

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
July 20, 1990
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., July 20, 1990, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Drummond, Pendarvis, Owen, Miller, Poston, Graham and Snow. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Dan Dobbins, Larry Cartee, Brock Conrad, Bill Chastain, Sonny Baines, Benny Reeves, Paul Sandifer 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 to the meeting.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

Chairman Burnside introduced newly appointed Commissioners Dr. George Graham of Spartanburg, Dr. Howard Poston of Kingstree and Representative John Snow of Hemingway.

CHECK PRESENTATION TO HOOKED ON FISHING - NOT ON DRUGS

Chief Lewis Lee of the Newberry Fire Department presented a check for \$1,500.00 from the Newberry Fire Department and Wal-Mart in Newberry for the Hooked On Fishing - Not On Drugs Program. Chairman Burnside expressed thanks to Chief Lee for this check presentation.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the June 15, 1990 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman discussed the Department's budget recently approved by the General Assembly and went over the new funds that were approved in the Department's budget.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the General Assembly has adopted a statute to ban smoking in public buildings effective August 1, 1990 and he noted that the Conference Room is designated as a "No Smoking Area" on this date.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed to the Commission the final Legislative Report and went over the progress made in the Legislature this year. Mr. Dobbins noted that the staff will be working on the 1991 Legislative Proposal and such will be available to present to the Commission in the near future.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

A. FY 91-92 Budget Proposal: Dr. Timmerman noted that the Department's FY 91-92 Budget Proposal was approved by the Commission Finance Committee and this Proposal has been sent to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Benny Reeves discussed the budget request and went over the various items that were approved by the Commission's Finance Committee. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the budget request as presented.

B. Proposed Dove and other Migratory Bird Seasons (1990-91): Brock Conrad noted that the proposed 1990-91 early season migratory bird hunting framework had been sent to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Conrad discussed this framework with the Commission and following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the framework as presented.

C. Proposed 1990-91 Duck Stamp Budget: John Frampton noted that the proposed budget for the State Duck Stamp funds for 1990-91 was sent to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Frampton went into detail to discuss this budget proposal and Commissioner Owen noted that this budget proposal had been approved by the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the proposal as presented.

D. Proposed Radio System Position: Commissioner Miller went over the background of the radio system problems and efforts underway to correct these problems. Commissioner Miller noted that the staff had developed a proposal to include the hiring of a Radio Technician to work on the radio system. Following a detailed discussion of this matter, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the Radio Technician position. Dr. Timmerman asked Bill Chastain to make a copy of the Radio System Report to give to each Commissioner before they leave the meeting today.

E. Update - Public Boating Access Program: James Duke presented a detailed discussion on the Public Boating Access Program and he went over the details of the work being performed. Mr. Duke noted that the program currently has encountered some legal problems as it relates to boating access facilities. Dr. Timmerman noted that some of these legal problems need to be



discussed by the Commission in Executive Session.

F. Proposed Heritage Trust Land Acquisitions: Chairman Burnside noted this item involved a contractual matter and needed to be discussed in Executive Session. Tom Kohlsaas gave the Commissioners a briefing on the Heritage Trust Act and the role of the Commission as it relates to Heritage Trust programs.

G. Proposed Emergency Regulation - Murrells Inlet: Jim Quinn noted that the Commissioners had been sent a proposed Emergency Regulation for Murrells Inlet in their Commission Packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Quinn went over the proposed regulation and noted that the use of bang sticks and related items near the South Ocean Jetty at the entrance to Murrells Inlet has become a problem as it relates to conflicts with other users and commercialization of species. Following discussion, the Commission approved the Emergency Regulation as presented by staff with the distance to prohibit the use of bang sticks or similar devices to be one hundred (100) yards from the South Ocean Jetty at the entrance to Murrells Inlet rather than one hundred fifty (150) feet as was proposed.

H. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves distributed a copy of the Tenth Anniversary State Duck Stamp poster to the Commissioners.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad presented a video concerning the capture of a bear recently in the City of North Charleston. John Frampton provided the Commission with a brief update on the ACE Basin Project.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines distributed to the Commissioners a new calendar and noted that the ACE Basin Project is a joint effort with all Divisions in the Department, including the CEC Division. Sonny Baines discussed the ACCI Awards and went over the recent awards that were received by the Department and its programs. Linda Renshaw presented the Commission with an update on the South Carolina Outdoor Ethics Conference to be held August 4, 1990 in Florence.

5. Marine Resource: Paul Sandifer reported that the Advisory Board would meet on August 10, 1990 at the Marine Center to discuss the by-catch in the shrimp trawling industry. Dr. Sandifer also noted that the National Estuarine Research Reserve System Public Hearing on the Draft EIS and Management Plan would be held on August 30, 1990 in Walterboro. Dr. Sandifer also noted that he and Jim Quinn had a legal matter for discussion in Executive Session.



I. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Law Enforcement & Boating: Commissioner Miller noted the Board met on July 10, 1990 and he went over the various items discussed at that meeting. Commissioner Miller noted that various sub-committees were formed to evaluate different issues and these reports will be presented back to the Advisory Board for consideration. Commissioner Miller noted that the Board went on record to unanimously oppose mandatory hunter education for repeat game law violators.

2. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines noted that the new Board recently met on June 29, 1990 at Camp Wildwood to get organized and become familiar with the program at Camp Wildwood.

J. Other Remarks: Betty Spence of the South Carolina Wildlife Federation expressed appreciation to the Commission for its support for the recently completed Camp Wildwood. Ms. Spence commended the Department staff for their efforts and noted that it was a very successful camp. Ms. Spence invited the Commissioners to attend their Annual Banquet on August 17, 1990.

Commissioner Owen noted that there is a vacancy on the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board for the Governor to appoint a replacement for Dr. George Graham. Commissioner Owen noted that he has a recommendation to make regarding this matter. Chairman Burnside asked that this matter be delayed for discussion until Executive Session.

At this time, the Commission adopted a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal and contractual matters.

Chairman Burnside announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel, legal and contractual matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to approve the Wateree River Fish Kill Report with the numbers as presented by staff. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).



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Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to approve the acquisition of three (3) properties by the Heritage Trust Program as described by staff with the first tract consisting of 887 acres, second tract consisting of 93 acres and third tract consisting of 450 acres. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to authorize the closing of the sounds and bays to trawling for ninety (90) days and to provide the staff with the authority to renew this closure. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to adopt the DWCO appointments, re-appointments, disapprovals and promotions as presented. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

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

L. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting at Webb Wildlife Center on August 17, 1990, at 1:00 p.m, with the Commission Retreat being held on August 16, 1990 and the morning of August 17, 1990.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

