

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
June 19, 1992
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, June 19, 1992, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, 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, Compton, Pendarvis, Owen, Leary, Miller, Poston, and Graham. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Brock Conrad, Sonny Baines, and various other staff members and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the May 15, 1992 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the new State Telephone Directory to the Commissioners for their information.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he would recommend a Retreat with the Commissioners in August or September, possibly at the Webb Wildlife Center, if the Commission is so inclined to do so. The Commission agreed to hold a Retreat on August 20-21 at the Webb Wildlife Center and to hold the Commission Meeting on the date of the regular third Friday which would be on August 21, 1992.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed an Interim Report to the Commissioners and noted that a Final Report will be forthcoming in the near future. Commissioner Miller commended Dan Dobbins for his success in the Legislature this year, with all of the legislation that was adopted that had been recommended by the Commission.



ITEM IV - PRESENTATION - S. C. State Committee of Quail Unlimited
Breck Carmichael introduced Mr. Billye West, the State Chairman of Quail Unlimited. Mr. West presented a check for \$4,000.00 to the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund for the quail management brochure and he also presented a framed Governor's Edition of the State Quail Unlimited print to be used at the Webb Wildlife Center. Dr. Timmerman presented Mr. West with a Certificate of Appreciation and expressed thanks for his cooperative efforts with the Department.

ITEM V - PLAQUE PRESENTATIONS - (These plaques had previously been presented and no further action was required.)

ITEM VI - OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed State Duck Stamp Fund Budget - 1992-93: John Frampton noted that the proposed budget for the State Duck Stamp Funds for 1992-93 was sent out to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the budget as presented.

B. Proposed Deer Quota Program Budget for 1992-93: Derrell Shipes noted that the Proposed Budget for Antlerless Deer Quota Program Funds for 1992-93 had been sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission approved the budget as presented.

C. Proposed Heritage Trust Land Acquisitions: Stuart Greeter noted that there had been some recent publicity on Heritage Trust Land Acquisitions in the newspaper and on TV and these were presented to the Commission. Mr. Greeter went over the actions at the recent Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting and noted that the proposed land acquisitions would be deferred until discussion as a contractual matter in Executive Session.

D. Proposed Early Season Migratory Game Bird Regulations: Brock Conrad noted that the proposed 1992-93 Early Season Migratory Bird Hunting Framework had been sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission approved the proposed 1992-93 early season as presented.

E. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves noted that the Procurement Audit in the Department was just completed and a report will be sent out to the Commission. Mr. Reeves also noted that the Fiscal Audit was just completed and a report on this audit will also be sent to the Commission. Mr. Reeves noted that the Department's FY 93-94 Budget Request had been prepared and such had been approved by the Commission Finance Committee. Commissioner Compton distributed a copy of the proposed Budget Summary for FY 93-94 to the Commission and went over the proposed



request for recurring and non-recurring funds (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the FY 93-94 Budget Request as presented by the Commission Finance Committee.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad reported that the price from the last auction of alligator hides had dropped to the neighborhood of \$10.00 for a small hide and \$20.00 for a large hide. He noted that all of the licensed alligator trappers resigned as they only received 50% of the revenue from the sale of hides, so the Department has decided to give them all of the revenue from the hides and all of the licensed trappers have agreed to stay on and cooperate as trappers for another year.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines noted that a copy of the new Rules and Regulations brochure had been distributed to the Commission and this publication was done by APG in Charleston at no cost to the Department, saving approximately \$32,000. Mr. Baines noted that the Department is taking a lead role in this type of publication in State Government and is, thus, saving funds for the Department's budget.

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

F. ADVISORY BOARD REPORTS:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met last Thursday at Millaree and he went over the items discussed at this meeting. He noted that most of the items for action by the Commission from the Board had already been acted upon.

G. Other Remarks: Chairman Burnside noted that this was the last meeting for Commissioners Compton and Owen and he expressed appreciation to them for all they have done for the Commission and the Department over the past year and he especially thanked them for helping him over the last four years.

Commissioner Pendarvis recommended that the Operation Game Thief Program Notice be put in a more prominent place in the Rules and Regulations brochure.

Dr. Timmerman passed out an Organizational Chart to the Commissioners for their information and noted that on July 14, 1992, at 1:30 p.m., he will have a Staff Meeting and meet with the newly appointed Commissioners Rasor and Haynsworth.



At this time, Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel, property and legal matters. Commissioner Graham 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, property and legal 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.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the Land Acquisitions at the Little Pee Dee River Addition (Huggins) and the Pacolet River Soapstones, Spartanburg County property, as presented by the Heritage Trust staff (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Graham seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve all appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as presented and also to approve the promotions of the District Eight Sergeant and the Boating Division Major as presented. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

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

I. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Charleston on July 31, 1992, at 2:00 p.m., at the Marine Resources Center.

ITEM VII - ADJOURN

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

