

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Marine Resources Center  
Charleston, S. C.  
May 17, 1985  
10:00 A.M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Resources Center, Charleston, S. C., at 10:00 A.M., May 17, 1985, with Chairman Webster presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present at the meeting included Commissioners Webster, Compton, Owen, Thomason, Stokes, Harrelson, and Bennett. Directors and Staff present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Jeff Fuller, Bill Chastain, Dr. Sandifer, Sonny Baines, 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. Commissioner Compton noted that Commissioner Quackenbush was not at this meeting as he is representing the Commission at the funeral of former Attorney General Dan McLeod.

#### ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the April 19, 1985 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

#### ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that former Commissioner Edgar C. Glenn had passed away recently.

Dr. Timmerman updated the Commission on the budget and encouraged the Commissioners to seek assistance from legislators to retain funds that have been placed in our budget.

Dr. Timmerman noted that we have lost approximately 100,000 acres in GMA lands and some recent correspondence between the Governor and International Paper Company were distributed to the Commission for information. Dr. Timmerman noted that the Land Procurement Committee is developing proposals for consideration on the GMA lands.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that he recently attended the dedication ceremonies at the new Union Camp plant at Eastover.

Dr. Timmerman stated that Jeff Fuller is retiring and we hate to lose his talents and expertise. Commissioner Owen commended Mr. Fuller for his service and he nominated Mr. Fuller for the Certificate of Meritorious Service awarded by the



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

Dr. Timmerman noted that a film on the Division of Marine Resources has been completed and will be shown following the Commission Meeting.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Webster announced that the Commission would hold an Executive Session following the regular meeting to discuss a personnel matter.

#### ITEM III. LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

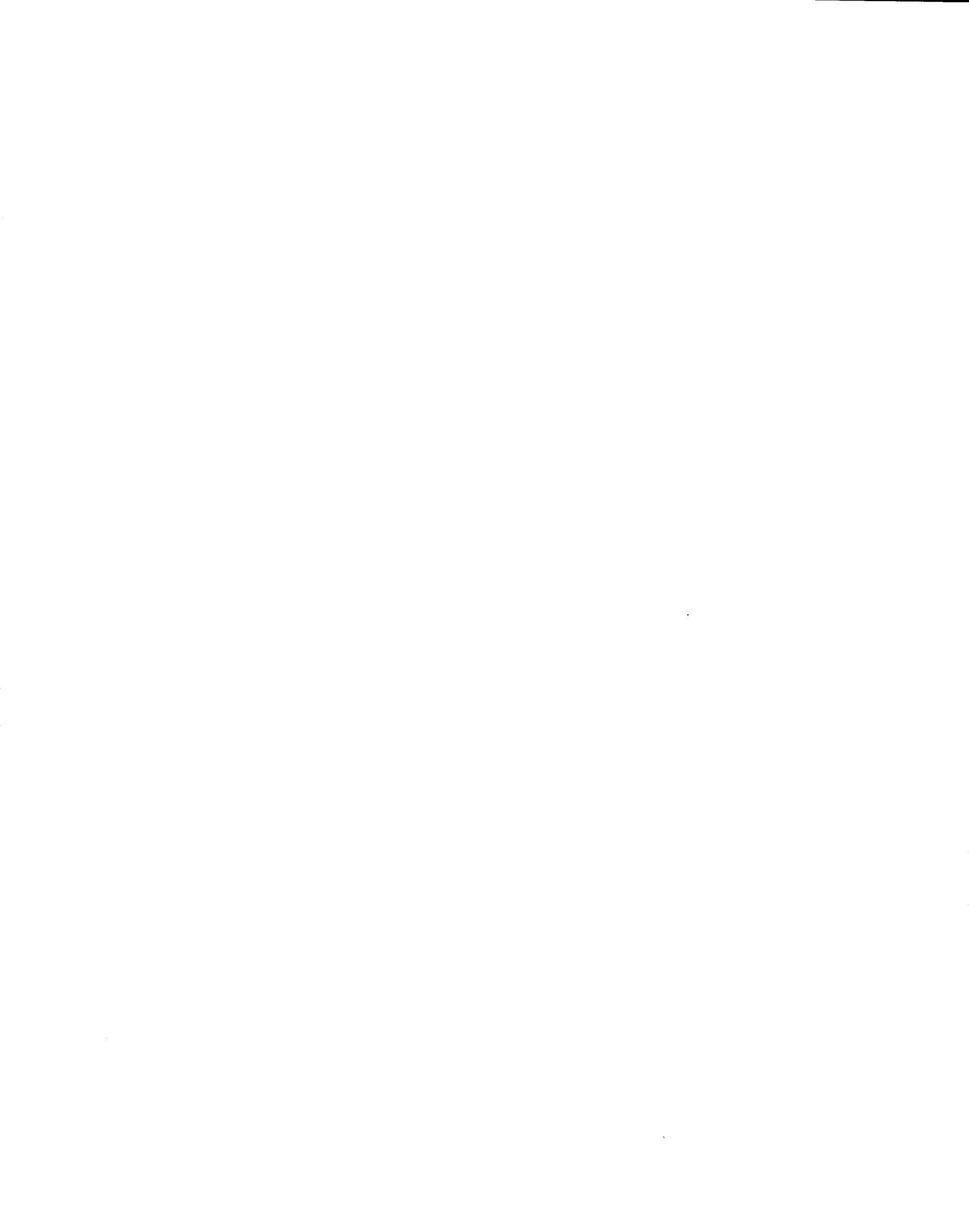
Dan Dobbins distributed a copy of the Legislative Report and went over the status of various bills. Dr. Timmerman noted that a lot of things can still happen in the budgetary process and he urged the Commission's support. The Commission commended Dr. Timmerman for his efforts on the budget this year.

#### ITEM IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Discussion - Fish for Pay Lakes: Joe Logan noted that there has been some fish die-off in pay lakes and there is concern on the health aspects of these fish especially with catfish and carp coming from polluted waters from out-of-state. Mr. Logan distributed a report on fee fishing lakes in the state and their suppliers (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). Mr. Logan noted that we plan to secure various fish to be analyzed by DHEC. Mr. Logan recommended that the staff proceed with this analysis to see if any type health problem exists. The Commission concurred with this course of action.

#### ITEM V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Discussion - 1985 Shrimp Season: Charlie Bearden noted the Commission had taken action in April to not open the shrimp season on May 15th and notices were sent out to all shrimpers. Mr. Bearden noted that there has not been much change in sampling and the numbers this year look lower than those last year. Following other discussion, Mr. Bearden recommended that the Commission delay the opening of the shrimp season and to authorize the Division of Marine Resources to open the season when it is determined appropriate based upon sampling. Mr. Bearden noted that the opening of the season will probably have to be delayed until some time in late June. Mr. Ed Rogers, President of the South Carolina Shrimpers Association, stated that his organization supported this recommendation to open the season when the brown shrimp show up on the beaches which are a marketable size. Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to accept Mr. Bearden's recommendation for the Marine Resources Division to determine the appropriate time to open the season bearing in mind the white roe shrimp and whenever the marketable quantities of the brown shrimp show up. Commissioner Thomason seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Junior Magwood had called him and asked that he bring to the Commission's attention that he was dissatisfied with the line



approved by the Commission for the enforcement of shrimping. The Commission accepted these comments as information.

B. Review of Approved Affirmative Action Plan: Chairman Webster and Benny Reeves went over and discussed with the Commission, the approved Affirmative Action Plan. The policy statement in the plan was discussed with the Commission and different actions to be carried out were also discussed. The Commission approved this plan and accepted this as information.

C. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.
2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.
3. Law Enforcement & Boating: Bill Chastain showed the Commission the Operation Game Thief logo which will be on the back of all licenses. Mr. Chastain also distributed to the Commission, a copy of the lesson plans for the 5-week Conservation Officer Basic Training Program.
4. Information & Public Affairs: There was nothing further to report.
5. Marine Resources: Dr. Sandifer informed the Commission that the Marine Recreational Fisheries Fair will be held on June 22-23, 1985, at the Marine Center.

D. Appointments: Dr. Timmerman distributed a copy of the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The Commission deferred action on this until after the Executive Session. The Commission recessed the regular meeting to go into Executive Session.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the regular meeting was resumed and participants were invited back into the meeting. Chairman Webster asked Commissioner Harrelson to report on the action taken in Executive Session. Commissioner Harrelson reported that in Executive Session, the Commission approved all appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers and Conservation Officers as distributed by Dr. Timmerman including one promotion on the list. Commissioner Harrelson moved for the Commission to approve and ratify this action. Commissioner Thomason seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

E. Other Remarks: Commissioner Owen noted that Jeff Fuller will be on contract with the Department after retirement and he moved for Mr. Fuller to be able to maintain use of his Department radio as long as he is under contractual employment with the Department. Commissioner Thomason seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission



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F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting at 11:00 A.M. on June 21, 1985, at Commissioner Bennett's place on the Edisto River near Springfield.

ITEM VI. ADJOURN

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

