

S. C. WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING IN COLUMBIA FEBRUARY 21, 1957

All members of the Commission were present, along with Director Richardson, Director Seabrook, Jim Webb, Bob Lutz, and Admiral Polatty and Bartow Culp of the Advisory Committee.

Senator Warren stated that a study being made of the tax structure regarding commercial fisheries was still underway by Dr. Uhl of the University and therefore the Commission was not in a position to make recommendations to the General Assembly.

Mr. Seabrook presented his completed recommendations and it was agreed that Mr. Lutz should study them and make his suggestions. It was also agreed that copies of Mr. Seabrook's recommendations should not be given to members of the General Assembly at present, except for the two members of the House sub-committee who had requested them.

Senator Warren said that a meeting would be held Wednesday, March 6, at 10 o'clock and the Secretary was instructed to see whether Dr. Uhl could have some recommendations ready by that time.

Mr. Seabrook discussed the recent seizure of some clams in Beaufort county and Senator Warren requested that he make a written report of this to the Commission, and send a copy of the letter to Senator Rodgers.

Senator Warren said that an investigation of the Department was being considered by the House Agriculture and Conservation Committee and that a sub-committee had been appointed to confer with the Senate on the possibility of a joint investigation. He said that he believed the idea of an investigation might have been prompted by a recent House committee hearing on a shrimp bill, at which shrimpers had claimed the laws were not being impartially enforced.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Chairman Shuler of the House committee that the Commission would be glad to furnish any information requested.



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The Commission approved a request from the Missouri Commission for some rockfish with Director Richardson, Mr. Webb and Mr. Fuller working out the details.

The draft of game and fish laws prepared by Mr. Webb was explained by him. After some discussion it was agreed that Mr. Cox should go over this draft with Mr. Webb, get it in the best possible shape and then have them presented by Director Richardson.

The Commission also went on record as favoring the higher license fees proposed by Mr. Webb and Director Richardson said he thought there was a good chance they would be approved. It was agreed that information on this, and on the draft of the game and fish laws, should be made available to the Federation and its support encouraged.

The appointment of Mr. Norton as a Marion warden, to be paid from Marion county funds, was approved, so long as his salary was paid by the county.

A letter was read from the Laurens delegation asking that the wife of Warden Lee be paid \$50 a month from Lake Greenwood funds to handle licenses and other matters while Mr. Lee was working in other counties. This was approved.

The appointment of T. Conner Guess of Denmark as a non-pay warden was approved.

Senator Warren brought up a request from the Jasper delegation for another warden. It was agreed that the support of the Jasper delegation, and other delegations, in securing additional revenue be sought, so that needed wardens could be put on.

The matter of another Beaufort warden was also discussed.

The Commission then went into executive session.

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