

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

National Marine Fisheries Service
Seafood Technology Laboratory
Marine Resources Center - Fort Johnson
Charleston, S. C.
August 9, 1991
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 9, 1991, at the National Marine Fisheries Service Seafood Technology Laboratory, Charleston, 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, Miller, Poston, Graham, Compton and Pendarvis. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Benny Reeves, Brock Conrad, Sonny Baines, 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 everyone 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 19, 1991 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman gave a budget update noting that we hope to not have any reductions in force due to our budget cuts. Over \$1,000,000 has been cut from our budget, including twenty-two (22) positions. Dr. Timmerman noted that we have combined the calendar into one (1) calendar this year and a very few complimentary calendars will be given out and all calendars to employees will be sold for \$5.00. A new telephone book was distributed to the Commissioners for their information.

Dr. Timmerman recognized various staff that have done outstanding work in the Department and he presented the Certificate of Meritorious Service Award to Mike Prevost, Derrell Shipes, Mike McKenzie, David Cupka and John Miglarese.

John Frampton informed the Commission that on September 6, 1991, a ceremony will be held to honor Senator Hollings for his work on the ACE Basin, Russell Mitigation, and other projects. This ceremony will be held at Marys Island and all the Commissioners were invited to attend this ceremony.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Mary Pugh distributed the final Legislative Report and the summary on all bills was passed out to the Commission for their information.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS:

A. Proposed 1991-92 Waterfowl Season: Tommy Strange gave a slide presentation on the 1991-92 waterfowl season. The proposed 1991-92 waterfowl season was distributed to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and discussed in depth by Brock Conrad. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these seasons as recommended.

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves noted that the Department's audit report has been received and will be sent out to the Commission in 2 - 3 weeks. Commissioner Compton noted that the Commission Finance Committee had met and the recommendations for the Department's 1992-93 budget proposal were sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Commissioner Compton went over this proposal and following discussion, the budget proposal as presented was approved by the Commission.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad distributed to the Commission, a response to an anti-hunting article that recently appeared in THE STATE newspaper. Sally Murphy updated the Commission on TED regulations, noting that the Department of Commerce is proposing to extend these regulations.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Jim Goller updated the Commissioners on the Department's calendar and distributed a copy of this calendar to all the Commissioners.

5. Marine Resources: Dr. Timmerman noted that there is a law on furniture purchases over \$500.00 being approved by the Commission and he went over the request to replace furniture for Paul Sandifer. Following discussion, the Commission gave tentative approval to make furniture purchases over \$500.00 provided that the Commission be sent a list and given an

opportunity to say "no" to any of the purchases. Paul Sandifer noted that the shrimp baiting season will open on September 13, 1991 and the Harry Hampton Marine Conservation Banquet would be held on this date at 7:00 p.m., in the Shrine Club.

C. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was no report from the Board this month.

D. Other Remarks: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Harry Hampton Marine Conservation Banquet is looking to be a success and he went over the details concerning this matter.

At this time, the Commission adopted a motion to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel, administrative and legal 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.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include the addition of Knox Haynesworth, Jr. with "statewide authority" pursuant to the list distributed to the Commission (copy not available for original Commission Minutes).

E. Appointments: This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia at 10:00 a.m., on September 20, 1991. Dr. Timmerman noted that the proposed retreat with the Commission had been cancelled due to our tight budget.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

