

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE RESOURCES COMMISSION

MEDICAL UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

MAY 18, 1972

The South Carolina Wildlife Resources Commission met on May 18, 1972, at the Medical University of South Carolina Conference Room in the Administration Building. Among those in attendance were Chairman Eltzroth, presiding, Vice-Chairman Glenn, Commissioners Mishoe, Eppes, Williams, Rhame, Major Cantey, General Harris, Pat Ryan, Dr. Timmerman, Charlie Bearden, Frank Nelson, Fred Ramage, Jeff Fuller, John Culler, C. W. Wade, Bob Alexander and Tom Hamrick with The State Newspaper.

The Minutes of the April meeting were approved.

GAME WARDEN TRAINING PROGRAM

Mr. Ryan asked that the Commission allow his Division to revise the Game Warden Training School from a 5-day school to a 2-day school. This would include all schools to be held in the future. It was stated that this training could be accomplished satisfactorily in this period of time. Bill Chastain reported that 105 people are now attending these classes and they have already completed two days of training. The Division of Game and Freshwater Fish was given approval to implement this 2-day school.

BERRY'S MILL FISH HATCHERY

A committee of Commissioners Thompson and Eppes along with Mr. Webb had been appointed to study the proposals pertaining to this Fish Hatchery. This committee submitted a report in writing and it was suggested that this report be accepted as information. Mr. Eppes moved that the Commission study this report and that it be carried over until the June meeting. This was seconded by Mr. Mishoe. Motion carried.

CAPE ROMAIN PROPERTY

Mr. Mishoe reported that he had been in touch with Attorney Mitch Graham and a lease was in the process of being prepared. During the course of the meeting, the lease was delivered to Mr. Mishoe. Mr. Mishoe suggested that he, Mr. Ryan, Dr. Timmerman, Mr. Webb and Mr. Latimer meet to work out the details.

HEARING - PAUL K. LITTLE

Mr. Edward Pritchard, Jr., Attorney for Mr. Little, appeared before the Commission and stated that Mr. Little did not show up for his scheduled appearance before the Commission. Mr. Pritchard apologized for any inconvenience that this had caused the Commission.

1972-73 GAME MANAGEMENT AREA HUNT SCHEDULE.

The Proposed Game Management Areas Hunt Schedule had been mailed out to the Members of the Commission prior to the date of this meeting. There being no objections raised, Mr. Rhame moved, Mr. Glenn seconded that this schedule be accepted. The motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments as previously mailed out were approved without objection with the exception of those located within Mr. Thompson's District and approval will be obtained from him for those. One salaried Conservation Officer in Orangeburg County, Mr. Furtick from Springfield, was disapproved. Mr. Mishoe moved that we don't replace any Conservation Officers for the time being. This was seconded by Mr. Eppes. Mr. Rhame moved to table Mr. Mishoe's motion. This was seconded by Mr. Mishoe. The vote was 4 to 2 against tabling Mr. Mishoe's motion. The Commission refused to table Mr. Mishoe's motion.

There was one new non-pay applicant - John Oliver - that was approved by the Commission. This had not been mailed out.

FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report was gone over in detail and explained by Mr. Ramage and Mr. Webb. Mr. Webb would like to ask the Budget Committee to meet with them as the new budget is being prepared. Mr. Eppes moved, seconded by Mr. Mishoe that the Chairman appoint a Budget Committee. This motion carried. The Finance Report, as submitted, is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

At this point in the meeting, Mr. Bartow Culp introduced two students, Rhett Talbert and Tommy McKee. These students are making a study on the Loggerhead Turtles at Kiawah Island. They requested from the Commission a jeep or other such transportation for patrolling the Island. The Commission took this under advisement and informed the two young men that they would let them know the outcome.

MARINE RESOURCES REPORT

Dr. Timmerman reported that approximately 500 acceptances have been received to the dedication of the new Marine Laboratory on Friday, May 19th. Dr. Joseph

was not able to be present at the meeting. Dr. Timmerman explained that several announcements of importance would be made at the dedication ceremonies. Dr. Timmerman wanted to make note of the fact that his organization had gotten tremendous support from the institutions of higher learning of the State.

A report was presented to the Commission which had been compiled by Dr. Timmerman concerning Marine Law Enforcement. This is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Dr. Timmerman strongly urged that the Commission be included in a workable plan for the management of the South Carolina Coastal Zone and asked that the Commission act on the following resolutions:

"Resolved that the Governor of South Carolina direct that the S. C. Water Resources Commission, the S. C. Wildlife Resources Department and the Office of Planning and Grants jointly develop a comprehensive plan for management of the South Carolina Coastal Zone. Such plans should be developed so as to be consistent with the criteria established in the Magnuson National Coastal Zone Act of 1972."

Mr. Mishoe moved that this be taken up in Executive Session and the Commission agreed.

Charlie Bearden reported that his office had moved over to Fort Johnson this past week. Mr. Bearden recommended a delay in the opening of shrimp season. The season is going to open on the 1st of June this year and he said that it looks like another good year for shrimp. He passed out a Resume of Meeting on Coastal Zone Management as information for the Commissioners and this is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

PROJECTS REPORT - C. W. WADE

The Projects Report for this month was presented by Mr. C. W. Wade. His topic was the American Shad and he described some of the work being done in this field and demonstrated this with colored slides.

GAME AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES DIVISION

Mr. Ryan presented the highlights from the written report previously submitted to the Commission. This report is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

GOVERNOR'S MANAGEMENT REVIEW REPORT (RECOMMENDATION #9)

Mr. Webb reported that Dr. Stoudemire had requested that Mr. Webb meet with him on May 30th. He also requested that Mr. Eltzroth attend this meeting. Mr. Eltzroth reported that he would be unable to attend this meeting due to a prior commitment. Mr. Webb will report at the next meeting on the outcome of this discussion with Dr. Stoudemire.

There were no Committee Reports.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mr. Eltzroth has appointed a Budget Sub-Committee of the Commission consisting of Vice Chairman Glenn as Chairman. Serving with Commissioner Glenn will be Commissioners Eppes, Mishoe and Thompson.

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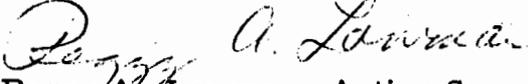
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