

MINUTES

SOUTH CAROLINA WILDLIFE & MARINE RESOURCES  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Marine Resources Center  
Fort Johnson  
Charleston, S. C.  
February 14, 1992  
10:00 A. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the South Carolina Wildlife and Marine Resources Commission was held at 10:00 A.M., Friday, February 14, 1992, at the Marine Resources Center, in Charleston, SC, 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, Compton, Owen, Poston, Leary, Pendarvis, Miller and Graham. Staff members present included: Dr. Timmerman, Larry Cartee, Dan Dobbins, Sonny Baines, Paul Sandifer 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. Chairman Burnside welcomed Dr. Juke Leary and noted that we look forward to working with him.

ITEM I - READING OF THE MINUTES

The Commission adopted a motion to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the January 17, 1992 Commission Meeting and approve them as submitted.

ITEM II - COMMENTS

Dr. Timmerman noted that the re-dedication of the Administration Building would be held on this date at noon.

Dr. Timmerman noted that there was a recent article in Sports Illustrated on Brad Edwards of the Washington Redskins in which it noted that Mr. Edwards serves as a spokesman for the Wildlife Commission.

Dr. Timmerman noted that we have had various budget cuts and these cuts now total approximately 7.3%. He noted that we are having to make an additional \$200,000 in cuts and recommendations will be developed and coordinated with the Commission Finance Committee composed of Commissioners Owen, Miller and Compton.



Dr. Timmerman distributed legislative manuals to the Commissioners, as well as the Vehicle Accident Report.

Dr. Timmerman distributed a breakdown on the head count in the Department and the change in the number of employees in the Department since 1976. He noted that we now have approximately forty (40) less field people in Law Enforcement and due to budget cuts, we will probably have to delay printing the calendar next year.

Dr. Timmerman passed out a report from the Human Affairs Commission, noting that we have had a drop in the Department in the number of minorities.

Dr. Timmerman distributed to the Commissioners, a listing of 1991 Accomplishments and the Goals and Objectives for 1992.

Dr. Timmerman noted that he had some personnel and real estate matters for discussion with the Commission in Executive Session.

**ITEM III - LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Dan Dobbins noted that Senator Drummond is now Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and Senator Don Holland has been elected Chairman of the Senate Fish, Game and Forestry Committee.

Mr. Dobbins noted that he had recently met in Washington with the IAFWA on the federal budget and a report will be prepared for the Congressional Delegation and a copy of this report will be sent to the Commission.

Commissioner Miller asked about the bill regarding cruelty to animals and Mr. Dobbins noted that this bill is being reviewed and followed closely.

**ITEM IV - OLD BUSINESS:**

**A. Proposed Changes in Federal Regulations (50-CFR):** Dr. Timmerman noted that these regulations are out for federal review and the regulations are in the Federal Register and the comment period will end on March 13, 1992. Dr. Timmerman gave a background on this matter and asked various staff in the Division of Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries and Law Enforcement & Boating to make comments on the regulations as they relate to baiting for doves. The staff presented various comments and recommendations for discussion with the Commission. Commissioner Pendarvis noted that he had some feelings regarding this matter and recommended that baiting with feed grain be done away with altogether and



that the harvest be controlled by current bag limit and related regulations. Following discussion, Commissioner Compton moved for the Commission to adopt the staff's recommendation including that normal and bona fide agricultural practices be deleted from the regulations or in the alternative that more definitive language be developed for our comments to be sent in to the federal government as to what baiting is. Commissioner Owen seconded the motion. Commissioner Pendarvis asked for a roll-call vote. All Commissioners in attendance at the meeting voted in favor of the motion with Commissioner Pendarvis voting against the motion. Dr. Timmerman noted that this position of the Commission which had been adopted would be transmitted to the federal government and any individual that would like to offer their own comments were certainly free to do so through the Federal Register process.

ITEM V - NEW BUSINESS:

A. Publications Review Committee: Larry Cartee distributed a copy of the Publication Guidelines (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and went over the background of the development of the Publications Review Committee. Mr. Cartee noted that he is serving as Chairman of this Committee and the Committee has developed criteria and guidelines by which publications are being reviewed in the Department for publication. Mr. Cartee noted that the Committee development and work has been closely coordinated with Commissioner Graham with the CEC Advisory Board and these efforts will continue into the future.

Commissioner Graham noted that he felt that this has been a very positive matter in the Department and that from the standpoint of the CEC Advisory Board, they are very glad to see this kind of action and he commended Larry Cartee for his efforts in pulling this program together and taking appropriate action.

B. Education Program Committee: Larry Cartee distributed a copy of the Education Committee Plan of Action to the Commission (copy attached to original Commission Minutes) and he went over the development of this Plan of Action with the Commission. The evolution of the planning process for the Education Committee was discussed and the ramifications of the work to be done were also identified with the Commission. Mr. Cartee noted that one of the key components includes the market survey analysis to help determine an educational needs analysis in the Department.

Commissioner Graham noted that this was a very comprehensive effort and input from all of the Divisions in the Department would be provided so as to produce a "total program". Commissioner Graham noted that this again is a very progressive action and should produce some excellent results for the Department.



Larry Cartee updated the Commission on the Management Effectiveness Study, noting that the Study Team will be in the Department to conduct this study on February 24 - 28, 1992. Mr. Cartee noted that the efforts of the Study Team will be to identify those factors which make our Department an effective agency and some valuable information on how to improve the management of the agency should also be an outgrowth of this study effort.

C. 1991 Accomplishments and 1992 Goals & Objectives: Dr. Timmerman distributed the 1991 Accomplishments and the 1992 Goals & Objectives to the Commission. He noted that we use these Goals & Objectives to evaluate each Division Director and such is also used for his own review. He asked the Commissioners to review this material and provide any input for Goals & Objectives for 1992 to his office.

D. Night Shining - Game Zone 11: Commissioner Pendarvis noted that he is proposing that a law be established to prohibit shining in Game Zone 11. A map was shown where shining is currently prohibited and this matter was discussed with the Commission. The Commission discussed the possibility of pursuing a uniform statute to prohibit shining statewide. Following discussion, Commissioner Pendarvis moved for the Commission to recommend a legislative proposal for Game Zone 11 to make it unlawful to shine from a car or boat except for the hunting of raccoon or fox. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission.

E. Division Reports:

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

2. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: John Frampton gave a report on the recent goose season, noting that 1,686 permits were issued and over 800 questionnaires have been returned which indicates a 50% success rate. Mr. Frampton noted that it is estimated that between 600 and 700 geese were harvested during this special hunt.

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

4. Conservation Education & Communications: Sonny Baines noted that the Association for Conservation Information Meeting will be held next week in Charleston and the program and agenda for this meeting was distributed to the Commission and discussed.

5. Marine Resources: Paul Sandifer noted that the building re-dedication would be held at noon and at the April Meeting of the Marine Advisory Board, the issue of permit applications for docks as it relates to shellfish areas will be discussed.

F. Advisory Board Reports:

1. Wildlife & Freshwater Fisheries: Commissioner Owen noted that the Board met yesterday, but there were no items for Commission action.



**2. Marine Resources:** Commissioner Pendarvis noted that the Board met yesterday and that they plan to have a Special Called Meeting next month.

David Cupka distributed a copy of the Marine Fishing Stamp poster to the Commission for their information and he also passed out order forms for prints and posters. Mr. Cupka noted that the contest for this year is currently being developed and the species selected is the King Mackerel. The contest this year will be held on July 31, 1992 in conjunction with the Harry Hampton Wildlife Fund Banquet in Charleston.

Mr. Cupka also distributed to the Commission, a report on the 1991 shrimp season and went over this matter briefly.

**G. Other Remarks:** There were no further remarks from the Commissioners.

Dr. Timmerman informed the Commission that he has been asked to serve on the Board of Directors for the South Carolina Aquarium in Charleston and he also distributed to the Commission some recent opinions regarding the State Ethics Act.

Commissioner Miller moved for the Commission to hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate matters. Commissioner Compton seconded the motion and it was adopted by the Commission. Chairman Burnside noted that at this time the Commission would hold an Executive Session to discuss personnel and real estate 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.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the appointments, re-appointments and other items on the list associated with Deputy Wildlife Conservation Officers. The Commission adopted a motion to approve the promotions to Captain in District #4 and Sergeant in District #6, as well as the Officer Training position and the Boating Education position.



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The Commission approved a motion to re-appoint John White to the CEC Advisory Board.

The Commission adopted a motion to approve the land acquisition as presented by the Heritage Trust Advisory Board.

H. Appointments: This item was previously acted upon in Executive Session.

I. Time and Place of Next Meeting: Chairman Burnside noted that the Commissioners would be notified regarding the next Commission Meeting.

ITEM V - ADJOURN

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

