

AGENDA

**SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES  
COMMISSION MEETING**

**Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
August 19, 1988  
10:00 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER		Burnside
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The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., August 19, 1988, 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, Drummond, Compton, Pendarvis, Owen, Miller, Stokes, Thomason, and Bennett. Directors and staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Bill Chastain, Paul Sandifer, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad and various other staff and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed all guests who were in attendance at the meeting.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 15, 1988 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that the Department's Budget Hearing before the Budget and Control Board will be held on September 8, 1988, from 2:00 to 2:30 P.M. Dr. Timmerman noted that a notice of this will be sent to the Commissioners and he asked as many of the Commissioners that could attend to do so if possible.

Dr. Timmerman advised the Commissioners that the Department will host the 42nd Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies on November 6-9, 1988, at Hilton Head. He further noted that a reservation and registration form for this conference has been passed out to each Commissioner.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of some data and charts concerning hunting and fishing license sales over the past few years. He discussed these with the Commission, noting the various trends which appear to be occurring concerning license sales.



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Dr. Timmerman discussed the Department's budget request, noting that we now have about 21 less employees than we did in 1979. He noted that the Garcia Decision has had an impact on the Department's operations and that we have a very tight situation as it relates to the Department's payroll. He noted that the payroll is approximately \$320,000 short and that we will have to freeze new employment until after the first of the year in order to make up for this shortage in State Appropriated Funds. Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that efforts are being made to seek reclassifications of biologists and personnel in the CEC Division and the Commissioners expressed support for these efforts. Dr. Timmerman noted that our budget priorities for FY 89-90 include seeking funds to restore the vacancy factor in the Department's budget as well as seeking funds to replace the 3% budget cut.

Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commissioners, a copy of the Minutes of the recent Directors' Staff Meeting and went over, briefly, the items which were discussed. He noted that the major item discussed included the Education Coordinating Committee and efforts to coordinate educational programs in the Department.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that plans call for the sinking of the USS Vermilion on August 24, 1988. Following discussion, Commissioner Pendarvis moved to approve the sinking of this vessel on this date and for all Commissioners and others to join at that time, if possible. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Following other discussion, Commissioner Drummond moved for the Commission to approve the hiring freeze in the Department until February 1989. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

**ITEM III - OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Discussion - Proposed Law Enforcement Reorganization:**

Dr. Timmerman noted that a packet for proposed reorganization of the Division of Law Enforcement & Boating had been sent to the Commission. Dr. Timmerman recommended that the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee appointed to review this reorganization be asked to review this packet and bring any recommendations they may have back to the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman further noted that we have reduced the Hunter Safety Coordinator's position to a Lieutenant and he asked for permission from the Commission to go ahead and fill this position. Following discussion, the Commission approved a motion for Dr. Timmerman to take efforts to fill the Hunter Safety Coordinator's position.



**ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Proposed 1988-89 Waterfowl Season:** Brock Conrad noted that the proposed waterfowl season and regulations for 1988-89 have been sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Tommy Strange presented an overview of the waterfowl populations in the U. S. and Canada and advised the Commission of the predicted flight populations this year. Brock Conrad discussed the recommendations from the staff, noting that the season has been recommended to run November 24-26 and December 12-January 7, 1989. Mr. Conrad discussed with the Commissioners, the various survey results that we have received concerning the setting of waterfowl seasons. Following this discussion, several individuals at the meeting expressed their desires concerning the setting of the waterfowl season for this year. At this time, Commissioner Stokes moved for the Commission to approve the bag limits, shooting hours, and regulations as submitted by the staff and approve a framework for ducks, geese, brant, coots and mergansers to be November 19-26, 1988 and December 17, 1988-January 7, 1989. Commissioner Drummond seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

**B. Enoree River and Crowders Creek Fish Kills and Investigative Reports:** Brock Conrad noted that the fish kill reports on the Enoree River and Crowders Creek have been forwarded to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Conrad discussed these reports noting that a value of the damage from these kills has been established by the staff. Following discussion, Commissioner Drummond moved for the Commission to approve these reports as submitted. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Owen noted that there is a problem in the Thompson River with dumping of pollutants into this river from North Carolina, as a result of heavy construction and other activities. Dr. Timmerman noted that we will report our concerns on this matter to the Department of Health and Environmental Control.

**C. 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:** Bobby Gifford informed the Commission that last year the Officers in the Department made 10,518 cases, resulting in over \$766,000 in fines. Chief Gifford noted that "Fishing Without a License" was the most prevalent violation.



**4. Conservation Education & Communications:** Sonny Baines informed the Commission that Camp Wildwood was a real success this year and he thanked the Commission for their support. Betty Spence expressed thanks to the Commission and the Department for the service provided to making Camp Wildwood so successful this year.

Sonny Baines informed the Commission that the Division has received a number of awards which include: the Izaak Walton League Award to Mike Creel for the BEST NEWS STORY IN 1987, the "Take Pride in America" Award, the Governor's Award of Appreciation, and the ACI Awards in various categories. Sonny Baines also noted that the "HOOKED ON FISHING, NOT ON DRUGS" fishing rodeos have been a big success in the Department and videos concerning these rodeos will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting. Commissioner Drummond commended the staff for their efforts on the recent fishing rodeo held at Parsons Mountain.

**5. Marine Resources:** Paul Sandifer expressed thanks to Commissioners Bennett, Pendarvis and Miller for attending the recent Advisory Board Meeting.

Dr. Sandifer noted that the sinking of the USS Vermilion will be done on August 24, 1988.

Dr. Sandifer distributed a leaflet on the shrimp baiting season and regulations to the Commission for their information.

Dr. Timmerman noted the Blue Ribbon Committee on the Saltwater Recreational Fisheries License will meet again this fall and will have a report to the Commission at their November Commission Meeting.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that he had met recently with individuals from South Carolina State College and they are in the process of setting up research and education programs to help with minority recruiting.

**D. Advisory Board Reports:**

**1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries:** Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met last Thursday and the meeting included a tour of the proposed Coley Creek Pumpback Storage Project. Commissioner Owen asked about the Department's official position on this project and Larry Cartee noted that the Department's comments on this project will be forwarded to Commissioner Owen. Dr. Timmerman noted that we will present a report to the Commission in the near future on our involvement and the status of this project.



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Following this, Commissioner Owen went over the various items discussed at the Board Meeting, noting that the proposed fall turkey season will be presented to the Commission at the September meeting.

**2. Law Enforcement & Boating:** Commissioner Stokes went over the items discussed at the recent Board meeting. Commissioner Stokes noted that the Board had taken action to recommend that the points for killing a wild turkey during the season be reduced from 18 points to 14 points. Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve this recommendation and it was seconded by Commissioner Miller. Following discussion, the Commission agreed to provide more time to study this matter and report back to the Commission at the November meeting. Commissioner Compton withdrew his motion and Commissioner Miller withdrew his second to the motion.

**3. Marine Resources:** Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met on August 11, 1988. He went over the items discussed at this meeting. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that there is a problem with enforcing the law on people tying up to buoys outside the Three-Mile Limit and he moved that the Commission ask the South Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council to enact regulations to allow our officers the authority to make cases on people that are tying up to buoys outside the Three-Mile Limit. Commissioner Drummond seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Marine Advisory Board would be meeting in various areas of the state to give the public an opportunity to attend their meetings.

**4. Heritage Trust:** There was no report from the Board this month.

**E. Other Remarks:** Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Thomason 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 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 all appointments and reappointments of Conservation Officers and

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Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as presented to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to give permission to various individuals to use the Department's radio frequency and for these individuals to purchase these radios at their own expense (copy attached to original Commission Meeting). Commissioner Drummond seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

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

**G. Time and Place of Next Meeting:** Chairman Burnside announced that the next meeting would be held on September 16, 1988 in Columbia, S. C.

**ITEM V - ADJOURN**

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

