

MINUTES OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING IN
COLUMBIA JULY 15, 1959

Present were Commissioners Warren, Johnson, Cantey, Cox and Oliphant, Director Webb, Director Lunz, Alex Quattlebaum, Dan McKeithan, G. G. Thrower, Jack Carroll, Lewie Schley and Walter Gresh, U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service.

Director Lunz submitted a report on the Division of Commercial Fisheries that was received as information. He reported that license money was coming in very well.

He also brought up the matter of an oyster lease that had been transferred where another person was claiming title to the land and wished to put the lessors off the place. The matter was referred to Mr. Cox with the suggestion that he take it up with the Attorney General.

Mr. McKeithan, Mr. Thrower and Mr. Quattlebaum then presented a proposal for the Commission employing someone to work with Wildlife Federation chapters and other conservation groups.

A motion of Mr. Johnson was adopted that a committee composed of two representatives of the Federation, two members of the Commission and Gordon Brown and Eddie Finlay work out what could be done along these lines. Mr. Johnson pointed out that with the employment of Robert Gifford as information assistant it would be possible to do more of this work. Mr. Warren appointed Mr. Cantey, chairman, and Mr. Johnson to the committee.

Mr. Dumas then showed suggested uniforms for the wardens and Director Webb was authorized to negotiate for and purchase uniforms (two trousers, two shirts, two ties, jacket, shoes, socks and hat)



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comparable to the ones shown, and taking into consideration competitive bidding. Mr. Dumas said that if he were given the contract shipments would be prepaid.

Mr. Johnson suggested that a directive be sent to all wardens that after the uniforms were secured wardens must make court appearances in uniform, unless they had a very valid reason.

Mr. Webb said that he had made a trip to Charleston to confer with the Coast Guard commander on the procedure for registering boats, and that he was taking the necessary steps for submitting the boating act to the Secretary of the Treasury for approval.

He added that there was considerable opposition from some legislators regarding Commission action in appointing him Director of the Division of Boating but that other legislators favored the action.

Mr. Warren reviewed talks he had had with the Boat Safety Committee and actions taken by the Commission.

Mr. Webb said that he had talked with Mr. Welch following the Belmont meeting regarding the position of Supervisor of Boating under the adopted setup and that Mr. Welch had said that after consideration he would not accept the position.

Mr. Webb then submitted recommendations on personnel that should be employed and salaries that should be paid in the Boating Division and the Commission approved the employment of a Chief of Boating (\$6,000-\$6,800); Secretary (\$3,000) and a salary adjustment (\$500) for the Chief Clerk. Names of the personnel to be employed will be submitted to the Commission.



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The Commission approved Mr. Webb's plans for a boating school in August for selected personnel.

The reappointment of several non-pay wardens was approved.

Eddie Finlay

