

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES  
COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
November 14, 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., November 14, 1986, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Webster, Compton, Stokes, Bennett, Thomason, Harrelson, Owen and Quackenbush. Directors and Staff present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Sonny Baines, Paul Sandifer, Bill Chastain, Brock Conrad, Benny Reeves 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. Betty Spence of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation invited all the Commissioners to attend their Annual Awards Banquet at Myrtle Beach on January 31, 1987.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 17, 1986 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission that the FY 86-87 budget has been reduced by 2.6%. This amounts to a \$454,000 reduction in the Department's budget. In addition, he noted that the budget as proposed for FY 87-88 has been reduced 4.8% which represents a reduction of \$837,000 in the Department's budget. Dr. Timmerman noted in reviewing the budget cut for FY 86-87, he has asked the State Budget and Control Board to exempt the Magazine and Law Enforcement from this budget cut. Dr. Timmerman distributed a letter to the Commission which he had passed on to the State Budget and Control Board concerning this request. He noted that he has prepared a letter for Chairman Webster to send recommending this action if such meets with the approval of the Commission. The Commission adopted a motion to send this letter from the Commission Chairman as Dr. Timmerman had recommended.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that X. O. Bunch has been re-appointed to the Marine Advisory Board and Marion Burnside has been re-appointed to the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board. He noted that no action has been taken on re-appointments to the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board at this time.

ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Recommendations on Shrimp Baiting: Chairman Webster recognized Mr. Jeff Jacobs of the South Carolina Shrimpers Association. Mr. Jacobs submitted a letter dated November 14, 1986 to the Commission concerning the issue



of shrimp baiting with various recommendations (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Jacobs read over this statement and discussed the concerns of the South Carolina Shrimpers Association and the recommendations which the organization has developed. The Commission discussed extensively the shrimp baiting issue and asked numerous questions of Dr. Sandifer concerning this matter.

B. Reconsideration of Steel Shot Zones in South Carolina: Commissioner Owen noted that the Staff has prepared a slide show concerning steel shot in South Carolina. Commissioner Owen asked John Frampton to show this slide show to the Commission and Tommy Strange presented the slide show for the Commission's information. The Commission delayed viewing of this slide show so that they could discuss options as it relates to the implementation schedule of the use of steel shot in South Carolina.

Following extensive discussion by the Commission, the Commission adopted a motion to include for implementation of steel shot, the following counties in 1987-88: Beaufort, Colleton, Charleston, Georgetown and Berkeley Counties; the remainder of the coastal plains counties previously approved for implementation of steel shot in 1988-89; and the remainder of the State of South Carolina for implementation of steel shot in 1990-91.

C. Proposed Deer Season Survey: Brock Conrad advised the Commission that a draft Hunter Questionnaire concerning the early deer season in Game Zones 2 and 4 has been developed and sent to the Commission for their consideration. Mr. Conrad went over this cover letter and draft questionnaire with the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to delete the third paragraph on the cover letter for the draft questionnaire. In addition, the three options concerning Sunday hunting on the questionnaire were discussed by the Commission and the Commission adopted a motion to approve the use of Option 3 on the draft questionnaire. Following this discussion and action by the Commission, the Commission agreed that the questionnaire should be sent out as plans for such have been developed. (Copy of Questionnaire is attached to original Commission Minutes.)

#### ITEM IV. NEW BUSINESS

##### A. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.
3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.
4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.
5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

##### B. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Quackenbush noted that the Board met on November 12th and he briefly discussed the items that were taken under consideration by the Board. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Board discussed the



proposed Law Enforcement Study Committee for the Marine district and this Study Plan was briefly described by Dr. Timmerman. Dr. Timmerman noted that the recommendations from this Study Committee will be presented to the Law Enforcement & Boating Advisory Board and the Commission.

2. Heritage Trust: Dr. Wade Batson presented the new Check-Off poster to the Commission for their information. In addition, Dr. Batson noted that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board had approved property acquisitions at Junkyard Bay, Cartwheel Bay, Forty Acre Rock addition, and Cathedral Bay (copy attached to the original Commission Minutes). Dr. Batson recommended that the Commission approve these acquisitions and the Commission adopted a motion to approve these property acquisitions as presented.

Following other discussion, Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would now recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and the participants were invited into the meeting.

Chairman Webster asked Commissioner Harrelson to report on the actions taken in Executive Session.

Commissioner Harrelson reported that the Commission adopted motions concerning the following matters:

- 1) The Commission adopted a motion to approve all appointments and re-appointments and promotions of Conservation Officers and Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as presented (copy attached to the original Commission Minutes).
- 2) The Commission agreed, by concensus, to develop certain restrictions for shrimp baiting with these items to be reduced in writing by the staff and sent back to the Commission for consideration.
- 3) The Commission adopted a motion to recommend to the Governor, the appointment of Dr. James Todd to the Conservation Education & Communications Advisory Board.



- 4) The Commission adopted a motion to authorize the Department's General Counsel to negotiate and conclude a settlement with McCall Farms.
- 5) The Commission adopted a motion to approve the report of the Hearing Officer concerning the Jack Island Hunt Club shooting preserve license (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).
- 6) The Commission approved a motion to accept the recommendations from the Collins Creek Gun Club concerning the restricted use of the Santee Boat Ramp by the Moreland Hunt Club (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to adopt and ratify these actions. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

C. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commissioners.

D. Appointments: This action was previously acted on by the Commission.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to not hold a Commission Meeting in December 1986 and its next meeting will be held in Columbia at 10:00 A. M. on January 16, 1987. In addition, the Commission agreed to hold its February Commission Meeting on February 13, 1987, in Charleston, S. C. at the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition.

ITEM V. ADJOURN

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

