

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 19, 1972

COLUMBIA, SOUTH CAROLINA

The South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission met in Columbia on September 19, 1972, with Chairman J. W. Hudson presiding. Those in attendance were Commissioners Glenn, Goodman, Thompson, Dennis, Rhame, Williams and Lumpkin. Also attending were Executive Director Webb, General Harris, Major Cantey, Wash Belangia, Pat Ryan, Dr. Timmerman, Jeff Fuller, Dr. Joseph, Brock Conrad, Fred Ramage, T. C. Welch, John Culler, Joe Logan, W. E. Howell, Benny Reeves, Mike McKenzie, Jim Haney of The Columbia Record and Ken Hare of The State newspaper.

The Secretary was asked to read the Minutes of the previous meeting to determine what action had been taken.

Bonneau Fish Hatchery: Executive Director Webb reported that the bids are out. They will be opened on the building on September 27th, 1972.

Department Shoulder Patch: Report from this Committee will be presented at today's meeting.

Game and Freshwater Fish Report: In regard to the lease agreement for three tracts of land within the AEC plant area for wild turkey trapping and restocking area, Mr. Ryan will make a report on this later in the meeting.

Mr. Ryan reported that his Division had submitted all the plans and reports required and the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in Atlanta has indicated that these plans were the type thing they wanted for the approximately 6,000 acres that had been condemned by the GSA. They are now awaiting the outcome of these submitted plans.

Marine Resources Report - Dr. Joseph reported that they had contacted all the Presidents of the various colleges comprising the consortium and they had no objections to the implementation of a certain Masters program. There was to be a discussion of this later in the meeting of today. Dr. Timmerman explained that what they wanted was to obtain the services of a full time librarian to be shared with the College of Charleston and they had letters from the other colleges supporting this undertaking.



Hearing - Oyster Lease (Jennings Thames): Dr. Timmerman stated he would report on this later in the meeting.

Finance Report: In accordance with motion by Senator Dennis, the Chairman has appointed a committee to confer with the appropriate committees of the House and Senate to consider the possibilities of using County Funds and report the results of their meetings to the Commission. This committee consists of: Mr. Thompson, Chairman, with Commissioners Dennis, Goodman, Lumpkin and Eltzroth serving with him.

Marine Resources Report: Dr. Timmerman reported that a meeting had been called of professional people in the state regarding the beach erosion problem which Governor West called attention to when he visited the Marine Center. He stated that the Marine Resources Division had offered their services to this group and it is expected that they will be actively involved in this program in the near future.

Game and Freshwater Fish: Mr. Ryan reported that his Division is still trying to work out the mechanics of taking care of the littering problem around the lakes. He stated that funding is a problem with the counties and they are still trying to encourage the counties to help with this problem when trucks are available.

In response to General Harris' inquiry concerning Jack's Hole, Executive Director Webb responded that he had been in contact with Santee Cooper Authority and that they were very favorably inclined toward this project and they would take action on it shortly.

No objections were offered and the Minutes stand approved as read.

Chairman Hudson at this point welcomed Mr. Carlyle Goodman to his first meeting of the Commission.

At this time, Mr. Rhame introduced two visitors to the Commission. They were Mr. Pat Williams and Mr. Dan Upton from Santee Cooper Country.

Mr. Pat Williams explained that he and Mr. Upton were here in an attempt to get the Wildlife Resources Commission to take serious note of two areas which may become endangered. These are the development of Butler Island into a housing development for 92 families and the Re-diversion of the Cooper River. He gave a very detailed explanation of why they thought serious consideration should be given to these projects. Senator Dennis suggested that the Commission take no action on this at this time and suggested to Mr. Williams and to Mr. Upton that this should be taken up first with the Public Service Authority who has responsibility for these lakes.



Department Shoulder Patch: Dr. Lumpkin introduced samples of the newly-designed Department Shoulder Patch which had been selected by his committee. This Patch consists of a striped bass, a deer and a shrimp trawler. This design was selected to typify all three facets of the Department. Dr. Lumpkin recommended to the Commission that this Patch be adopted. Senator Dennis moved, seconded by Commissioner Williams, that we accept the Committee's recommendation and adopt this Shoulder Patch. This motion carried unanimously.

Finance Report: Executive Director Webb reviewed the financial report of the Department which had been mailed previously to the members of the Commission.

Game and Freshwater Fish Report: Mr. Ryan reported that the auxiliary office operated jointly by his Division and Marine Resources Division has proved to be very successful and a much-needed facility.

Mr. Ryan reported that a meeting was recently held of the Francis Marion Hell Hole Advisory Committee at Eutaw Springs. The Committee discussed this project and made several suggestions.

A meeting was also held at Belmont with all game management area landowners. This meeting provided an excellent opportunity to discuss the status of game management area programs, as well as problems and future plans.

Mr. Ryan reported that a proposal for the public use of land at the AEC plant had been submitted to the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation and hopefully this land will be deeded to the Department and used as a game management area.

Included in Mr. Ryan's report is an item that over 100 baited dove fields were located prior to the opening of the season mainly through use of Department aircraft and approximately 200 cases for hunting over bait have been made since the season opened. Mr. Rhame questioned whether or not we might try some preventive law enforcement and notify some of these people that the Department is aware that these fields are baited and thereby save some hunters that are completely innocent. A discussion of this followed and Senator Dennis moved that the Chairman appoint a sub-committee to work with the Department to see if something can be done about baited fields. Dr. Lumpkin seconded this motion. The motion carried unanimously. The Chairman subsequently appointed Senator Dennis, Chairman, along with Commissioners Goodman and Rhame to serve as a Committee to report on baited fields.

Appointments: The Appointments as mailed out previously to the members were approved. A new salaried Conservation Officer for Laurens County was approved - Jeffrey Scott Fuller from Laurens.

Mr. Rhame moved that Kendell O'Dell Field of Holly Hill be given non-pay game warden commission. Seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Webb recommended that the application of Travis Dale Carwile be withdrawn. This was approved by the Commission.



Preview of Presentation of 1973-74 Budget: Mr. Webb presented the overall budget to the Commission members. This was done very effectively by the use of charts. Mr. Webb then asked Dr. Timmerman and Mr. Ryan to present the breakdown of the budget for their Divisions.

The Commission members complimented all of the staff on the preparation of this budget and their presentations.

Senator Dennis made the motion that the Commission accept this presentation. This was seconded by Mr. Glenn. The motion carried unanimously.

Marine Resources Report: Dr. Timmerman asked the Commission to give the Marine Center permission to negotiate the Thames Oyster Lease on conditions that have to be met. In effect what they would do is allow the transfer of this Lease and give the second party four months in order to get it in shape or get a portion of it in shape and what is not utilized will revert back to the State. Senator Dennis moved, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin that the Commission permit the Marine Center to negotiate this lease. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Timmerman reported that the World Mariculture Society has requested a desire to have its annual meeting with the Marine Resources Center in Charleston in 1974. Dr. Timmerman has extended the invitation and they have accepted. The Society would also like to recognize Dr. Bob Lunz by placing a permanent-type marker at the Marine Laboratory. Dr. Timmerman would like for the Commission to give its permission for this marker to be placed at the Laboratory. Senator Dennis moved, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin that this permission be granted. The Commission voted unanimously to grant this request.

Mike McKenzie gave the report for the Office of Marine Conservation Management and Services. He presented an outline for a magazine which his Division would like to produce as a guide for saltwater and freshwater fishing. Dr. Timmerman would like the permission of the Commission to proceed with the compilation of such a guide. Senator Dennis moved, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin, that the Marine Resources Division look into the matter of producing this guide and bring its recommendations and report back to the next Commission meeting.

Dr. Joseph gave a report for the Marine Laboratory which is made a part of these Minutes and attached hereto.

Managed Waterfowl Hunting Regulations: These staff recommendations were presented by Brock Conrad, Chief of Game. They are made a part of these Minutes and attached hereto. Commissioner Rhame moved the adoption of these Managed Waterfowl Hunting Regulations as presented by Mr. Conrad. Commissioner Lumpkin seconded and the motion passed unanimously.



There were no Committee Reports.

Vice-Chairman Glenn asked if the equipment belonging to the Department and in the office of former Chairman Eltzroth had been returned to the Department. Executive Director Webb replied that this was in the process of being picked up and should be accomplished in the very near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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