

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
March 20, 1987
10:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., March 20, 1987, 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, Compton, Owen, Thomason, Stokes, Bennett, Harrelson and Quackenbush. Directors and staff present included Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Paul Sandifer, Brock Conrad, 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 13, 1987 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had been polled to name the Georgetown Office building - The Richmond Wildlife Office Building - and this was approved by a poll of the Commission.

ITEM III.- LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins noted that he had sent the weekly Legislative Report to the Commission for their information and he advised the Commission that the proposed Mandatory Hunter Safety legislation was reported out of Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee and is on calendar for consideration by the Senate.

ITEM IV. - OLD BUSINESS

A. 1987 Objectives: Dr. Timmerman noted that he had passed out the 1986 Accomplishments and Objectives for 1987 and asked the Commissioners for any additions or deletions. Commissioner Thomason recommended that the 1987 Objectives include pursuing the development and implementation of the Department's new radio system. Dr. Timmerman noted that this objective would be added for 1987.

B. Commission Policies: Dr. Timmerman noted that we are working to update the Commission policies and a proposal has been submitted to the Commission at the February Meeting. In addition, a revision of this proposal was sent to the Commission in their packet. Due to the complexity of this matter, Dr. Timmerman recommended that the Commission appoint a sub-committee to review these policies with proposed changes and report back to the Commission. Chairman Webster appointed a sub-committee to review these policies composed of Commissioner Compton to serve as Chairman, Commissioner Thomason and Commissioner Bennett.



C. Update - Deer Survey (Game Zones 2 & 4): John Frampton noted that the results of the deer hunter survey in Game Zones 2 & 4 had been sent out to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Frampton went over the results of this survey with the Commission and noted that the staff would meet with some legislative members to present the results of the survey to them in the near future. In addition, Mr. Frampton updated the Commission on the damage to our coastal impoundments, noting that we are seeking assistance from the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers to make repairs to the breach in the impoundment on Murphy Island.

ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion - Proposed Commercialization of Striped and Hybrid Bass: Dr. Timmerman noted that he had asked the Commission to review the proposed commercialization of striped and hybrid bass and the Directors of the Divisions of Marine Resources, Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and Law Enforcement had developed and presented a summary report on this matter to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Dr. Timmerman noted that he had asked each Director to present this report at this meeting and that he would recommend to the Commission that they appoint a committee to review this matter and report back to the Commission. Dan Dobbins discussed the creation of the Joint Legislative Committee on Aquaculture and the work that they had done up to this point in time. At this time, Paul Sandifer, Bill Chastain and Brock Conrad presented their input and views on the proposed commercialization of striped bass and hybrid bass. Following these presentations, Chairman Webster appointed a sub-committee of the Commission to review this matter and report back to the Commission composed of Commissioner Owen to serve as Chairman, Commissioner Harrelson, and Commissioners Quackenbush and Stokes to serve as one (1) vote on this Committee.

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad noted that a proposed management plan for Savannah River Bluff was mailed out to the Commission and this was discussed briefly. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve the plan as submitted.
3. Law Enforcement & Boating: There was nothing further to report.
4. Conservation Education & Communications: Dr. Timmerman noted that a brochure has been distributed to the Commission, noting the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Pittman-Robertson Program.
5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that the American Seafood Challenge will be held in Charleston next week and he invited the Commissioners to attend this event.

C. Other Remarks: There were no further remarks from the Commission. At this time, Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. Commissioner Harrelson seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would now recess the regular meeting to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.



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 adopted a motion to approve all appointments and re-appointments of Conservation Officers and Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers as presented (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to adopt and ratify this action. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

D. Appointments: This action was previously acted upon by the Commission.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had previously agreed to hold its next meeting in Moncks Corner on April 17, 1987, at 11:00 A.M. Following this meeting, at 3:00 P.M. on this date, the dedication of the Jack Bayless Fish Hatchery will be held.

ITEM VI. ADJOURN

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

