

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, S. C.
October 19, 1990
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 October 19, 1990, 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, Drummond, Compton, Pendarvis, Owen, Miller, Poston, Graham and Snow. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Dan Dobbins, Prescott Baines, Larry Cartee, Paul Sandifer, Brock Conrad, Benny Reeves, Bill Chastain and various other staff members and guests.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Burnside called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and welcomed all guests to the meeting.

ITEM I. READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the Minutes of the September 21, 1990 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II. COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman discussed the various budget problems in the Department and noted that the staff is closely reviewing the expenditures for vehicles, travel and other costs and we are making reductions wherever possible.

Dr. Timmerman expressed concern about the Commission Policies booklet, noting that it is not up-to-date and there are numerous policies that are in this publication which conflict with other policies in the publication. Following discussion, Dr. Timmerman recommended that the Chairman appoint a committee to review the policies and make a recommendation to the Commission on modifications so that when new policies are adopted, old policies are deleted and such can be sent out to all the Department's employees. It was agreed that the Chairman would appoint a committee to handle this matter.



Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had been requested to approve the change in vehicle decals for the Chief Counsel and John Evans and such was sent to the Commission for approval. Dr. Timmerman noted that we have some employees with non-SG tags and this must go to SLED and the Budget and Control Board for approval. A recommendation concerning this was developed and discussed with the Commission and approved by the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes).

Dr. Timmerman noted that the Commission had asked for an honorary commission to be developed and this was presented to the Commission for their information and such was distributed to all the Commissioners for their review.

ITEM III - OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Permit Procedure for Exotic or Imported Aquaculture Species: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Terms and Conditions for Exotic or Imported Aquaculture Species Permits have been developed by staff and such have been recommended for approval by the Marine Advisory Board. Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commission some information on shrimp viruses that was provided to him by the S. C. Shrimpers Association and he noted that the Shrimpers Association had requested that this information be presented to the Commission. Larry Cartee discussed the proposed terms and conditions for the permit procedure for exotic or imported aquaculture species and went over the development of these proposals, noting that some concerns have been expressed by the crawfish industry and it was recommended that crawfish be deleted. David Tompkins of the S. C. Department of Agriculture presented an in-depth discussion regarding the proposal and identified many areas of concern that his agency had with this proposal. Jesse Chappell representing the Aquaculture Association of South Carolina, also expressed some concerns on the proposed terms and conditions and noted that additional input is needed before this matter is finalized. Following discussion, the Commission adopted a motion to approve this proposal in concept for shrimp only and for the staff to work with appropriate personnel to develop a finalized product.

ITEM IV - NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed Revision in Trespass Policy: Dr. Timmerman noted that we had taken action to close hunting in the Congaree Basin recently and that this order is being rescinded to allow hunting to continue at sunrise on Saturday. Dr. Timmerman noted that we had also closed hunting in the lower Santee and the staff is evaluating this matter and we will allow hunting when the conditions allow such. The Commission noted that the proposed



revision in trespass policy will not be considered and the previous policy (C-011) dated May 17, 1974 which was adopted by the Commission will be the policy of the Commission regarding trespassing. Commissioner Compton read this policy which states as follows:

"Law Enforcement Officers will enforce trespass laws and write summons for trespassing when requested to do so by the landowner. These summons are the same as warrants and no other warrant is necessary. The landowner must agree to appear as a witness in the case, but will not be required to sign the warrant."

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: Benny Reeves gave the Commission a briefing on the idea of a proposed reciprocal fishing license with the State of North Carolina. The Lake Wylie Marine Commission will appear at the November Commission Meeting to discuss this proposal with the Commission. Mr. Reeves noted that Representative Herbert Kirsh is opposed to this idea and he distributed to the Commission some information regarding the proposed reciprocal license and the financial impact noting that such could cost the Department approximately \$300,000. The Commission discussed this concept of a reciprocal license and it was noted that they would hear further on this matter when the Lake Wylie Marine Commission appears at the November Meeting.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that Benny Reeves has worked very hard during the HUGO crisis and he commended him for his efforts.

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: There was nothing further to report.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines discussed with the Commission, a proposal to have an outside company print the Rules and Regulations brochure which would include advertising. Mr. Baines noted that the staff has reviewed this matter thoroughly and the current proposal from APG appears to be workable and he presented an in-depth discussion concerning this proposal with the Commission. Following discussion, the Commission endorsed the concept of having the Rules and Regulations brochure printed at no cost to the Department to include advertising.

5. Marine Resources: Dr. Paul Sandifer expressed thanks to Dr. Timmerman and Benny Reeves for their efforts in



working on the Administrative Building at the Marine Center to get such reconstructed. Dr. Sandifer also thanked the CEC staff for their efforts on the saltwater fishing license and he expressed congratulations to Dr. Vic Burrell for the Marine Lab being named the "1990 Lab of the Year".

C. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met recently at the Webb Wildlife Center and several items for Commission action will be included in the Legislative Packet at the next Commission Meeting. Commissioner Owen noted that the Board discussed the turkey superfund program and felt that this program is being run in a very appropriate manner. Commissioner Owen moved for the Commission to endorse the Board's recommendation that the staff continue to work with the turkey restoration program as is presently formulated for the transfer of turkeys in-state and out-of-state. The Commission adopted this motion as presented by Commissioner Owen. Commissioner Owen noted that the Freshwater Fisheries Coalition of South Carolina has been organized and he commended Mr. Allen Cauthen for his efforts in helping get this program organized and off the ground.

2. Marine Resources: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met October 5, 1990 and discussed various items. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board discussed a problem with the illegal harvest of stone crab claws and the Board will develop a recommendation on this matter. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Marine Resources Advisory Board referred to the Law Enforcement and Boating Advisory Board the proposal for a no-wake zone for the catwalk at Murrells Inlet. Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to approve the extension of Emergency Regulations for ninety (90) days at the Murrells Inlet catwalk. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as presented. Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to extend by one (1) year, the permit for night-time finfish trawling. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as presented. Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to accept a three-year study on finfish by-catch for data collection. The Commission adopted a motion to approve this recommendation as presented.

D. Other Remarks: Commissioner Graham noted that there is a problem with the Lifetime License at 64 for \$9.00 which does not include the state duck stamp or the WMA permit, but the gratis licenses for over 65 does include the state duck stamp and the WMA permit. Commissioner Owen noted that his Board had discussed the problem with the residency requirement of only being thirty (30) days for the Lifetime License. Following discussion, Dr. Timmerman noted that the staff will review both of these matters and develop recommendations for the Commission.



Commissioner Pendarvis noted that he is receiving a lot of calls about guides in South Carolina and he noted that the staff needs to review this matter.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Commissioner Miller seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside announced that at this time, the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and he asked all staff to leave the Executive Session and staff will be called back when needed.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

Following the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting was resumed and participants were invited into the meeting.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the appointments and re-appointments of Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include the addition of Arthur Gross (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The motion was seconded and adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the changes in the Senior Advisory Committee as presented (copy attached to original Commission Minutes). The motion was seconded and adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Compton moved for the following:

"It is the policy of the S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources Commission that personalized tags denoting membership on Advisory Boards shall not be allowed. All current tags which exist for Advisory Board members shall remain in existence until their expiration date and such renewal at that time is not approved by the Commission."

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

Commissioner Compton moved for the following:

"It is the policy of the S. C. Wildlife & Marine Resources Commission that radio call numbers shall not be assigned to Advisory Board members. All



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current call numbers assigned are hereby rescinded and shall not be reprinted on the call number sheet produced by the Department, but such numbers shall be issued in sequence as is currently done in the Department."

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

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the re-appointment of Yancey McLeod to the Law Enforcement & Boating Advisory Board. Commissioner Drummond seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to approve the settlement with the City of Rock Hill as presented. Commissioner Pendarvis seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

E. Appointments (Executive Session): This item was previously acted upon by the Commission.

F. Time and Place of Next Meeting: The Commission agreed to hold its next meeting in Columbia on November 16, 1990.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

