

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Riverbend Sportsmen's Lodge  
Spartanburg, S. C.  
May 17, 1991  
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 a.m., on Friday, May 17, 1991, at Riverbend Sportsmen's Lodge in Spartanburg, S. C., with Vice-Chairman Compton presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Vice-Chairman Compton, Commissioners Pendarvis, Snow, Graham, Owen, Miller and Poston. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Prescott Baines, Paul Sandifer, Brock Conrad, Bill Chastain and various other staff members and guests.

#### CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Compton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and asked everyone to pause for a moment of silent prayer and remember the late Billie Anne Cartee and her family in their prayers. Vice-Chairman Compton welcomed all guests to the meeting and expressed thanks to the staff of Riverbend Sportsmen's Lodge for hosting the meeting.

#### ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 19, 1991 Commission Meeting with the change of the next meeting time being 10:00 a.m., rather than 12:30 p.m., and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman expressed thanks to the Marine staff and Dan Dobbins for their efforts in passage of the Marine Saltwater Fishing Stamp. He also expressed thanks to Representative Tom Rhoad for his support of this legislation on the House side and noted that this will be effective on July 1, 1992.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Budget & Control Board met on May 13, 1991 and took action regarding a freeze on hiring, purchasing and other items. Dr. Timmerman distributed a memo to the Commission on this matter and he also passed out a letter which had been sent to request exceptions to the Budget freeze. Dr. Timmerman noted that we plan to set our goals and develop a proposed budget based on these goals.

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Dr. Timmerman noted that legislation had been approved for two FREE fishing days and these will be held on June 8-9, 1991.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Governor is requiring ethical principles for South Carolina State Employees and he passed these out to the Commission, noting that he felt it would be good public relations for the Commission to adopt this matter in principle for the Department. The Commission adopted a motion to approve these ethical principles in principle.

Dr. Timmerman noted that the National Marine Fisheries Service had recently sent a trawler into a restricted area without a TED and this activity was stopped by the Department. A copy of the letter sent to the National Marine Fisheries Service on this matter was distributed to the Commission.

Dr. Timmerman distributed Legislative manuals to each member of the Commission.

Commissioner Owen asked about the status of the bond bill, especially as it relates to funding for the coldwater hatchery. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Bond Bill is being taken up in the House and Senate and that we would follow through on this matter.

ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Dan Dobbins distributed a new Legislative Report to the Commissioners for their information and went over this report briefly. Commissioner Owen asked about the status of mandatory hunter safety legislation and Mr. Dobbins noted that this legislation is currently in the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee, as well as legislation for the required use statewide of international orange.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

A. Report to Governor's Commission Government

Restructuring: Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commission, a report that had been sent to the Governor's Office on the proposed reorganizing of State Government. Dr. Timmerman commended Dan Dobbins and Benny Reeves for the work done on pulling this report together. Dr. Timmerman noted that he will secure a list of the members of the Government Restructuring Commission and send them to the Commissioners. Dr. Timmerman noted that the reorganization effort will be a major one, as it relates to the media and he briefed the Commission on a recent meeting held with a sub-committee on Natural Resources.

B. Proposal - Inclusion into State Lakes Program (Star Fort Pond - Greenwood County): Joe Logan went over a proposal sent to the Commission to enter into a written agreement with the National Parks Service to accept the Greenwood County impoundment known as Star Fort Pond into the agency's state lakes program. Following discussion of this item by the Commission, a motion was adopted to approve the recommendation as submitted (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

C. Division Reports:

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

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Brock Conrad noted that the antlerless deer program procedures for next year have been completed and these were distributed to the Commission for their information.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: There was nothing further to report.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that the shrimp season opened on May 15, 1991 and he informed the Commission that a Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund Banquet would be held in Charleston at the Shrine Club on August 9, 1991.

John Miglarese presented an update on the site visit at South Carolina State's research project which is provided funding by the Office of Naval Research.

D. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was no report from the Board this month.

2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met on May 3, 1991 and he went over the various items discussed at the meeting.

The Marine Resources Advisory Board adopted a motion to recommend that the Marine Resources Division proceed with the placement of an artificial reef off Hilton Head Island. The location would be one most palatable to both commercial and recreational interest involved. Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to endorse this action by the Board and the Commission adopted a motion to endorse the action taken by the Marine Resources Advisory Board.

E. Other Remarks: Commissioner Graham noted that the Conservation Education & Communications Advisory Board would meet at 2:00 p.m. on this date and he went over the plans for the Spartanburg Banquet with the Commission.

Commissioner Miller noted that the Law Enforcement Advisory Board met on May 10, 1991 in Columbia and will reschedule a meeting to meet with the Marine Advisory Board in September to discuss shrimping. Commissioner Miller noted that there were no actions taken to report from the Law Enforcement & Boating Advisory Board Meeting. Commissioner Miller noted that he and others had met with the Legislative Black Caucus on minority hiring for Law Enforcement and the Legislative Black Caucus was uncooperative. Commissioner Miller reported Senator Matthews stated that he would vote against everything asked for by the Department.

At this time, Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to consider personnel matters. Commissioner Poston seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Vice-Chairman Compton announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel 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.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers on the list submitted to the Commission with the change of Item 5 in re-appointments to change the authority of George W. Roberts from "statewide authority" to "authority in Colleton, Jasper, Beaufort and Dorchester Counties" and the deletion of Item 3 in DWCO appointments to delete Lewis R. Tumbleston from a DWCO appointment.

The Commission expressed thanks to Ralph Brendle at Riverbend Sportsmen's Lodge for hosting the meeting and thanked him for the hospitality extended to the Commissioners and staff.

F. Appointments: This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

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G. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia on June 21, 1991.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

