

AGENDA

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES
COMMISSION MEETING

Room 335, Rembert C. Dennis Building
Columbia, South Carolina
August 20, 1993
10:00 a.m.

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of Wildlife Management Area
Permits

ITEM V NEW BUSINESS Conrad
A. Proposed 1993-94 Waterfowl
Regulations
B. Division Reports: Reeves
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Communications Baines
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1. Wildlife & Freshwater Haynsworth
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MINUTES

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The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., on Friday, August 20, 1993, 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, Leary, Miller, Haynsworth, Rasor, Graham, and Poston. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Dan Dobbins, Benny Reeves, Bill Chastain, Sonny Baines, Brock Conrad, John Miglarese 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 July 16, 1993 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that this year the budget process would start with the Governor's Office, who would submit a budget to the General Assembly. He stated that no instructions had been forthcoming from the Governor's Office as of yet, but from all indications, new monies would be very scarce this year.

Dr. Timmerman then distributed a copy of the Quarterly Accident Report, stating that the Accident Review Committee would be reviewing accidents by Department personnel and recommending appropriate action.

Dr. Timmerman then called on Buford Mabry, who briefly described the changes in the Administrative Procedures Act that were enacted in the Restructuring Act. Dr. Timmerman stated that there would be a more thorough briefing at the Commission retreat next month.



ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE UP-DATE

Dan Dobbins reported that he had provided the Commission with copies of a draft Legislative Proposal, based on staff input. He asked that any comments be submitted to his office so the proposal could be submitted to the Commission for final approval at their September meeting.

ITEM IV - OLD BUSINESS

A. Proposed Procedure For Revocation of Wildlife Management Permits: Brock Conrad gave a brief report of meetings that had been held concerning the situation on Francis Marion and the Commission reviewed a video tape of excerpts of those meetings. After an extensive discussion, Commissioner Miller made a motion that the Commission accept the staff recommendations, Commissioner Poston seconded and the motion passed.

Dr. Timmerman made the point that the Department recommendations and the Commission action should in no way be construed as anti-dog hunting. Chairman Burnside pointed out that the Commission is on record of being in favor of lawfully prosecuted dog hunting across the State, and this action was taken, not toward dog hunting, but toward unethical and illegal behavior.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS

A. Proposed 1993-94 Waterfowl Regulations: Brock Conrad then showed a video dealing with the Waterfowl Regulations for 1993-94. Following the video, Mr. Conrad then presented staff recommendations to the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner Poston made the motion that the Commission approve staff recommendations, Commissioner Haynsworth seconded the motion saying that the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Advisory Board had studied the issue and had asked that he endorse the recommendations. The motion passed.

Commissioner Pendarvis reported on the proposed regulations by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service concerning size restrictions on shot shells and John Frampton briefly reported on the proposal in the Federal Register. Commissioner Pendarvis requested that the Commission be informed when comments were requested so that they could comment in a timely manner.

B. Division Reports:

1. Administrative Services: There was nothing further to report.

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 reported that his staff was working on ideas for a logo for the new Department of Natural Resources, and hoped to provide the Commission with a report by the end of the year. He also stated that the new calendars were out and he distributed a copy to each Commissioner. He also reported that his Division had received an award from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service for their outstanding contribution in the promotion of the North American Waterfowl Plan.

5. Marine Resources: There was nothing further to report.

C. Advisory Board Reports:

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

2. Heritage Trust: There was nothing further to report.

D. Other Remarks: Commissioner Poston reported that he was getting a lot of pressure from the Carolina Trophy Buck Association to support their program. It was pointed out that the Commission, in their 1993 Legislative Proposal, had proposed that the General Assembly ban such contests for trophy game animals involving large amounts of money.

Dr. Timmerman stated that there would be a number of items on the agenda for the retreat, but he would ask Larry Cartee to contact all the Commissioners to see if there were any other items they would like to have added.

There were no further remarks from the Commission, and at this time, Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. Commissioner Poston 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 legal and personnel matters.

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RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION

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



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The Commission adopted a motion to grant Heather Richardson a license for limited use of a private road known as the Lightsey Track Main Road for logging operations purposes only.

The Commission adopted a motion to accept recommendations from the staff on Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers to include changes of authority, new authority, and new appointments. The Commission adopted a motion to accept staff recommendations concerning the hiring of new Conservation Officers.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve Emergency Regulations to bring Regulation 123.50 in compliance with Section 50-15-50.

E. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Dr. Timmerman reported that the Commission Retreat would be held on the third Thursday of September from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. Following that, there would be a field trip to observe shrimp baiting. He stated that the retreat would begin again at 8:30 a.m. on Friday and go until Noon, to be followed by lunch and the Commission meeting at 1:00 p.m.

ITEM VI - ADJOURN

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

