the Department's Officer of the Year. Officer Harter expressed thanks to Mr. Rose for this award.

#### ITEM III. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman introduced all guests at the meeting and informed the Commission that the Awards Banquet of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation will be held on February 1, 1986, at Myrtle Beach.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that there is a 2% shortfall in the state's revenue and our budget will be reduced by 2% in an escrow account. The FY 86-87 budget procedure is underway and we are pursuing our budget requests. A list of the budget committee members will be sent to the Commission for contacts as deemed appropriate.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a letter from the National Wildlife Federation concerning steel shot to the Commission for their information. In addition, a copy of the 6-month Employee Vehicle Accident Report and notes from the December Staff Meeting were distributed to the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that we are developing objectives for 1986 and accomplishments for 1985, and such will be sent to the Commission and on the agenda for the next Commission Meeting.

ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. Update on HELP Program: Larry Cartee updated the Commission on the HELP Program noting that staff has been trained on the program and such is being presented to groups and organizations across the state. Mr. Cartee noted that the HELP Program has been presented by the staff to 81 organizations and clubs as of January 16, 1986.

B. Proposal for Disciplinary Action for Employees: Dr. Timmerman noted that he had developed a committee in the Department to prepare a proposal for disciplinary action for employees. A draft proposal was presented to the Commission and discussed by Jim Quinn. Dr. Timmerman noted this will be an agenda item for the next Commission Meeting for administrative or Commission action. Mr. Quinn asked the Commissioners for their input prior to the next Commission Meeting.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves distributed a letter to the Commission from the budget development office on our computerized budget process.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: John Frampton distributed to the Commission, a proposed questionnaire to survey all duck hunters noting that all duck stamp purchasers will be sent this questionnaire. Mr. Frampton asked the Commission for their input on this questionnaire.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain distributed a draft new policy for Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and requested that such be on the agenda for action at the February Commission Meeting. Bobby Gifford informed the Commission that 243 individuals will be interviewed for 12 Conservation Officer positions starting on February 10, 1986. This interview process should be completed by March 1st and recommendations provided to the Commission at the March Meeting. Dr. Timmerman noted that Bill Chastain will send to the Commission, a schedule of the interviews to be held. Bobby Gifford recommended to the Commission, approval for a radio for Liberty Properties at no cost to the Department. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation.

4. Conservation, Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

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

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Quackenbush noted the Board met recently, but there were no items for action to report.

2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Harrelson noted the Board met recently and he briefly went over the items discussed. The Board recommended that Betty Spence be recommended to the Governor for appointment to the Board to replace John S. DeBerry.

3. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted the Board met on December 12th and he went over the items discussed by the Board.

4. Heritage Trust: Tom Kohlsaet noted the Board met on November 20th and approved a land acquisition budget of \$700,000. The Board endorsed the HELP Program and Mr. Kohlsaet distributed to the Commission, the new Check for Wildlife poster.

5. Conservation, Education & Communications: Sonny Baines noted the Board met on January 10, 1986, and he went over the items discussed by the Board.

E. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commission.

F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting at 10:00 A.M., February 14, 1986 in the Board Room at The Citadel in Charleston. Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the regular meeting would recess for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel 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 actions taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Harrelson reported that the Commission took the following actions in Executive Session:

1. A motion was adopted by the Commission to require a Conservation Officer to be assigned to a county for two years before requesting a transfer to another county.
2. A motion was adopted by the Commission to approve the following Interview Panel for Conservation Officer positions: R. M. Gifford, Alvin Wright, Jim Mills, Linda Campbell and Al Courie.

3. A motion was adopted by the Commission to approve all appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as submitted to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

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

ITEM V. ADJOURN

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