

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, South Carolina
July 16, 1993
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, July 16, 1993, in Room 335, 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, Pendarvis, Miller, Poston, Leary, Graham, Rasor and Haynsworth. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Sonny Baines, Bill Chastain, Brock Conrad, Paul Sandifer and various other staff members and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

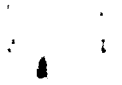
The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the June 18, 1993 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that two deaths had occurred recently including Wallace Pate, a former Advisory Board member, and Joe Henderson, a Wildlife Aide at the Webb Wildlife Center.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the only budget increase we received this year included \$100,000 for supplies and uniforms in Law Enforcement, and he noted the Governor will be putting together the proposed budget for 1994-95. He noted that we will be working in this budget process and will inform the Commission of this process when additional information is received.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the quarterly vehicle accident report to the Commission for their information. Commissioner Pendarvis asked if the drivers on this report had had any other accidents in the last three years and Dr. Timmerman noted that he will get this information and send it to all of the members of the Commission.



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Dr. Timmerman went over the restructuring legislation and informed the Commission of actions we have been taking since this legislation was adopted. He noted that we will be looking at consolidating various administrative and program functions as we go through this process. Larry Cartee discussed the transition plan process entitled "Transitional Quality Management" and informed the Commission on the concepts of this proposal.

Dr. Timmerman noted the legislative package is being prepared and will be presented to the Commission at their September meeting. He noted that Dan Dobbins will be working with Billy McTeer and other staff on greater involvement by staff in the legislative process.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the guidelines for vehicle assignments are being developed by the Division of Motor Vehicle Management and such should be out to the Department by November 1, 1993. He noted that when we receive this information, it will be presented to the Commission for their information.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Department is currently looking at boat assignments and efforts have been initiated to standardize boat purchases.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins presented an updated Legislative Report to the Commission for their information and went over this report briefly. Mr. Dobbins noted that the restructuring legislation will be finalized and printed by sometime in November.

ITEM IV - OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Procedure for Revocation of WMA Permits:

Brock Conrad noted that recommendations for Wildlife Management Area Permit revocations on Wildlife Management Lands had been sent out in the Commission packet for their information. Mr. Conrad noted that this was discussed at the last Commission meeting and he briefly went over these recommendations. Commissioner Miller noted that the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board had discussed this matter and he noted that there were some legal questions concerning these recommendations and the Board had asked Law Enforcement and Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries staff to get the Legal staff to resolve these legal differences. Following discussion, Commissioner Miller moved that the Commission direct the Law Enforcement Division to vigorously patrol the Francis Marion National Forest as a top priority during 1993 deer season and to strictly, but fairly, enforce the game laws thereon during this period and that the Commission direct the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Division to



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cooperate in these enforcement efforts. The motion by Commissioner Miller was seconded and adopted by the Commission. The staff was directed to work on these recommendations for further consideration at the August Commission meeting.

B. Proposed 1993-94 Early Season Migratory Bird Hunting Framework: Brock Conrad noted that this proposed framework was sent out to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Conrad went over this proposal noting that the major change included afternoon only hunting for mourning doves during the first three days of the season. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this framework and recommendations as presented, with Commissioner Pendarvis voting against the motion.

C. Proposed 1993-94 Budget for the State Duck Stamp Funds: Mr. Conrad noted that this proposed budget was distributed to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the budget as presented.

D. Proposed 1993-94 Budget for Antlerless Deer Quota Program Funds: Brock Conrad noted that this proposed budget was sent to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Derrell Shipes went over this proposed budget and discussed the items in the proposed budget. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the budget as presented. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that we need to closely look at getting handicapped deer stands on our public hunting areas, and he suggested that the appropriate information be given to the CEC Division so this can be properly presented to the public as to where handicapped stands are available.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

A. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves noted that the FY 1992 audit is currently being conducted in the Department.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain reported that the recommendations to fill Law Enforcement vacancies will be presented at the August Commission meeting.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer reported that the judging for the Recreational Fishing Stamp art work will be held on July 17, 1993, and he further reported that the Harry Hampton Marine Conservation Banquet would be held on August 6, 1993 in Charleston.



B. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met on July 9, 1993 and went over the highlights of the items discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the next meeting will be held on September 10, 1993.

2. Law Enforcement and Boating: Commissioner Miller noted that the Board met on July 14, 1993, at the Bad Creek Project, and he went over the items discussed at this meeting.

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

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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 accept recommendations from staff on Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include change of authority, new authority, and new appointments.

D. Appointments: This matter was previously acted upon by the Commission in Executive Session.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia at 10:00 a.m. on August 20, 1993. The Commission agreed to have a retreat at the Marine Resources Center in Charleston on the afternoon of September 16 and the morning of September 17, 1993, and to hold the Commission meeting following lunch on September 17, 1993.

ITEM VI - ADJOURN

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

