

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Dennis Building  
Columbia, S. C.  
March 14, 1986  
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held in Room 335 of the Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., at 10:00 A.M., 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, Compton, Harrelson, Owen, Quackenbush, Thomason, Stokes, and Bennett. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Sonny Baines, Paul Sandifer, Dan Dobbins, Bill Chastain, 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 to the meeting.

#### ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the February 14, 1986 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. COMMENTS

Benny Reeves presented Bill Pace with a Certificate as a Public Purchasing Officer as presented by the National Institute of Government Purchasing. Mr. Reeves commended Mr. Pace for this outstanding achievement.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a photograph of Governor Riley, himself and Ben Willoughby to the Commission for information.

Dr. Timmerman noted that numerous reductions are being proposed in federal programs in which we receive funding. The various federal agencies have been met with and recommendations to restore funds have been made to the Administration and the Congress.

On the FY 1986-87 budget at the state level, Dr. Timmerman noted that we did not receive any funds from the Ways and Means Committee and they reduced our budget by 2%. An amendment is being proposed on the House Floor to seek funds that we are requesting.

Dr. Timmerman advised the Commission that Betty Spence of the S. C. Wildlife Federation has been appointed to the Marine Resources Advisory Board.



Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that the Palmetto Sportsmen's Classic will be held March 21-23, 1986, and the Salute to Agriculture will be held on April 9th. He asked if any Commissioners can attend to let him know and an invitation will be sent.

Dr. Timmerman noted that we have a liability problem with our boat ramps and we need to closely look at this matter. Dr. Timmerman noted that we need to set a priority to bring our existing ramps up to par before we build new ramps. He noted that we need to develop maintenance agreements on new ramps and a policy will be proposed to the Commission on this matter at a future meeting.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a list of legislators and asked the Commissioners to identify those they know that they could contact on the HELP legislation.

#### ITEM III. PRESENTATION BY WESTVACO CORPORATION

Fred Kinard and Normal Spell of Westvaco Corporation presented a framed picture to the Commission of turkey restocking which was in their Annual Report. Chairman Webster and Dr. Timmerman expressed thanks to Westvaco for this presentation.

#### ITEM IV. LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Dan Dobbins distributed a copy of the Legislative Report and went over the status of various bills. Mr. Dobbins noted that all but three of the Commission's bills have passed the Senate and sent to the House.

#### ITEM V. OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Proposed Saltwater Fishing License: Dr. Sandifer noted that a package of information on this matter was sent to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) which includes a proposed resolution to establish a committee to study the feasibility of a saltwater fishing license. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the resolution with the Commissioners appointing members to serve on the Committee to study the feasibility of a saltwater fishing license. Chairman Webster recommended that this Committee be appointed by the Commission at its next meeting.

B. Proposed State Lake Regulations: Commissioner Owen presented the proposed regulations to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve these regulations as presented.

#### ITEM VI. NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Dedication and Registration Agreements: Dr. Wade Batson presented several dedication and registration agreements to the Commission for action (Copies attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission adopted a motion to approve the Ashmore and Watson Dedication Agreements and the Givhans Ferry Registration Agreement as presented. Dr. Batson informed the Commission that The Nature Conservancy has recommended transferring the 952-acre Tillman Sand Ridge



tract to the Department and a dedication agreement is proposed for such (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission adopted a motion to accept this property and approve the dedication agreement as presented. Dr. Batson advised the Commission that the Heritage Trust Advisory Board has recommended the expenditure of \$65,000 in tax checkoff funds to purchase the Cowbane Bay property (Copy of memo attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation. Dr. Batson informed the Commission of various other items discussed by the Heritage Trust Advisory Board.

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Mr. Reeves noted that his Division has been working on the budget. He also noted that auditors will start work in the Department in mid-April.

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

3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain recommended that the Commission include in the Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officer policy the following: a) DWCOs carrying sidearms must carry only an American-made revolver capable of firing .38 special ammunition; b) Only caps will be issued to Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the recommendations as presented.

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines presented a new issue of The Resource to the Commissioners. Mr. Baines noted that next year is the 75th Anniversary for the Department and such will be the subject for the 1987 special issue of the magazine.

5. Marine Resources: Dr. Sandifer noted that his staff is checking shrimp now and are finding reasonable concentrations of adult shrimp. More detail on this will be presented at the April Meeting. Dr. Sandifer also noted that new regulations have been adopted by the South Atlantic Regional Fishery Management Council on king mackerel to provide a 3-fish-per-person-per-day limit in federal waters.

C. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Heritage Trust: Dr. Batson reported on this meeting earlier in the meeting.

D. Other Remarks: Commissioner Thomason expressed thanks to the Staff for the new radio installed at the District #1 office. He informed the Commission that plans are being made for the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund Banquet on May 16th in Spartanburg and everything looks very good. He asked for any donations that could be provided. Commissioner Thomason noted that at a HELP Meeting in Spartanburg, the major concern expressed was North Carolina hunters being able to buy a resident license and this needs to be tightened up with our license agents.



Chairman Webster asked the Staff to review this matter and develop a recommendation to present to the Commission.

Commissioner Owen commended the Staff for the work and dedication in presenting over 200 HELP talks across the state.

Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session for an administrative briefing, personnel and legal matters. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session for an administrative briefing, personnel and legal 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. Chairman Webster asked Commissioner Harrelson to report on the actions taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Harrelson reported that the Commission took the following actions in Executive Session:

1. A motion was adopted to approve all appointments and reappointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as presented (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes).
2. A motion was adopted to approve the appointment of twelve new Conservation Officers as presented (Copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

The Commission adopted a motion to approve and ratify these actions.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next regular meeting at 11:00 a.m., April 18, 1986, at the Savannah River Valley Beagle Club in Edgefield, S. C.

ITEM VII. ADJOURN

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

