

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA JULY 24, 1957

All members of the Commission were present except Mr. Oliphant. Also present were Director Richardson, Jim Webb, Jack Carroll, Dan McKeithan and Alex Quattlebaum and Assistant Attorney General Dan McLeod.

Mr. Warren took up the papers that had been served on the Commission enjoining it against further action in the discharge of Warden Nance of Abbeville.

Mr. McLeod said that he had not studied the law on the case thoroughly, since the matter had been handled by Mr. Verner, but expressed his opinion that the Commission, through the Director, had authority to discharge. The injunction was based on the claim that the right to fire wardens was vested in the Governor and not the Commission.

Mr. Richardson said that he was recommending the appointment of two wardens for Abbeville county but the question was raised whether this would be in violation of the court order.

A motion of Mr. Johnson was adopted that the matter of the injunction be referred to the Attorney General with the suggestion that he take such immediate action as he deemed advisable. It was also agreed to hold in abeyance the appointment of the two wardens until something was heard from the Attorney General.

A motion of Mr. Warren was adopted that Inspector Willis be authorized to secure one Halsey boat estimated to cost \$660, Mr. Warren pointing out that the metal boat now operated by Mr. Willis was unsafe. Mr. Cantey suggested that the purchase of a glass boat might be considered.

Mr. Richardson read a letter recommending the appointment of Grady Hydrick as a Richland county warden. Mr. Cantey said that he could not approve the appointment in view of Mr. Hydrick's age and health and the appointment was disapproved.

The appointment of Norman B. Cooler as a Beaufort warden was also approved.

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Senator James Hugh McFaddin and Reps. Rogers and Morris of the Clarendon delegation, along with several citizens of the county, requested that the Commission authorize the spending of Santee-Cooper funds to advertise the fishing in Santee-Cooper. Senator McFaddin said that plans called for the erection of four large signs on Highway 301 in the county to advertise the fishing. The erection and maintenance of the signs, along with distribution of folders, would come to around \$16,000.

Senator McFaddin stated that this would be a golden opportunity to attract tourists and would mean much to the section and to the State, and that the cost would be made up by the increased fishing and tourist revenue.

Mr. Richardson pointed out that non-resident fishing license revenue goes to the county where the license is sold and that in his opinion money from the county game fund should be used, since Clarendon would be the greatest recipient.

Mr. Rogers asked what funds were available in connection with the lakes and Mr. Richardson stated that there was approximately \$150,000 in the Santee-Cooper fund and approximately \$20,000 in the Clarendon county fund, both of which could be expended only for the protection and propagation of game and fish and for enforcement.

Mr. Cox moved that this be received as information and the matter taken up by the Commission in due course.

Senator R. H. Jefferies appeared to protect the furnishing of other states with Santee-Cooper rockfish until all suitable state waters were adequately stocked. He stated that the landlocked rockfish were a great economic asset and the State should retain its monopoly, at least for the present.

He also asked the fullest cooperation of the Commission in making a study to determine the economic value of Santee-Cooper fishing.



The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions. It emphasizes that every entry should be supported by a valid receipt or invoice. This ensures transparency and allows for easy verification of the data.

In the second section, the author outlines the various methods used to collect and analyze the data. This includes both manual and automated processes. The goal is to ensure that the information is both reliable and up-to-date.

The third part of the report focuses on the results of the analysis. It shows a clear upward trend in the data over the period covered. This indicates that the current strategies are effective and should be continued.

Finally, the document concludes with a series of recommendations for future actions. These include further investment in technology to improve data collection and more frequent reviews of the data to catch any potential issues early on.

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The Clarendon request was then discussed a motion of Mr. Hopkins was adopted that Mr. Richardson and Mr. Webb get a ruling from the Attorney General on whether either Santee-Cooper or county funds could be used for this advertising under the law.

A motion of Mr. Cox was adopted that the Commission adopt a policy of not granting permission to move any rockfish until South Carolina waters are adequately stocked and continue its present policy until further notice.

The Commission voted that if Jeff Fuller thinks it feasible the Catawba river and lake be stocked with fish from below the Wateree dam.

The following appointments were approved: Hugh Still, Barnwell; and non-pay wardens--John Robert Hinson, Marlboro; Maurice B. Burns, Beaufort and Luther T. Southern, Spartanburg, the latter subject to the approval of Mr. Johnson. A commission was also approved for J. R. Bryant, superintendent of Lake Paul Wallace.

A letter was read from the Berkeley delegation recommending the appointment of Josh G. Harvey of Summerville and this was referred to Mr. Warren for action.

Mr. Quattlebaum explained the award to be made by the Federation to the outstanding warden and also issued an invitation to the Federation meeting September 18 at Bennettsville. Mr. Warren said a Commission meeting would be called for that date.

Eddie Finlay

See Sept 11, 1957 Commission meeting minutes

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