

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

**Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
June 17, 1988
10:00 A.M.**

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 a.m., June 17, 1988 in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Webster, Drummond, Harrelson, Owen, Stokes and Thomason. Directors and Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Bill Chastain, Paul Sandifer, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad and various other staff and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Webster called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed all guests who were in attendance at the meeting.

CHECK PRESENTATION - Southeastern Wildlife Exposition: Nancy Jean Smith of the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition presented a \$1,000 check to be used for Project WILD on behalf of the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition. Ms. Smith noted that it is hoped that this can be a contribution to be made every year. Chairman Webster expressed thanks to the Southeastern Wildlife Exposition for this donation to Project WILD.

CHECK PRESENTATION - Association of S. C. Field Trial Clubs: Mr. Gene Knight of the Association of S. C. Field Trial Clubs presented a check for \$2,130 for use on improvements at the Webb Wildlife Center. Chairman Webster expressed thanks to the Association of S. C. Field Trial Clubs for this contribution.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the May 20, 1988 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that he had recently visited with Commissioner Quackenbush who is out of the hospital and doing quite well.

Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commission, some information on our budget for FY 88-89 and went over the additional funds that

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had been approved by the General Assembly. Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that one of our budget provisos on notifying the Legislative Delegations of Conservation Officer positions had been vetoed by the Governor.

Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commission, a summary sheet concerning proposed TED regulations and advised the Commission that it was his recommendation to issue an Emergency Regulation to require TEDs for shrimping (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion of this proposal for Emergency Regulation with the Commission, the Commission adopted a motion for Dr. Timmerman to proceed with the issuance of an Emergency TED Regulation as presented.

Commissioner Thomason noted that the Commission policy on telephone polling of the Commission needs to be reviewed. Dr. Timmerman noted that this policy will be reviewed by staff and any recommended changes on such will be presented to the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman noted there has been some recent discussion on a Lifetime Sportsman's License and this concept is beginning to look better. He stated that he would suggest that we work on a legislative proposal for consideration. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion for the staff to proceed with the study on a Lifetime Sportsman's License with the principal being left intact and not being touched and only the interest being used for operational purposes.

Dr. Timmerman introduced Mr. Marion Burnside who has been appointed to the Commission and he informed the Commission that he had received a memo from the Governor naming Mr. Marion Burnside as the new Chairman of the Commission, starting July 1, 1988.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed the year-end Legislative Report and went over this briefly with the Commission.

ITEM IV - OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion - Proposed Law Enforcement Reorganization:

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission's Ad Hoc Committee to develop a proposed Law Enforcement Reorganization Plan met on June 3, 1988 and did not come up with a proposal. It was concluded that more time is needed for review and discussion of this matter. Dr. Timmerman distributed a suggested Study Plan for the proposed Law Enforcement Reorganization and went over this with

the Commission, noting that a proposal will be presented to the Commission at their August Meeting (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed FY 88-89 State Duck Stamp Budget: John Frampton noted that the proposed budget for State Duck Stamp funds for 1988-89 was sent out to the Commission in their packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Frampton discussed this proposed budget and noted that such was recommended for approval by the Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board. Following other discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the budget as presented.

B. Proposed Management Plans for Bennetts Bay & Colleton Cowbane Heritage Preserves: Dr. Wade Batson noted that the proposed management plans for these two preserves were mailed out in the Commission packet (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Dr. Batson went over the details of these management plans and following discussion with the Commission, a motion was adopted by the Commission to approve the management plans as submitted.

C. Fish Kill Reports: Chairman Webster stated that these reports would be discussed later in the Commission Meeting.

D. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Tom Kohlsaas distributed a background sheet to the Commission on the proposed Snee Farm National Historic Landmark (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Kohlsaas went over this proposed acquisition with the Commission, noting that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board has recommended approval of \$100,000 toward the purchase of this Snee Farm Historical Landmark. Mr. Kohlsaas noted that the \$100,000 is recommended for Commission approval, subject to: (1) receiving an appraisal showing \$100,000 in land value for the proposed acquisition, and (2) the acquisition being done as a total transaction with the use of the \$100,000. Following discussion, the Commission approved a motion to utilize \$100,000 for the Snee Farm acquisition with the conditions as stated by Mr. Kohlsaas.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Don Winslow informed the Commission that Camp Wildwood will be held in July and this camp has filled up with campers this year.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer went over the proposed Emergency Mackerel Regulations which were mailed to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

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Ed Joseph discussed the federal regulations that apply to Spanish and king mackerel and noted that similar regulations are needed for state waters. Following discussion with the Commission, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the Emergency Regulations as presented.

E. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen discussed with the Commission, the items on the Agenda for the Board Meeting recently held on June 9, 1988.

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

3. Marine Resources: Commissioner Harrelson discussed the recent items at the Marine Advisory Board Meeting. Commissioner Drummond expressed concern for the educational needs on the proposed saltwater fishing license.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Commissioner Thomason noted the Board will meet on June 24, 1988 and a report will be presented at the next Commission Meeting.

5. Heritage Trust: There was nothing further to report.

Dr. Timmerman presented a plaque and a handmade knife to Commissioner Harrelson to express thanks for his service as a member of the Commission since 1979.

At this time, Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Thomason seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that at this time, the Commission would recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters.

RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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

Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as presented to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Commissioner Thomason moved for the Commission to approve the Fish Kill Reports on the North Tyger River Fish Kill and the tributary to Cloud's Creek Fish Kill in Saluda County as presented (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

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Commissioner Stokes seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

F. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commission.

G. Appointments: This matter was previously acted on by the Commission.

H. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Webster announced that the next meeting would be held in Columbia on July 15, 1988.

ITEM VI - ADJOURN

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

