

MINUTES

COMMISSION MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

JULY 21, 1972

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was called to order by the Chairman in the Conference Room at the Marine Center at Fort Johnson. Those in attendance in addition to Chairman Eltzroth were Commissioners Glenn, Rhame, Hudson, Senator Dennis, Doctor Lumpkin, General Harris, Major Cantey, Executive Director Webb, Pat Ryan, Dr. Joseph, Charlie Bearden, John Culler, Fred Ramage, Jeff Fuller, Tommy Welch, Belvin Horris from The Charleston Evening Post and Tom Hamrick from The State Newspaper.

The Minutes of the previous meeting as mailed to the Commissioners were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Bonneau Fish Hatchery - Mr. Webb reported that the bids on this project had been opened and that they were running about 3 times higher than the estimate. The architects are re-designing the plans and Mr. Webb reported that we hoped to re-advertise for bids in the near future.

Department Shoulder Patch - Dr. Lumpkin has replaced Mr. Mishoe as Chairman of this Committee and has not yet had an opportunity to call a meeting of the Committee. The Committee consists of Dr. Lumpkin, as Chairman, together with Commissioner Thompson, Executive Director Webb, Dr. Timmerman, Pat Ryan and John Culler. This Committee is to meet and report back to the Commission at its next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Eltzroth welcomed the new members of the Commission - Senator Dennis, Representative Goodman (who was absent), Dr. Lumpkin and Mr. Hudson. Chairman Eltzroth suggested that the Commission send a Resolution to Representative Goodman and his family expressing the Commission's sorrow and sympathy in their bereavement. Senator Dennis moved, Mr. Rhame seconded. Chairman Eltzroth is to draw the Resolution. So ordered.

Finance Report - Mr. Webb reported that the Department had ended the fiscal year about \$200,000 more than was estimated and it was anticipated that we would not exceed the revenue for the 1972-73 fiscal year. Mr. Webb reported that



the budget for the next fiscal year is nearly complete and he would like for the Budget Committee to meet very shortly and review what has been done and what we would like to put into the budget for the next year.

Mr. Webb reported that he had a report with the recommendations for the use of the lands owned by the Department for the public fishing lakes and fish hatcheries. Mr. Webb only had one copy and the Chairman asked that this be duplicated and distributed to the members of the Commission.

At this point, the Commission welcomed Cecil Brannon and Billy Ford in regard to Ducks Unlimited. They would like to propose a split season for hunting ducks and have conducted a recent survey which favors a split season. Chairman Eltzroth explained that Mr. Webb serves on the National Council and the Commission would receive this as information.

Chairman Eltzroth reported that the Field Trial that had been set for October was now unsatisfactory with the members of the Field Trial Association and they were requesting to change this date to November 11th and 12th. Representative Butler Derrick had requested this change for the members. Senator Dennis recommended that the Field Trial Association be allowed to change the field trials to November 11th and 12th. This was seconded by Mr. Hudson. The motion carried unanimously and Representative Derrick was so notified of this action.

Game and Freshwater Fish Report - Mr. Ryan reported that there will be a meeting at Belmont on August 11th and 12 to present a program on production and planting of seed trees on clear cut areas.

Mr. Ryan reported that his Division has two programs now that they are working in conjunction with the AEC. One is the re-stocking of wild turkeys. A lease agreement has presently been received in order to include three tracts of land within the AEC Plant area for a wild turkey trapping and re-stocking area. Mr. Webb would like to have the permission of the Commission to go ahead with the AEC lease agreement. Mr. Glenn so moved and Senator Dennis seconded. Motion passed.

Mr. Ryan mentioned that the GSA has condemned approximately 6,000 acres of land and they are now in the process of working up a plan that will comply with the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation guidelines.

Mr. Ryan's report is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

Appointments - The appointments as previously sent to the Commission Members are approved with the exception of those in Mr. Thompson's district and Mr. Williams district. Mr. Webb offered the following names for approval that were not previously sent: Donald A. Yongue, Orangeburg, Leroy Parker, Jess Willard Daley, Hardeeville. These men were approved by the Commission.



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Projects Report - Tom Curtis - Mr. Curtis gave a very interesting report on anadromous fish. He illustrated his program with slides.

Information and Education - John Culler reported that the Section has had two educational programs this summer. One was the Conservation Camp at Cheraw which was sponsored by the South Carolina Garden Clubs and the Wildlife Federation. This was attended by approximately 80 children.

The I & E Section has also held a Teacher Education Workshop at the University of South Carolina which was attended by approximately 25 teachers. These teachers were given three hours of credit for the course.

The I & E Section has recently won two international awards. One award was a first place for radio programs. The next award was a second place for television spots and programs. These awards were presented recently at the American Association for Conservation Information meeting in Salt Lake City. Mr. Culler then presented a breakdown on the cost of publishing the magazine. He stated that it is now costing \$1.80 per subscriber whereas the subscription price is \$1.00. Mr. Culler recommended increasing the cost of the subscription to \$2.00. Mr. Glenn moved that the cost of the subscription of the magazine be increased to \$2.00 per year. This was seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. Motion carried unanimously.

Marine Resources Report - Dr. Joseph presented this report in the absence of Dr. Timmerman. He welcomed the members of the Commission and invited them to stay and visit after the meeting.

Dr. Joseph reported that the Marine Science Council of the State of North Carolina visit the Center recently in order to get ideas and plans for a similar operation in North Carolina.

Dr. Joseph reported that the Marine Resources Division has been involved in discussions with the College of Charleston concerning implementation of a Masters program. Dr. Joseph wanted the permission of the Commission for the Marine Resources Division to enter into this program with the idea of participating insofar as facilities and personnel. Mr. Hudson moved that the Commission give its approval of this project. Mr. Glenn seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Joseph also reported that the Marine Resources Division would like to enter into a cooperative agreement with the College of Charleston for the support of a library at Fort Johnson. The Center's portion of this cost would be approximately \$4500.00. Senator Dennis moved that the Commission approve the \$4500 expenditure for the establishment of a library. This was seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. The motion carried unanimously.



Charles Bearden, Chief of OMCMS, reported that his office is continuing to inspect permit applications from the Corps of Army Engineers. The shrimp monitoring program is also continuing. He reported there had been a good catch in May and June but it is expected that there will be a slump in July and August.

There were no Committee Reports.

The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of appreciation to Mrs. Doris Akers for the delicious lunch she prepared and served.

UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS

Mr. Welch presented a request from Mr. Martin Wells of Wells Marina on Lake Murray in Columbia requesting zoning in order to slow down boat traffic in the area of the Marina. Mr. Welch recommended the adoption of the Rule and Regulation pertaining to zoning this area. Mr. Rhame moved, Dr. Lumpkin seconded, the adoption of this Rule and Regulation. The motion carried unanimously.

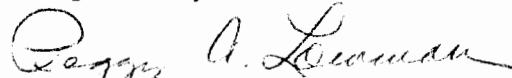
Mr. Webb presented a request from the International Paper Company to conduct an archery hunt on the Buist Game Management Area from October 18 to 21st. Mr. Hudson moved, seconded by Mr. Rhame, that we allow this archery hunt on October 18th through October 21st. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eltzroth suggested that the Executive Director get staff recommendations on Game Zone changes and present them to the next Commission for action.

Mr. Ryan reported that there had been a fish kill at Three and Twenty Creek in Spartanburg County. His Division has taken this up with Ed Latimer. Senator Dennis moved that this matter be turned over to the Attorney General for prosecution. Seconded by Mr. Rhame. The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:45 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,



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