

## MINUTES

### SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

#### DIRLETON PLANTATION

OCTOBER 19, 1973

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at Dirleton Plantation at Georgetown on October 19, 1973, with Chairman J. W. Hudson, presiding. Also in attendance were Vice-Chairman Glenn, Commissioners Lumpkin, Harris, Rhame, Thompson, Dennis and Marett along with Executive Director Webb, Dr. Timmerman, Wash Belangia, Bill Cotty, Dr. Laurent, Dr. Joseph, Fred Ramage, Charlie Bearden, Brock Conrad, Pat Ryan, John Culler, Joe Logan, Ed Latimer, Tommy Welch, and Pat Robertson.

Vice-Chairman Glenn wished to clarify a policy statement in the previous minutes pertaining to use of Department-owned facilities and equipment and Department personnel. The policy of the Department shall be that use of all Department-owned facilities and equipment shall be booked through the Executive Director and use of personnel shall be requested through the supervisor.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Status of Sea Islands - Bill Cotty reported that the Bill to increase documentary stamp tax for the purpose of recreational lands has been virtually killed for this session and that by a resulting compromise, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Department has been granted control of the Roper Mountain project.

Construction of new Columbia Office Complex - Wash Belangia reported that General Services had contacted the Department and stated that the new Gressette Building would replace our existing building and that construction would probably begin after the first of next year. We will be provided space in the new building. Negotiations are proceeding to find suitable quarters for the Columbia Office and these plans should be finalized in the near future. The Commission will be notified when these plans are definite.

Use of Crab Traps - Dr. Timmerman requested that this matter be taken up with the Advisory Board to make recommendations to bring before the Commission. This matter will be delayed until the Advisory Board has had an opportunity to meet.



## NEW BUSINESS

Marine Resources Report - Charlie Bearden recommended to the Commission that the oyster lease held by Mr. William P. Baldwin, III, of McClellanville (Oyster Lease Number 19) be cancelled; also that the oyster lease of Daniel Pinckney of Beaufort (Oyster Lease Number 113) be cancelled. Motion made by Senator Dennis to approve these cancellations, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Joseph reported that he had had a meeting with the two other advisors previously appointed to serve on the committee studying the use of the electric seine. This committee will meet with Jack Bayless at the Dennis Wildlife Center early in December to formulate plans.

Dr. Timmerman reported that a system to handle all the permits and environmental statements being sent to the office, was being devised and will be in operation sometime in November.

Commissioner Rhame asked Charlie Bearden to explain the use of the buoy off the coast of Georgetown. Mr. Bearden explained that this had been used for years by fishermen and the Coast Guard has removed this buoy. Dr. Timmerman reported that he has written to both South Carolina Senators in Washington regarding this buoy being retained. Mr. Webb recommended that the Commission have a Resolution requesting the Senators to try to get this buoy retained. The Commission concurred in this and Dr. Timmerman was directed to write this Resolution.

Appointments - Commissioner Rhame moved that the Appointments as mailed out be approved, subject to those in Commissioner Williams' district as he was absent from the meeting. This was seconded by Senator Dennis.

An appointment that was received too late to be mailed out was brought before the Commission by Mr. Webb. This was the appointment of non-pay game warden commission for Louis C. Miller of Gamett, which was approved by the Commission.

Game and Freshwater Fish - Mr. Ryan presented his report for his Division. He called attention to the fact that he wished to commend three members of the Department who are finishing training at the Police Academy and graduating first, second and third in their class: Chad Caldwell, Clyde Caskey and Mike Faile. In addition, Chad Caldwell was President of the class.

The Game and Freshwater Fish report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.



Finance Report - The Finance Report as mailed out previously, was approved without exception.

Senator Dennis called attention to the fact that the Budget and Control Board has recently approved \$600,000 of capital improvement bonds for the Marine Resources area for the current fiscal year.

Boating Regulations - Mr. Welch, Chief of Boating, presented four regulations governing boating for approval of the Commission. The regulations approved by the Commission were for Lake Greenwood, Old Town Creek, Charles Town Landing in Charleston County and Lake Wateree. The Commission deferred action on regulation on use of boats in certain areas of Lake Marion in Clarendon County until the Commissioners have had an opportunity to study the charts on this.

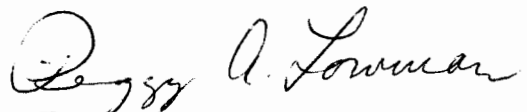
UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS

Dennis Wildlife Center - Dr. Timmerman presented the plan for expansion of The Dennis Wildlife Center for the approval of the Commission. This plan was approved as presented and is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes. Mr. Webb recommended that Senator Dennis and Mr. Rhame negotiate with Mr. Miller in this vicinity to acquire more land which is needed in the construction of these facilities. It was recommended that we proceed to acquire this additional land as soon as possible.

Chairman Hudson recommended to the staff that in the future, all reports to be given to the Commission for their approval, be mailed out at least seven (7) days in advance in order that the members of the Commission may have time to prepare themselves for the meetings. This includes all reports from the Divisions and any recommendations which the Division head would present for approval at the meeting.

The Commission went into a short Executive Session.

Respectfully Submitted,



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