

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Columbia, S. C.  
November 15, 1985  
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 November 15, 1985, 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, Harrelson, Owen, Quackenbush, Stokes, Thomason and Bennett. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Sonny Baines, Bill Chastain, Paul Sandifer, R. M. Gifford, Brock Conrad 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. Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters prior to adjournment. Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission will hold an Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel and legal matters.

#### ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the October 18, 1985 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Commissioner Dennis is doing well from his recent accident. The Commission directed the staff to send Commissioner Dennis a letter to let him know that the Commission was thinking about him.

Dr. Timmerman went over our FY 86-87 budget request to the State Budget and Control Board and we have been allocated \$390,000. Dr. Timmerman distributed a list of our budget request and went over this with the Commission. Dr. Timmerman noted that we will meet with the sub-committee of the House Ways and Means Committee next week to discuss our budget request.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Congress has adopted amendments to the Fair Labor Standards Act which allows compensatory time for overtime with certain limits.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Thomas Thompson has been appointed to the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board, and Joe Chapman has been re-appointed to the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board.

Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission of various meetings that have been held recently including the Annual Meeting of the S. C. Forestry Association.

Chairman Webster introduced Dennis Gunter to make a special presentation. Mr. Gunter recognized Cathy Johnson as the 1985 Project WILD Facilitator of the Year and presented her with a plaque to thank her for her service to this program.

### ITEM III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Final Report and Recommendations of the Land Procurement and Utilization Committee: Dan Dobbins noted this report has been sent to the Commission and he went over the items in the report. Following discussion, the Commission unanimously adopted a motion to approve and endorse this report. Betty Spence of the S. C. Wildlife Federation presented the Commission with a Resolution of support for this package (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Dr. Timmerman noted that the members of this Committee worked so hard on this report that he recommended the Commission send a letter of thanks for their work. The Commission approved this recommendation.

B. 1986 Legislative Proposal: Dan Dobbins noted that this proposal is being developed and will be submitted to the Commission in December.

C. Update on Blind Spacing Regulations: Dr. Timmerman presented a briefing on the development of the blind spacing regulations through the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board and the Commission. Dr. Timmerman noted that a hearing on the blind spacing regulations was held in Georgetown on November 4th. A ballot of those at the hearing resulted in 118 being against the blind spacing regulations and 96 in favor of the regulations. Dexter Hoxworth and Johnny Harrelson of Georgetown spoke on these regulations and requested that they not be put into effect this year. The Commission stated that we should seek local input on proposed waterfowl regulations and that local meetings should be held to discuss proposed regulations prior to next year. Dr. Timmerman noted that we plan to conduct a postal survey of waterfowl hunters in the Georgetown area prior to next season. Following other discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to not file emergency regulations on blind spacing for this year's waterfowl season.

D. Proposed Regulations for Flat Creek/Forty Acre Rock Natural Area: Stu Greeter went over proposed regulations for this property which was sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the regulations as submitted.

### 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. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met on October 21st and he went over the items discussed at the meeting. Brock Conrad distributed to the Commission, a proposed land swap with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for information and requested action in December (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

C. Appointments: This item was held in obedience until the Executive Session.

There being no further discussion, the Commission recessed the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session as previously approved.

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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 Compton to report on the actions taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Compton reported that the Commission took the following actions in Executive Session:

- (a) A motion was adopted by the Commission to reject the offer of the Greenwood Metropolitan Commission on the Saluda River Fish Kill to settle all claims and instructed the Chief Counsel to continue negotiations to collect damages.
- (b) A motion was adopted by the Commission to approve the following disciplinary actions for Conservation Officers John Floyd and Jimmy Stanley: 90-day suspension without pay, 12 months probation and no promotions for two (2) years.
- (c) A motion was adopted whereby the Commission reaffirmed its previous action whereby the Moreland Hunt Club cannot use the boat ramp at the Santee Coastal Reserve and this action only applies to the use of the boat ramp.
- (d) A motion was adopted to approve all appointments and reappointments of Conservation Officers and Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as submitted to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

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

D. Other Remarks: Commissioner Compton presented Coastal Posters to the Commissioners from the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund and Friends of the Coast.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to meet only in December if a meeting is called by the Chairman.

ITEM V. ADJOURN

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