

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Webb Wildlife Center  
Garnett, S. C.  
August 21, 1992  
1:00 P. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 1:00 P.M., on Friday, August 21, 1992, at the Webb Wildlife Center, Garnett, 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, Pendarvis, Leary, Miller, Haynsworth, Rasor, Graham, and Poston. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad, Paul Sandifer and various other staff members and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. and welcomed all guests to the meeting.

#### ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the July 31, 1992 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman introduced Dr. James Earl Kennamer and Mary Kennamer as well as Terry LeCroy with the National Wild Turkey Federation and welcomed them to the meeting.

Dr. Timmerman noted that Dr. Ed Joseph is retiring from the Department and he recommended that the Commission send a letter of appreciation to Dr. Joseph. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this letter of appreciation as requested. Dr. Timmerman noted that the next Commission Meeting will be held on September 18, 1992 in Columbia and the Conservation Officer-of-the-Year Awards Banquet will be held at 12:30 p.m., at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Columbia.

Dr. Timmerman asked Larry Cartee to go over a request for fish that had come into his office. Larry Cartee distributed a copy of the attached letter from Camp Spearhead whereby fish were being requested for a six-acre lake for use at this camp by kids who are mentally retarded. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the request for fish as submitted



and to ask the Board of Directors of the Harry Hampton Wildlife Memorial Fund to also approve this request and cover the cost for these fish as required, which would be approximately \$200.00.

ITEM III - OLD BUSINESS

A. Fall Turkey Season Recommendations: John Frampton discussed this matter and noted that the staff recommends that a Fall either-sex turkey season not be scheduled in South Carolina in 1992 due to another poor year of reproduction. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as made by staff.

B. Proposed Changes in Turkey Bag Limits: John Frampton noted that a memo had been sent to the Commission regarding this matter and the following recommendations were made:

(1) It is recommended that the Commission support legislation giving the Department authorization to set bag limits for wild turkeys statewide, and submit this legislation in the 1992-93 Legislative Packet. The objective to this proposal is to reduce the statewide bag limit on turkeys from five (5) to three (3) per license-year beginning the Spring of 1994 if present trends continue.

(2) Studies or surveys will be initiated to determine the feasibility of reducing the season length in Game Zones 6 and 11 from March 15 through May 1 to April 1 through May 1, if turkey populations continue to decline.

(3) Investigations will be made regarding the effects of a noon or 1:00 p.m. closure each day of the season as a means of further reducing turkey harvest.

Following discussion of these items, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these items as recommended by staff.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS:

A. Duck Season Recommendations and Status Report and

B. Resident Canada Goose Season Recommendations: Brock Conrad distributed to the Commission Options 1 and 2 regarding Duck Season Recommendations and Resident Canada Goose Season Recommendations (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).



Mr. Conrad discussed these Options and noted that the staff recommended Option #2 with the addition of adding the restricted shot size for goose season to be limited to F-shot to #2-steel shot. Following discussion of these recommendations, the Commission adopted a motion to approve Option #2 as recommended by Mr. Conrad with the restricted shot size for the goose season.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad noted that the staff has met with the Law Enforcement staff on hog hunting and will be bringing recommendations to the Commission at a later time. Mr. Conrad noted that Matt Knox is resigning from the Department to take a job in Virginia as Deer Project Leader. Mr. Conrad distributed a copy of the Deer Harvest Report to the Commission for their information. Mr. Conrad noted that the staff had discussed a Proposed User Fee on Heritage Trust lands and he recommended that the Department conduct a survey and look at a total package concerning this matter.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines distributed a listing of the Division's Year-End Highlights (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Don Winslow discussed the camps held this year which have been completed and he presented a slide show on Camp Wildwood and provided an update on Project WILD.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that a retirement dinner will be held for Ed Joseph on August 24, 1992, at 7:00 p.m., at the Marine Center.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Haynsworth noted that there was nothing further to report.

2. Heritage Trust: Brock Conrad noted that a Management Plan for Glassy Mountain was approved at the last Board Meeting and will be presented to the Commission at their next meeting. Mr. Conrad discussed other items that were handled at the Heritage Trust Advisory Board Meeting.

E. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commissioners and at this time, Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Commissioner Razor 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 legal and personnel matters.



RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as recommended by staff. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to approve the appointment of Mr. A. Pinckney Skinner of Florence, S. C. to the Conservation Education and Communications Advisory Board for a four-year term ending September 1996. Commissioner Pendarvis 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: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia on September 18, 1992 and in Union, SC on October 16, 1992.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

