

## MINUTES OF MEETING

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE AND MARINE RESOURCES COMMISSION

MARINE CENTER, CHARLESTON, SOUTH CAROLINA

OCTOBER 26, 1972

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at the Marine Center in Charleston on October 26, 1972, with the following members present: Chairman Hudson, Vice-Chairman Glenn, Commissioners Rhame, Eltzroth, Lumpkin and General Harris and Major Cantey. Also in attendance were Executive Director Webb, Dr. Timmerman, Charlie Bearden, Dr. Joseph, T. C. Welch, Jeff Fuller, Wash Belangia, Ed Latimer and Belvin Harris of The Charleston Evening Post.

In action taken prior to this meeting, the Chairman appointed Mr. Glenn to again serve as Vice-Chairman of the Commission. The Commission elected Peggy A. Lowman as permanent Secretary.

Mr. Glenn moved that the Minutes as mailed to the Commission Members be approved. This was seconded by Mr. Rhame. Motion carried.

### BONNEAU FISH PROJECT

Executive Director Webb reported that the first segment of the construction is already underway. The contract has been let for the building in the amount of \$137,618. The design of the ponds and the other portions have not been completed by the architect. This is expected to be completed by the first part of December.

### JACK'S HOLE

Executive Director Webb reported that the Department has been working with the Santee-Cooper Authority on this project. Santee-Cooper is requesting the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department to get clearance from all the landowners in the area for this project. Mr. Webb stated that approval had been obtained from everyone except one individual. It is expected that this individual will be contacted next week in regard to this.

### FINANCE REPORT

The Finance Report as previously mailed out to the Members was accepted as information.



## MARINE RESOURCES REPORT

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Marshland House, owned by the Wildlife and Marine Resources Department, has now been vacated. He invited the Members of the Commission to tour the house and stated that lunch would be served there.

Dr. Timmerman stated that he had just returned from a trip to Washington where he had been asked to serve on Secretary Peterson's Committee on Commerce. He was elected as Chairman of the sub-committee on all State - Federal relationships.

Dr. Timmerman reported that the Coast Zone Management Bill was passed on October 12th unanimously by the House and Senate and it is expected to be signed by the President immediately.

In regard to the visit later in the day of the Governor and the Sub-committee on Higher Education, Dr. Timmerman asked Commissioner Eltzroth to comment on the purposes of the facilities located at the Marine Resources. Commissioner Eltzroth explained that the original plan was to have a Marine Center with the capability of management based on research and to use the facilities for education as well so that all of South Carolina's needs in the marine field could be met in this Center. This concept was accepted by the General Assembly, Governor McNair and by the present Governor.

Charlie Bearden, Chief, Office of Conservation, Management and Services, recommended to the Commission that the season for trawling for shrimp in Calibogue Sound be extended by 30 days. There were no objections to this and Charlie was asked to proceed with implementation of this. It was also recommended that the oyster lease of Mr. Earl Glines be cancelled. This was moved by Commissioner Eltzroth seconded by Commissioner Lumpkin. The motion was carried unanimously.

Dr. Joseph presented the report for the Marine Research Laboratory. He reported that a paper which dealt with biochemistry of marine animals was given by Jeanne Joseph, co-authored by Dr. Joseph, in an international symposium held in Ottawa, Canada. Jeanne Joseph, Dr. Joseph's wife, is an Affiliate Marine Scientist with the laboratory and in a non-pay status and the trip to Canada was made at no expense to the state of South Carolina.

Dr. Joseph requested permission of the Commission to be authorized to proceed with action leading to the Center joining the Association of Sea Grant Institutions. Commissioner Eltzroth moved that Dr. Joseph be granted this authorization, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. The motion carried unanimously.



## APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Eltzroth moved, seconded by Mr. Glenn, that the appointments as previously mailed to the Commissioners, be approved subject to confirmation of those Commissioners not in attendance at this meeting. This motion passed.

Mr. Rhame moved that the personnel from Crafts-Farrow Hospital also be approved. This was seconded by Commissioner Eltzroth. Motion passed.

Also approved was salaried personnel Dudley Ray Overton as Boat Captain in Charleston, and Emory Bernard Edmunds of McCormick as a Conservation Officer. Also approved was Gerald Hughes as Conservation Officer in Spartanburg County and Billy R. Shuman in Hampton County.

Executive Director Webb was asked to delay the appointment of Dale Carwile of Greenwood until a later date.

## GAME AND FRESHWATER FISH REPORT

Mr. Jeff Fuller presented this report for Mr. Ryan who was ill and unable to attend the meeting.

A copy of this report is attached hereto and made a part of these Minutes.

Mr. Fuller reported that the program for approximately 17 boys from Tara Home in Georgetown was a success. Mr. Eltzroth, who attended this event, commented on what the boys did and believed that this was a very successful undertaking and that more should be organized in the future.

Mr. Fuller reported that a meeting was attended with personnel of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the proposed Cooper River Rediversion project. Considerable discussion followed and it was decided that Mr. Fuller should be given an appropriate time at a Commission Meeting in the near future to fully brief the Commission on this project. Chairman Hudson suggested that Mr. Fuller be given an opportunity to discuss this at the November meeting.

## HOUSE - PEE DEE GAME MANAGEMENT AREA

In a letter previously sent to the Members of the Commission, Dr. Lumpkin and Mr. Rhame gave their findings concerning the house which Mr. Samworth wishes to deed to the Department. Dr. Lumpkin stated that Mr. Samworth had chosen a burial site on the property. Executive Director Webb reported that Mr. Ryan and his staff have got bids on the type of trailer which Mr. Samworth specified that he wanted. It was suggested that a survey be done of the burial plot and a committee be appointed to work out the details of this transaction. Also, a contractor should be consulted as to needed repairs and furnishings in the house. The Chairman of the Commission will appoint this committee. Mr. Latimer was instructed to expedite the legal aspects of this conveyance.



Mr. T. C. Welch, Chief of Boating, presented three Rules and Regulations for consideration and approval by the Commission. These areas include Jack's Hole Cove, Beaver Creek Bridge in Kershaw County and in Fairfield County, the Wateree Creek Bridge and Taylor Creek Bridge. A motion to adopt these Rules and Regulations was made by Mr. Rhame, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. These were approved by the Commission subject to approval by Mr. Williams, in whose District the two bridges are located. The Jack's Hole Cove regulation passed unanimously. Copies of these rules are attached hereto.

#### UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS

Commissioner Eltzroth suggested a committee be appointed to review the policy of Department-owned property, to make a study of these properties and to bring back their recommendations to the Commission. Also, it was suggested that the Commission be furnished a list of every piece of real estate owned by the Department, where it is located and what is on the property. The Chairman asked Mr. Webb to furnish this to the Members of the Commission.

Mr. Eltzroth brought up the fact that there had been two Committees of the Commission established to advise the Divisions of the Department. One of the Committees is the Marine Division and one for the Game and Fish Division. Mr. Glenn has headed the Marine Division Committee. Mr. Eltzroth recommended that this Committee be continued. Mr. Rhame stated that there had been a Committee appointed for the Game and Fish Division and had met one time.

Chairman Hudson stated that he would review this situation and appoint appropriate committees as advisory committees to these Divisions.

Commissioner Eltzroth moved that the Chairman appoint a Committee to report back to the Commission at its next meeting in regard to Conservation Officers' work hours and work regulations. This was seconded by Dr. Lumpkin. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Eltzroth suggested that a Committee be appointed to consider the use of pick-up trucks by the Conservation Officers, give the Unit Leaders an option of pick-up trucks or cars and the Biologists the same option. Chairman Hudson stated that a Committee would be appointed to study this suggestion.

Commissioner Eltzroth suggested that except for our supervisory personnel, all of the Department's vehicles be marked with the new Wildlife and Marine emblem on the two front doors. Mr. Glenn seconded this motion and amended it by including airplanes as well. The Commission voted unanimously to accept this recommendation.



Commissioner Glenn suggested that the Chief of Information and Education be asked to meet with some of the high officials of the Boy Scouts of South Carolina to arrange programs that will be of mutual benefit for the Department and the Boy Scouts. Mr. Glenn stated that he had been contacted in regard to how the Boy Scouts could become affiliated with the Wildlife and Marine Department. Executive Director Webb was asked to advise John Culler of this suggestion.

One other item was to approve Robert W. Meares as a non-pay Game Warden. This was authorized with state-wide authority.

The Reel Busters Bass Club of Bennettsville, South Carolina, would like to use Lake Wallace for a bass fishing tournament on November 18, 1972. This was recommended by Jeff Fuller that this group be allowed to use the lake on this day but suggested that they be limited in the way they operate their motors. Mr. Fuller suggested that the group be limited to 6 H. P. to a no-wake speed on that day. This was considered in the form of a motion, seconded and passed unanimously.

Mr. Fuller also presented a recommendation that the Field Trial to be held at Belmont be changed to reflect a cost of 2 meals plus lodging for \$20 per day instead of the original plan of 3 meals plus lodging for \$25 per day. Mr. Eltzroth so moved, seconded by Dr. Lumpkin and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Fuller also distributed copies of regulations for the Field Trials for the Commission's approval. These Rules and Regulations for the Field Trials were accepted by the Commission.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 P. M.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peggy A. Lowman, Secretary  
Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission

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