

MINUTES OF MEETING OF WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION IN COLUMBIA JULY 27, 1966

Present were Commissioners Parler, Cantey, Hopkins, Jones, Oliphant and Mishoe, Directors Webb and Lunz, Pat Ryan, Frank Nelson, Jeff Fuller, Tommy Welch, Johnny May, Gene Howell, Allison Fickling, Fred Ramage and Advisory Committee Members Jack Carroll and Stringfellow.

The minutes of the July 9 meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Mishoe suggested that in the absence of Mr. Glenn the Atlantic Shellfish Company matter be carried over to a later meeting.

The Toomer vs. Toomer oyster lease then came up and Mr. Parler asked the Secretary to read an order prepared by Assistant Attorney General J. C. Coleman which stated that there is no lessee for the 65-acres in question but that if any such lease or lessee exist it is cancelled.

Mr. Parler asked the opinion of the Commission and on motion of Mr. Cantey the order was approved and Mr. Parler was asked to sign it. Mr. Parler said that Mr. Glenn should also approve.

The Secretary was instructed to serve the order on interested parties, including the Toomers and their attorneys and to give copies to Mr. Parler, Mr. Glenn and the Division of Commercial Fisheries.

Mr. Webb then brought up some warden appointments. A Hampton warden was approved subject to final approval by Mr. Glenn.

Mr. Webb recommended the approval of a Berkeley warden, contingent upon his completing his high school course and getting his diploma. Mr. Hopkins questioned this, saying it was opposed to the rule previously adopted by the Commission that all new wardens must have a high school education or the equivalent.

Mr. Mishoe said that he was opposed to the high school requirement and it should be knocked out, saying the Commission should pass on the individual. No action was taken.

The question of the age requirement was also brought up and there was a general discussion.



A motion of Mr. Mishoe was adopted that the applicant be approved, subject to final approval by Mr. Parler and Mr. Glenn, and contingent upon his completing his high school education.

Mr. Webb said that for the first time in years he was having trouble finding qualified men, this being due to the Viet Nam situation.

The revenue statement by counties on license sales was presented by Mr. Webb.

Mr. Cantey brought up the Conservation Award program of the Wildlife Federation and the Commission nominated Mr. Webb for Wildlife Conservationist of the Year and Eddie Finlay for Conservation Communicator of the Year.

Dr. Lunz mentioned the crab kill which had extended from North Carolina to Georgia, saying that it would mean a big loss to the industry. He said the Bureau of Fisheries was interested and the crab industry was also cooperating. He added that the peak of the epidemic seemed passed.

He also said that a few postlarval shrimp had been raised from eggs in a tank at Bears Bluff. He said this was an important step in reserach but it was impossible to find a biologist to carry on the work.

The Commission approved the purchase of a Volkswagon bus for transporting employees to the Laboratories.

There was a general discussion of the type radios used by the Division and Mr. Parler asked Dr. Lunz to make an investigation of the best type to get for cars and boats.

Dr. Lunz also said that he wondered whether it was necessary to have transcripts of all hearings.

The Commission approved Dr. Lunz' action in not recommending that the major sounds be opened to shrimping before the legal date of August 15.

Mr. Webb told the Commission that Robert Gooding was being transferred from Moncks Corner to be biologist at Belmont succeeding Warren Blandin.

In answer to a question from Mr. Stringfellow, Mr. Webb explained the use of



wardens on the public dove shoots.

Mr. May said that a comprehensive plan was being prepared under the Outdoor Recreation program, and Mr. Webb explained some of the things that could be done under the program.

*Eddie Finlay*

