

REPORT OF SPECIAL MEETING OF COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WHAT DUCK SEASON AND
LIMITS SHOULD BE SET FOR THE STATE, IN STATE HOUSE AUGUST 17, 1967

Present were Commissioners Eltzroth, Cantey, Glenn and Jones and
Assistant Director Ryan.

Mr. Eltzroth stated that the meeting was being held to get the opinion
of sportsmen as to whether a 40-day and four duck or 50-day and three duck
season was preferred.

Mr. Ryan explained the framework and read the proposed regulations.

Frank Register, Columbia, said he believed state hunters wanted the
latest season possible and suggested a closing around January 23; but was
told by Mr. Eltzroth that Washington set the framework and no closing could
be later than January 7. He added that since the 7th was a Sunday when
hunting is prohibited by state law the 6th was the latest possible day.

Hal Steele, speaking as a duck hunter and not as a management agent,
said he favored the 40-day season and that few ducks would be down during the
first 10 days of the long season.

Richard Ordman, Lexington, said that he favored the 50 days while Marion
Davant, Columbia, favored the 40 days.

Among those favoring the 50 days were Jim Benson who said he wished
Sunday hunting could be allowed.

Gene Hunter said that he agreed with Hal Steele on preferring the 40
days.

There was some discussion of the special scaup season along the coast
in specially delineated areas.

Coy Johnson, Summerville, asked Mr. Eltzroth whether it would be possible
to let 17-A instead of 17 be the northern limit of the scaup area and Mr.
Eltzroth read a letter from Walt Gresh of the Fish and Wildlife Service

explaining why the line would have to be adhered to. Mr. Johnson favored the 50 days.

Among the others favoring the 50 days were Huck Babcock, Cravens Ravenel, Edmund Hardy, Jim Howell, John Dotterer, Charles Meade and T. M. Carleton. Commissioners Glenn and Eppes said that sportsmen groups in their counties favored the 50 days season.

W. K. Easterlin suggested a split season, and Frank Nelson explained why this was not feasible.

Mr. Dotterer asked why the black duck limit had been cut and Mr. Nelson said it was due to a pre-season prediction that the population would be off.

Following the public meeting the Commissioners adjourned to the Commission meeting room and after brief discussion adopted a 50-day duck season beginning November 18 and closing January 6.

Eddie Finlay

