

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES
COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
November 22, 1991
10:00 A.M.

A special called meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 22, 1991, in Room 335 of the Rembert C. Dennis Building, Columbia, S. C., with Chairman Burnside presiding. Notice of the date, time and place of the meeting was mailed to the state's media. Commissioners present included: Commissioners Burnside, Pendarvis, Owen, Miller, and Graham. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad, Benny Reeves, and other staff members from the various Divisions in the Department.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Chairman Burnside asked Bobby Gifford to give the Commission an update on the recent shooting of a highway patrolman. Bobby Gifford reported that a highway patrolman was killed in an altercation last night and some of the Department's officers were involved in the apprehension of a suspect in this shooting. Mr. Gifford noted that Officer Johnny Spell was shot during the apprehension, but he was doing o.k. and has been released from the hospital.

At this time, Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of a legal briefing. Commissioner Graham seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside noted that the Commission would, at this time, hold an Executive Session to receive a legal briefing.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Commission returned to regular session and resumed their discussions.



ITEM I - DOVE REGULATIONS: Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had discussed proposed changes in dove regulations at the last meeting and that he had contacted personnel with U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and they plan to enforce the dove regulations this coming year the same as last year. Dr. Timmerman noted that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service will conduct a review of all their regulations which will be put out for public comment and input. Dr. Timmerman noted that he had talked to Charles Kelley in Alabama with the Dove Technical Committee and that we may host a meeting in South Carolina to discuss dove regulations. Dr. Timmerman noted that the biologists recommendations are the same as from the last Commission Meeting and the Law Enforcement staff recommends that we not do anything until we know what changes will be made by the Federal Government. Dr. Timmerman noted that he recommended that enforcement be done based on what the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service recommends and that we wait until we find out what they are planning to do in regard to this matter. The Commission discussed this matter and decided to wait and see what the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans to do and did not take any further action on this matter at this time.

Commissioner Pendarvis noted that as the federal review process evolves, we need to develop comments and a Commission position on any proposed changes prior to the change in the federal regulations going into effect.

ITEM II - APPOINTMENTS: Bill Chastain recommended that the Commission approve the appointment of Lt. Pell Bradford to the position of Captain in Law Enforcement District 5. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this promotion as recommended.

Bill Chastain recommended that the Commission approve the promotion of Mark Carey to Sergeant in District 3. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this promotion as recommended.

Bill Chastain asked the Commission for approval to interview for the Lieutenant vacancy in District 5 and the Boating Captain vacancy and to fill these positions. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this action with the Commissioners being notified of the individuals for these promotions prior to the promotions taking effect.



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ITEM III - ETHICS ACT

Dr. Timmerman noted that information had been sent out to the Commission regarding the new Ethics Act and Ms. Alice Shorter from the State Ethics Commission was introduced to make a presentation on this Act. Ms. Shorter gave a presentation on the changes in the State Ethics Act and also showed a video regarding the new Act. The Commissioners and staff discussed this Act at length and asked numerous questions regarding the new Act. Ms. Shorter noted that any specific questions regarding the Act should be pursued through the Department asking for advisory opinions as it relates to particular situations.

ITEM IV - ADJOURN

There being no further business, the Commission agreed that its next meeting would be held on January 17, 1992 in Columbia and adjourned this special meeting.

