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MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Tuesday, July 8, 2008

Chairman Patrick Morrow presiding.

Earl King, Jr.
Frederic Miller
Henry Mouton
Stephen Oats
Stephen Sagrera
Robert Samanie, III

Secretary Robert Barham was also present.

Chairman Morrow called for a motion for approval of the **June 5, 2008 Commission Minutes**. A motion for approval was made by Commissioner Oats and seconded by Commissioner Mouton. The motion passed with no opposition.

Under **Commission Special Announcements/Personal Privilege** for this month, Commissioner Mouton thanked the Louisiana Wildlife Agents Association for their donation to a program called "Honor Air". This program flies 100 veterans to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and other places in one day. Louisiana has made it to the top 5 of the good list having flown more flights than any other state. Commissioner Mouton stated he contacted the Agents Association and they sent him a check for \$2,000 and he expressed his great appreciation. He then mentioned that Commissioner Morrow and others were also donors for past flights.

Secretary Barham then announced the unveiling of the new Department logo. The old circle patch has become dated and looked like a 1940 or 1950's logo. This new logo finally culminated after several years of work and included the Vermilion Bay at the bottom, Marsh Island, a foggy morning with cypress trees profiled in the upper band and then there were the three primary representatives of wildlife (fish, deer and duck). Secretary Barham then recognized Ms. Marianne Burke for her work in producing the new logo and translating it to usable material. There will be a transition process and over time the old circle patch would be replaced. The Secretary then noted that Mr. Thomas Gresham was the graphic artist that produced the finished product. He then mentioned that all of the fisheries and wildlife employees would wear the one logo with the division name designated underneath.

Chairman Morrow thanked the Secretary and felt the new logo fit well with the goals and mission of the Department.

Commissioner King asked Mr. Don Puckett if the financial disclosure forms were available that the Commission Members were required to file. Mr. Puckett stated that, as of his last conversation with the Ethics Board, no forms had been promulgated for reporting. Act 1 of the 2008 1st Extraordinary Session set out a reporting period for calendar year 2009 with a reporting date of May 2010. The Commission was included in the Tier 3 category but that was changed to a different category which still required the Commissioners to report finances with connections to either the State or its political subdivisions or to a gaming interest. When the forms were promulgated, Mr. Puckett noted the Commission would be advised.

The agenda item, **To receive and consider Amendments to Hunting Seasons, specifically Dog Hunting Days on Kisatchie National Wildlife Refuge** began with Commissioner Fred Miller reading a brief statement. He noted the Commission enacted several years ago a protocol on setting the seasons and regulations for hunting. In the protocol, no amendments to the Notices of Intent can be made after the April Meeting; at the May Meeting, those Notices of Intent were voted on with the amendments included. This protocol was followed this year. The issue at hand, the number of dog hunting days on Kisatchie, was set at 7 throughout the public comment period at the request of the Forest Service. A motion was made at the April Meeting to reduce the number of dog hunting days to 0, but it failed and the number of days remained at 7. Prior to the June Meeting, a letter from the Forest Service was sent to the Department noting they would not be opposed to increasing the dog hunting days in Kisatchie. During the June Meeting, a request was made for the Commissioners to go to the Capitol for a meeting with several Central Louisiana legislators to discuss the Kisatchie issue. Chairman Morrow, Commissioners King and Miller along with Mr. Don Puckett and Mr. Jimmy Anthony went to the Capitol for the meeting. At the end of that meeting, Chairman Morrow advised the legislators he would poll the Commission on re-opening the Kisatchie dog hunting season issue for reconsideration at the July Meeting. Commissioner Miller made a motion to waive the rules and re-open the issue on Kisatchie deer hunting with dogs for discussion only. Commissioner King seconded the motion.

Representative Frank Howard stated he represents District 24 which comprises all of Sabine and Red River Parishes which joins Natchitoches Parish and portions of DeSoto and Vernon Parishes. A number of constituents contacted him asking to continue with the 14 days of hunting deer with or without dogs on the National Forest lands as done in the past. He added that he met with Ms. Greta Boley with the Forest Service and she agreed to go with 10 days and not 14 days as requested. Representative Howard hoped the Commission would consider this amendment.

Representative Billy Chandler stated that as part of the legislative branch, he wanted to be onboard working as a team for the State, the Department and other agencies. He added that he represents all of Grant and LaSalle Parishes and parts of Winn and Rapides

Parishes and Kisatchie National Forest covers over 50 percent of his district. He asked the Commission to allow the people a chance to enjoy the available resources. Representative Chandler noted he has heard both sides of the story, but he wanted the Commission to consider that this was a tradition passed down from one generation to the next. If there are people doing wrong, it needed to be corrected, added the Representative. He then wanted to make sure that the people have the right to enjoy the privileges that they have enjoyed in years past. Finally, Representative Chandler stated there were different types of dog hunting, such as for duck hunting, squirrel hunting, bird hunting and deer hunting. He then asked that the Commission not single out one entity and carefully consider their requests.

Representative Howard added, after hearing Commissioner Miller's statement, he knew there has been some allegations or problems in that area. He advised Ms. Boley to let him know of anything the legislature could do to help fix the problem. He hoped to work and find common ground with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries and the National Forest Service and allow the amendment of 10 days for dog hunting.

Mr. John Taylor stated he was opposed to making the late amendment to the dog hunting days on Kisatchie for 2 reasons. He asked that the Commission follow Louisiana public law and their rules and not make any changes at this late date. Mr. Taylor felt all people should be required to submit their comments and requests at the proper time in order to print the hunting pamphlet in a timely manner. The decisions the Commission made on hunting in May should be the final decision, remarked Mr. Taylor. If the Commission makes changes at this late date, there would be little or no regard for the public. The second reason was that Mr. Taylor could not see how such a small group could impact so many people by putting pressure on elected officials. He knew that the same problems have existed for the last 20 years and the most common issue has been trespassing. Dogs should not be allowed to run free on others property without taking ownership of them. Mr. Taylor then showed copies of veterinary bills from a deer dog that came into his yard and killed his dog. He concluded by stating that he should have the right to allow his grandchildren or pets in his yard at anytime with no issues surrounding that.

Commissioner King stated the Commission followed the 7 day recommendation from the Forest Service staff which was backed by the Department. Commissioner Sagraera felt the Commission had not singled out dog hunters, they simply followed the recommendations of the Forest Service and Department by reducing the number of days from 14 to 7. Chairman Morrow thought the issue was not dog hunting, but whether or not the Commission would amend its protocol. If the Forest Service had initially recommended 14 days, the Commission may have agreed to go with that. Again, the Chairman felt the issue was whether to amend the protocol and increase the dog hunting days on Kisatchie. There was no motion was made on this issue.

To receive and hear Enforcement & Aviation Reports/June began with Lt. Col. Keith LaCaze stating this month involved a lot of recreational boating and fishing activities. Most of the Regions had boating safety violations with Region 7 issuing 133 boating safety violations, 48 angling without a license citations, 19 angling without a non-resident license

citation and 13 DWI's. The aggressive DWI and boating safety programs continued throughout the state. There were 1,690 citations issued statewide, 602 written warnings and agents helped with 59 instances of public assists. There was good news from the boating report in that there was only 1 fatality, but there were 12 accidents and 9 injuries for the month. The fatality occurred in Terrebonne Parish when the boater did not use a PFD or kill switch and alcohol was suspected. The Aviation Report showed the Department's 3 planes flew a total of 80 hours for the month. Then Lt. Col. LaCaze introduced Captain Yokem, Region 7 Supervisor, who would show an item that was seized. Agents observed 2 fishermen with a "spear gun" attempting to take garfish. The gun was light weight, made of PVC and had the same ingenuity as a paint ball gun. The agents seized the gun for attempting to take fish by an illegal method.

Next item was **To receive and hear Status Report on Department's Budget** that was provided by Mrs. Janice Lansing. In answer to Chairman Morrow's first question from an e-mail of will the Department have to cut any positions, Mrs. Lansing answered no. (The members were provided with a copy of the Department's revenue and expenditure forecast.) For the next 2 years, the Department would be in good shape. The second question was would the Department have sufficient funds to operate next year, the answer was yes. The funds for 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 were good, but there would be a small deficit in fiscal year 2010-2011. The last question from the Chairman was how did this projection change when during the session the deficit was to occur much sooner. Mrs. Lansing responded by noting that mineral revenues was so volatile and cannot be projected. Last year, a compromise was reached at the end of the Legislative Session that the Department would receive the Attakapas mineral revenues in perpetuity beginning in fiscal year 2008-09. Chairman Morrow asked, based on the projections, the Department would be okay for the next 2 years, but there would be a deficit beginning in 2010-11. Mrs. Lansing stated that was correct, and whatever that deficit would be, the budget request would be filled with a request for General Fund money. Chairman Morrow then asked if the Department was at the mercy of the Administration to fill that gap and he was told that was also correct. The Chairman asked if the budget would maintain its status quo. Mrs. Lansing advised that the Department did receive some money to enhance the aquatic weed program, but other than that there has not been any expanding programs. The increases in expenditures shown are just to cover the cost of doing business. Then she mentioned the Chairman asked a question on whether the Department had a plan if Senate Bill 18 would have passed and that information was given to the Commissioners. Mrs. Lansing added that the document far exceeded the revenue that would have been obtained from the bill, but it did demonstrate the needs of the Department and how it could increase services to the public. Chairman Morrow asked if there was anything in the budget to hire new agents or biologists to increase the effectiveness of the Department and again Mrs. Lansing answered no. Next the Chairman asked if there was anything added for the ever expanding aquatic weed problem. Mrs. Lansing noted that the Administration gave the Department \$2 million from the supplemental funds for the aquatic plant control program. Commissioner Miller asked if the Department was under a hiring freeze and losing people through attrition. Mrs. Lansing stated the hiring freeze was lifted July 1 and the Department still had the same head count as last year. Chairman Morrow commented that the license

sales have declined since 2002-03 and asked, if those funds continued to decline, then the main source of revenue would be from mineral royalties which were anticipated and not set.

Mrs. Lansing noted the Chairman was correct and it depended on the production off the WMAs if the Department receives those revenues. Chairman Morrow asked if there was a request to create or expand a program, then that deficit would occur sooner. Mrs. Lansing agreed and added that it makes it very hard to plan effectively. Chairman Morrow wondered when would the request for General Fund money go into effect. Mrs. Lansing stated depending upon the legislation, it was always one year later so it would not interfere with that current year's budget.

To receive and consider Legal Weapons for Primitive Firearms Season was handled by Mr. Jimmy Anthony. Act 51 of the 2008 Legislature gave the Commission the authority to establish deer hunting seasons for primitive firearms and crossbows and to define what was a legal weapon. During the April Commission Meeting, the Notice of Intent was amended to include the single shot breech loaded metallic cartridge rifles to be legal during the primitive firearms season. Since there was confusion on what is a pre-1900 type weapon, a list of weapons the Department should be allowed was given to the Commissioners. There are new designs that uses the same premise but incorporated better safety devices. The Department's intent was to follow Mississippi's lead on these weapons since they have been allowing these since 2005. Another list shown was a list of weapons that would not be considered legal such as the Thompson Center Contender or Encore since they were designed after 1900. The rule which was adopted by the Commission required the weapons to be based on a pre-1900 design. Chairman Morrow asked if the list of approved weapons would be published. Mr. Anthony answered the public has been requesting a list for several weeks but the Department wanted to give the Commission a chance to review and concur with the list. The list would be posted on the Department's website and provided to the public in a News Release. Not only has the public asked for a list, but the manufacturers, distributors and retailers have wanted to know what would be legal in Louisiana, added Mr. Anthony.

To receive and consider Notices of Intent on 2009 Spring Turkey Season and the General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations began with Mr. Larry Savage explaining a picture on his computer taken in 1986 with Mr. Kenny Ribbeck and Mr. Jimmy Anthony and other employees that worked a farm tract on Ouachita WMA. In the mailed packets to the Commissioners, Mr. Kimmel sent a white paper that covered the biological issues and hunter preferences for the turkey seasons. In Mr. Savage's presentation, the first slide was a graph showing 10 years of gobbling survey, 15 years of hen poult survey data and data from 977 gobblers banded across the state. The gobbling trend data covered the last 10 years from 10 to 15 locations in both north and south Louisiana that began in early March and went until the season opened. The basic gobbling trends for both north and south Louisiana were about the same with the first peak occurring at the beginning of breeding. Then the second gobbling peak centered on the start of incubation when the gobblers were seeking hens. There are about 50 known nesting dates in Louisiana with the average occurring on April 19 which correlated with nesting data across the southeast. The first segment of the turkey season to open would be the youth season and the earliest it would

open within the framework would be March 15 and the latest was March 21, which will be the date for 2009. With the framework for the season opening the 4th Saturday of March, the latest the season would start would be March 28 (which will occur in 2009) and close on April 26. The earliest the season would open which occurred in 2008 would be March 21 and close April 20. In 2007, a hunter opinion survey was conducted. The first question was on opening the season on the 4th weekend of March and the results were 59 percent said the season was about right, 29 percent felt the season should open earlier and 12 percent preferred a later season. On the uniform state opening, results showed 71 percent of the hunters were in favor, 25 percent were neutral and only 4 percent opposed. Mr. Savage then recommended continuing with the same framework which began in 2002 since it was biologically based, meets the long term needs of the resource, provides hunters with an opportunity for quality turkey hunt and has the support of the turkey hunters. All Areas would open on March 28 with Area A closing on April 26 (30 day season); Area B closing on April 19 (23 day season) and Area C ending on April 12 (16 day season). A map of the different Areas was shown next. Bag limit would be 1 gobbler and season limit would be 2 gobblers. Regulation changes included mandatory tagging, increase the age limit from 16 to 17 for youth hunters, and opening a small area around Millers Lake in Evangeline Parish. Changes on the WMAs included adding a second weekend lottery on Dewey Wills, combining the last two 3-day lottery periods on Sicily Island Hills, reducing Grassy Lake from a 16 day season to a 9 day season, and adding a youth hunt on Clear Creek. Youth hunts on private lands will be March 21-22; there will be 13 WMAs and 2 National Wildlife Refuges with youth hunts. The hunt for the Physically Challenged wheelchair classification hunters would be March 21-22 for private lands and April 18 and April 24 on Jackson-Bienville and on March 21-22 on Indian Bayou. The one boundary change will be including Millers Lake area in Evangeline Parish. Mr. Savage then showed an elevation map of the statewide WMA systems. For 2009, there will be 27 WMAs with seasons, 13 will have youth lottery hunts, 17 non-lottery hunts and 10 both lottery and non-lottery hunts. A total of 625,000 acres will open for hunting on the WMAs. With Thistlethwaite WMA having a very low turkey population, staff recommended a 1 day youth hunt. The WMAs with the greatest number of days will be Fort Polk and Peason Ridge with 30 day seasons. Kisatchie National Forest will have a season from March 28-April 19 and Caney Ranger District March 28-April 12. Chairman Morrow felt the Department has done a great job in re-establishing the turkey population and getting the youth involved. Mr. Fred Kimmel reminded the Commission there were 2 Notices of Intent, one for season dates and the other on general regulations. Commissioner Samanie made a motion to adopt the Notice of Intent for hunting seasons and bag limits. Commissioner Oats seconded the motion and it passed with no opposition. Then Commissioner Oats made a motion for the Notice of Intent on general and WMA turkey hunting regulations, it was seconded by Commissioner Mouton and passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Notices of Intent are made a part of the record.)

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2009 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§115. Turkey Hunting Areas, Seasons, and Bag Limits

A. ~~Shooting hours: one half hour before sunrise to one half hour after sunset.~~
Daily limit is one gobbler. Season limit is two gobblers. Turkeys taken on WMAs are part of the season bag limit. Only one turkey may be taken during WMA lottery hunts.

~~B.~~ Turkey season will open in designated areas on the fourth Saturday in March. The Area A turkey season will be 30 consecutive days in length, the Area B turkey season will be 23 consecutive days in length, and the Area C turkey season will be 16 consecutive days in length. Wildlife Management Areas, National Forests, National Wildlife Refuges, and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land may vary from this framework. Deviation from this framework may occur in those years when the fourth Saturday in March falls the day before Easter.

~~C.~~ Statewide Youth Turkey and Physically Challenged Season on private lands shall be the weekend prior to the statewide turkey season.

~~D.~~ Only those Wildlife Management Areas listed herein are open to turkey hunting. All other Wildlife Management Areas are closed.

~~E.~~ 2008 2009 Turkey Hunting Schedule

AREA	SEASON DATES
A	March 24 28 - April 20 26
B	March 24 28 - April 13 19
C	March 24 28 - April 6 12
Private Lands Youth and Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair)	March 15 - 16 21 - 22

Confined) Hunt	
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¶ F. Wildlife Management Area Turkey Hunting Schedule

WMA	Non-Lottery Hunt Dates	Lottery Hunt Dates
Bayou Macon	None	April 5-6 <u>11-12</u>
Bens Creek	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Big Lake	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Bodcau	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Boeuf	March 24-30 <u>28</u> -April 5	None
Clear Creek	March 31 — April 20 <u>April 6-26</u>	March 21-23 <u>28-29</u> March 29-30 <u>April 4-5</u>
Camp Beauregard	March 24-30 <u>28</u> -April 5	None
Dewey Wills		April 12-13 <u>18-19</u> <u>April 25-26</u>
Fort Polk	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>26</u>	None
Grassy Lake	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>5</u>	None
Hutchinson Creek	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>26</u>	None
Jackson- Bienville	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Lake Ramsey	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Little River	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Loggy Bayou	None	April 12-13 <u>18-19</u>
Peason Ridge	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>26</u>	None
Red River	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Sabine	None	March 21-23 <u>28-29</u> March 29-30 <u>April 4-5</u>
Sandy Hollow	March 24 <u>28</u> -April 6 <u>12</u>	None
Sherburne	March 27-30 <u>April 2-5</u>	March 21-23 <u>28-29</u> March 24-26 <u>30-April 1</u>
Sicily Island	None	March 21-23 <u>28-30</u> March 24-26 <u>31-April 2</u> <u>April 3-5</u>

		April 6-12 March 27-29 March 30-April 1 April 2-5
Tangipahoa Parish School Board	March 24 28 -April 6 26	None
Three Rivers	March 24 28 -April 6 12	None
Tunica Hills South Tract	April 7-13 13-19	March 21-22 28-29 March 29-30 April 4-5 April 5-6 11-12
Tunica Hills North Tract	April 7-13 13-19	March 21-22 28-29 March 29-30 April 4-5 April 5-6 April 11-12
Union	None	April 5-6 11-12
Walnut Hills	March 24 28 -April 6 26	None
West Bay	None	March 21-23 28-29 March 29-30 April 4-5

† G. Wildlife Management Area Lottery Youth Hunts

WMA	Lottery Youth Hunt Date
Bens Creek	March 15 21
Big Lake	March 15 21
Fort Polk/Peason Ridge/ Calcasieu Ranger Dist.	March 15 21
Jackson-Bienville	March 15 21
Loggy Bayou	April 5 11
Sherburne	March 15-16 21-22
Sicity Island	March 15 21
Spring Bayou	March 15 21
Thistlethwaite	April 5 4
Tunica Hills	March 15 21
Union	March 29 April 4
West Bay	March 15 21

¶ H. Wildlife Management Area Physically Challenged (Wheelchair Confined) Hunt

1. Jackson-Bienville WMA will be open April ~~12-18~~ 18-24 to holders of valid Physically Challenged Hunter (Wheelchair Classification) Permits.

¶ I. Federal Lands Turkey Hunting Schedule

1. Kisatchie National Forest (KNF) turkey hunting schedule: Caney Ranger District, March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~6~~ 12; all remaining KNF lands, March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~13~~ 19 (including Catahoula and Red Dirt National Wildlife Management Preserves).

2. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers turkey hunting schedule: Indian Bayou Area, March ~~15-16~~ 21-22 physically challenged lottery only hunt, lottery hunt only on March ~~21-23~~ 28-29 and March ~~24-26~~ 30-April 1, non-lottery hunt ~~March 27-30~~ April 2-5. Old River Control and Lock Areas, March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~6~~ 12.

3. National Wildlife Refuges: Bogue Chitto NWR, March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~13~~ 19; Lake Ophelia NWR, March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~3~~ 10 hunt ends at 12:00 p.m. each day; Tensas NWR, March ~~15-16~~ 21-22 (youth only), March ~~21~~ 28-April ~~5~~ 12; Upper Ouachita NWR, March ~~15~~ 21 (youth lottery only).

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2264 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2376 (November 2002), LR 29:2513 (November 2003), LR 30:2875 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2470 (November 2007), LR 34: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 2008.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Patrick C. Morrow
Chairman

NOTICE OF INTENT

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give notice of its intent to amend the turkey rules and regulations for the 2009 season.

Title 76

WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

Part XIX. Hunting and WMA Regulations

Chapter 1. Resident Game Hunting Season

§113. General and WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

A. General Regulations. Only gobblers (male turkeys) may be taken. Taking of hen (female) turkeys, including bearded hens, is prohibited. Still hunting only. Use of dogs, electronic calling devices and live decoys is illegal. Turkeys may be hunted with shotguns, including muzzleloading shotguns, using shot not larger than #2 lead or BB steel shot, and bow and arrow but by no other means. Shooting turkeys from a moving or stationary vehicle is prohibited. Shotguns capable of holding more than three shells prohibited. The running of coyote with dogs is prohibited in all turkey hunting areas during the open turkey season. No person shall hunt, trap or take turkeys by the aid of baiting or on or over any baited area. Baiting means placing, exposing, depositing or scattering of corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed so as to constitute a lure, attraction or enticement to, on or over any areas where hunters are attempting to take turkeys. A baited areas is any area where corn (shelled, shucked or unshucked), wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed capable of luring, attracting or enticing turkeys is directly or indirectly placed, exposed, deposited, distributed or scattered. Such areas remain baited areas for 15 days following complete removal of all such corn, wheat or other grain, salt, or other feed. Wildlife agents are authorized to close such baited areas and to place signs in the immediate vicinity designating closed zones and dates of closures. No person hunting turkeys more than 200 yards from a baited area will be in violation of the turkey baiting regulation.

B. Tags. ~~Hunters who received tags with their license are encouraged, but not required, to tag their kill and record their kill on their harvest report card. Hunters are also~~

encouraged, but not required, to report their kill by using the kill validation web site or by calling the validation phone number.

1. Prior to hunting turkeys, all turkey hunters, regardless of age or license status, must obtain turkey tags and have them in their possession while turkey hunting. Immediately upon killing a turkey, hunters must attach a carcass tag to the turkey before it is moved from the site of the kill and must document the kill on the turkey harvest report card. The date of kill and parish of kill must be recorded on the carcass tag. The tag must remain attached to the turkey while kept at camp or while it is transported to the domicile of the hunter or to a cold storage facility. Hunters who keep the carcass or meat at a camp must also comply with game possession tag regulations. Within 72 hours of the kill, the hunter must report the kill and record the validation number on the turkey harvest report card. Hunters may report turkeys by calling the validation phone number or using the validation web site.

2. Turkey hunters purchasing licenses by phone or internet will be given an authorization number and a LDWF identification number that will serve as their license and tags until the physical license and tags arrive by mail. Turkey hunters who have purchased a license with tags, but have not yet received their physical license and tags, must immediately tag their kill with a possession tag before moving it from the site of the kill. The authorization number and LDWF identification number must be recorded on the possession tag. Hunters must retain documentation of any turkeys killed and upon receiving their physical tags and harvest report card, validate their kill as required in these regulations. The tags for turkeys killed prior to receiving the physical tags must be removed from the turkey harvest report card and discarded.

3. Tags removed from the turkey harvest report card prior to killing a turkey are no longer valid and if lost will not be replaced. Duplicate tags and turkey harvest report cards are available to replace lost report cards and attached tags. Hunters will be charged a fee for duplicate turkey harvest report cards and tags. Hunters that have killed a turkey prior to losing their remaining tag and harvest report card must remove and discard the duplicate tag to account for the original tag that was used and validated. Hunters must record any previously validated turkey on the duplicate turkey harvest report card.

C. Possession of Live Wild Turkeys. No person shall take live wild turkeys or their eggs from the wild. No person shall possess captive live wild turkeys, (Meleagris gallopavo silvestris, M. g. osceola, M. g. intermedia, M. g. merriami, M. g. mexicana) or their eggs, regardless of origin, without a valid game breeder license. No pen-raised turkeys from within or without the state shall be liberated (released) within the state.

D. Statewide Youth and Physically Challenged Season Regulations. Only youths 17 years of age or younger ~~younger than 16 years of age~~ or hunters possessing a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit with wheelchair classification may hunt. Youth must possess a hunter safety certification or proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course. Each youth must be accompanied by one adult 18 years of age or older. If the accompanying adult is in possession of hunter safety certification, a valid hunting license or

proof of successful completion of a hunter safety course, this requirement is waived for the youth. Adults accompanying youth may not possess a firearm or bow. Youths may possess only one firearm or bow while hunting. The supervising adult shall maintain visual and voice contact with the youth at all times. An adult may supervise only one youth during this special hunt. Only one gobbler per day may be taken and any gobbler taken by the hunter during this special season counts towards their season bag limit of 2.

E. Shooting hours: one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset.

F. Turkey Hunting Area Descriptions

1. Area A

a. All of the following parishes are open:

- i. Beauregard;
- ii. Bienville;
- iii. Claiborne (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- iv. East Baton Rouge;
- v. East Feliciana;
- vi. Grant (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- vii. Jackson;
- viii. LaSalle;
- ix. Lincoln;
- x. Livingston;
- xi. Natchitoches (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- xii. Rapides (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- xiii. Sabine;
- xiv. St. Helena;

- xv. Tangipahoa;
 - xvi. Union;
 - xvii. Vernon (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
 - xviii. West Baton Rouge;
 - xix. West Feliciana (including Raccourci Island);
 - xx. Winn (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);
- b. Portions of the following parishes are also open:
- i. Allen: North of LA 104, west of LA 26 south of junction of LA 104 to US 190, north of US 190 east of Kinder, west of US 165 south of Kinder;
 - ii. Avoyelles: That portion bounded on the east by the Atchafalaya River, on the north by Red River to the Brouillette Community, on the west by LA 452 from Brouillette to LA 1, on the south by LA 1, eastward to Hamburg, thence by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection levee southward;
 - iii. Calcasieu: North of I-10;
 - iv. Caldwell: West of Ouachita River southward to Catahoula Parish line;
 - v. Catahoula: South and west of the Ouachita River from the Caldwell Parish line southward to LA 8 at Harrisonburg, north and west of LA 8 from Harrisonburg to the LaSalle Parish line. ALSO that portion lying east of LA 15;
 - vi. Evangeline: North and west of LA 115, north of LA 106 west of LA 115 to US 167, west of US 167 south to LA 10, north of LA 10 west of US 167 to LA 13, west of LA 13 south of LA 10 to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou; north of LA 106 from St. Landry to LA 13, west of LA 13 from Pine Prairie to Mamou and north of LA 104 west of Mamou;
 - vii. Franklin: That portion lying east of LA 17 and east of LA 15 from its juncture with LA 17 at Winnsboro;

viii. Iberville: West of LA 1. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries;

ix. Jefferson Davis: North of US 190 from junction with LA 26 to Kinder, west of US 165 and north of I-10 west from junction of US 165;

x. Madison: That portion lying east of US 65 from East Carroll Parish line to US 80 and south of US 80. Also, all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

xi. Morehouse: West of US 165 from the Arkansas line to the junction of LA 140 at Bonita, north and west of LA 140 to junction of LA 830-4 (Cooper Lake Road), west of LA 830-4 to US 165 at Bastrop, south of US 165 to junction of LA 3051 (Grabault Road) south of LA 3051 to junction of LA 138, west of LA 138 to junction of LA 134, north of LA 134 to the Ouachita Parish line;

xii. Ouachita: East of LA 143 from Union Parish line to US 80 in West Monroe, north of US 80 to LA 139, west of LA 139 to the Morehouse Parish line;

xiii. Pointe Coupee: All of the parish except that portion bounded on the north by LA Hwy. 1, from Innis to the junction of LA Hwy 417, on the west by LA Hwy. 417 southward toward McCrea, on the south by LA Hwy. 417 from McCrea to its junction with Delhi Lane, then by Delhi Lane to LA Hwy. 418, then LA Hwy. 418 northward to LA Hwy. 1 at Innis. EXCEPTION: see Sherburne WMA for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne boundaries.

xiv. Richland: That portion south of US 80 and east of LA 17;

xv. St. Landry: That portion bounded on the west by the West Atchafalaya Basin Protection Levee and on the east by the Atchafalaya River. EXCEPTION: the Indian Bayou Area, see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou Area dates;

xvi. Upper St. Martin: All within the Atchafalaya Basin. EXCEPTIONS: Sherburne WMA and Indian Bayou Area, see WMA Turkey Hunting Schedule for special season dates on all state, federal and private lands within Sherburne WMA boundaries and see Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Indian Bayou dates;

xvii. Tensas: That portion west of US 65 from the Concordia Parish line to its juncture with LA 128, north of LA 128 to St. Joseph; west and north of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry. Also all lands east of the main channel of the Mississippi River;

2. Area B

- a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Caddo;
 - ii. DeSoto;
 - iii. Red River;
 - iv. St. Tammany;
 - v. Washington.
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Ascension: All east of the Mississippi River;
 - ii. Bossier: All open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the west by LA 164, on the south by LA 164, and on the east by the Webster Parish Line;
 - iii. East Carroll: East of US 65 from Arkansas state line to Madison Parish line;
 - iv. Iberville: All east of the Mississippi River;
 - v. Webster: All open except that portion bounded on the north by I-20, on the east by U.S. 371, on the south by LA 164, and on the west by the Bossier Parish line (Exception: See Federal Lands Hunting Schedule for Kisatchie National Forest dates);

3. Area C

- a. All of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Concordia;
- b. Portions of the following parishes are open:
 - i. Caldwell: All east of the Ouachita River;
 - ii. Catahoula: All of the parish EXCEPT for that portion located in Area A;

iii. Franklin: West of LA 17 from the Richland Parish line southward to Winnsboro, west of LA 15 southward to the Catahoula Parish line;

iv. Richland: West of LA 17 from Franklin Parish line to Ringle Road, south of Ringle Road to Ferguson Road, south of Ferguson Road to Little Road, south of Little Road to Big Creek, east of Big Creek to Franklin Parish line;

v. Tensas: East and south of US 65 from Concordia Parish line to LA 128, south of LA 128 to St. Joseph, east and south of LA 605, 604 and 3078 northward to Port Gibson Ferry.

4. Turkey season dates on Wildlife Management Areas, National Wildlife Refuges, Kisatchie National Forest and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers land located within Areas A, B, and C may vary from the season set for the parish in which they are located. Seasons for these lands are specified in LAC 76:XIX.115.

EG. WMA Turkey Hunting Regulations

1. WMAs with youth turkey hunts are closed to all activities except turkey hunting by authorized youth hunt participants and fishing on the day(s) of the youth hunt.

2. Self-Clearing Permits: All turkey hunts, including lottery hunts, are self-clearing. Hunters must check in daily by obtaining a permit from a self-clearing station prior to hunting. The self-clearing permit must be in the hunter's possession while hunting. Upon completion of each days hunt, the hunter must check out by completing and depositing the hunter report portion of the permit in the check-out box at a self-clearing station before exiting the WMA.

3. Lottery Hunts: All or portions of some WMA seasons are designated as lottery hunts and are restricted to hunters selected by pre-application lottery. To apply for these lottery hunts, a hunter must submit a completed official application form to the Baton Rouge office by the deadline printed on the application. A non-refundable fee of \$5 must be sent with each application. Applicants for WMA youth hunts must be 17 years of age or younger and at least 8 years old on the day of the hunt. Applicants may submit only one application and may be selected for only one WMA Turkey Lottery Hunt annually. Submitting more than one application will result in disqualification. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements. Hunters chosen for WMA lottery hunts may be accompanied by one person. The person accompanying a lottery hunter shall not possess a firearm/bow or take a turkey, and must remain within a distance that allows normal voice contact with the lottery hunter at all times. Youths chosen for special youth only hunts will be assigned a guide on the day of the hunt, guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. ~~guided by members of the Louisiana Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation~~. One person may accompany the youth and guide, but may not hunt.

4. WMA Physically Challenged Hunt (Wheelchair Confined): Open only to hunters with a Physically Challenged Hunter Permit with wheelchair classification. During this hunt, ATVs may be used by hunters on all designated ATV trails in accordance with the Physically Challenged Hunter Permit. Hunters must abide by self-clearing permit requirements.

5. Rules Specific to Certain WMAs:

a. Bens Creek: No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

b. Sandy Hollow: No turkey hunting within 100 yards of food plots identified by two yellow paint rings around the nearest tree.

c. Sherburne: All turkeys taken must be checked at the WMA headquarters.

d. Tunica Hills (North Tract): Area closed to all users ~~April 14~~ one day after close of turkey season until August 31.

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 56:115.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, LR 25:2263 (November 1999), amended LR 26:2634 (November 2000), LR 27:2270 (December 2001), LR 28:2375 (November 2002), LR 29:2512 (November 2003), LR 30:2874 (December 2004), LR 31:3167 (December 2005), LR 32:2272 (December 2006), LR 33:2469 (November 2007), LR 34: .

The Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is authorized to take any and all necessary steps on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate this notice of intent and the final rule, including, but not limited to, the filing of the fiscal and economic impact statements, the filing of the notice of intent and final rule and the preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed rule to Mr. Kenneth Ribbeck, Wildlife Division, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Box 98000, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-9000 no later than 4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 4, 2008.

In accordance with Act #1183 of 1999, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries/Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby issues its Family Impact Statement in connection with the preceding Notice of Intent: This Notice of Intent will have no impact on the six criteria set out at R.S. 49:972(B).

Patrick C. Morrow
Chairman

Mr. Mike Olinde began the next item, **To receive and consider Resolution on Early Migratory Bird Season Dates (Dove, Teal, Woodcock, Rails and Gallinules)** stating he would tag team with Mr. Robert Helm. Mr. Olinde noted the Commission would select tentative dates and delegate the authority to the Secretary to enact a Declaration of Emergency in order to meet the federal framework deadline. The other part of the Resolution gives the staff authority to make changes in the dates based on biology and technical data if the federal framework changed. Mr. Helm began his presentation stating the September teal season was a long standing season that began in the late 1960's at the urging of the Department. That season continued until 1988 when it was suspended for 4 years due to a drought cycle. When the season was re-established in 1992, it came with different parameters such as a minimum population level so there would be a season and anything above that would allow for a 16 day season. In 1992, a 16 day season was approved when the blue-winged teal population exceeded 4.7 million. This season is referred to as a "special season" by the Fish and Wildlife Service and was only offered to 10 states in the Mississippi Flyway and 5 in the Central Flyway. One of the primary justifications during the 1960's for the September teal season was that the blue-winged teal were underutilized, are the first migrates through the State and were largely unavailable during the regular duck season. Traditionally, more than 90 percent of blue-winged teal are harvested during this season. This year the breeding population was unchanged with 6.6 million as compared with 6.7 million from last year which will result in a 16 day season. This 16 day season is traditionally established to open as late in September as possible beginning on a Saturday and running until the last Sunday. The early cool fronts in September are conducive to moving birds into Louisiana and stirring the interests of hunters. Mr. Olinde announced that the seasons would open on September 13 and extend through September 28 for teals, rails and gallinules. The remaining season dates for those species would be set at the August Commission Meeting. The bag limit would be 4, possession limit 8 and shooting hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. Next to be discussed were doves. There will be a calendar adjustment for dove season this year. When mentioning doves, Mr. Olinde defined that to include mourning doves, white-winged doves, Eurasian collared-doves and ringed-turtle doves. This is one of the 2 years out of 7 where the season would not be open during Labor Day weekend. Using zones again this year, the south zone dates would be September 6-14, October 18-November 30 and December 20-January 5. The north zone recommended dates would be September 6-21, October 11-November 9 and December 13-January 5. The dove harvest management strategy was accepted by the Fish and Wildlife Service so there will be a conservative, moderate or liberal package. Right now, Louisiana will have the moderate package which means there will be a 70 day dove season with 15 bird bag limit in aggregate and 30 in possession. Shooting hours will be 12 noon to sunset on the first day of the opening segment (September 6) and then the hours will be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset. For woodcock, the staff normally recommended December 18-January 31. The extended falconry season dates for mourning doves would be September 22-October 7; woodcock October 28-December 17 and February 1-11. Bag limits for falconry can not exceed 3 for any permitted game bird and possession limit would be 6. Hawking hours would be one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Following the presentation, Commissioner King asked if falconry required a special permit. Mr. Olinde answered yes, they are required to capture wild birds and train them which results in a testing procedure and housing requirements. Commissioner Samanie asked if there were any plans to add whistling ducks into the teal season. Mr. Helm stated there are 2 species of whistling ducks and both appear to be increasing in Louisiana. Some of the black-bellied whistling ducks, like the wood duck, uses nesting boxes on the WMAs. They appear to be most abundant in late summer and early fall which coincides with the September teal season. An informal request was made to the Fish and Wildlife Service trying to find out what it may take to implement a change in the September season and allow hunters to take a whistling duck. The Department did not have a lot of information that could be provided on the status of the birds. Staff will focus more on those species during surveys as well as banding the birds to get an idea on the distribution during the fall and winter. The initial response was not positive, but suggested concerns such as hunters misidentifying the wood ducks, mottled ducks and other ducks as well. Commissioner Samanie noted he was seeing lots of whistling ducks every afternoon in Terrebonne Parish. Hearing no further questions, Chairman Morrow asked Mr. Olinde to read the Therefore Be It Resolved portion of the Resolution. Commissioner Oats made a motion to accept the Resolution and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie. The motion passed with no opposition.

(The full text of the Resolution is made a part of the record.)

RESOLUTION

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

July 8, 2008

The following was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular Commission Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA, July 8, 2008.

WHEREAS, public hearings in Washington, DC have been held on early migratory bird season regulations that include dove, snipe, rail, gallinule, woodcock and teal, and

WHEREAS, the results of this meeting have been discussed with the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, and

WHEREAS, rules and regulations governing early migratory bird season frameworks have been developed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries staff has presented recommendations for migratory species that include season dates, bag limits, and shooting hours, and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to establish hunting seasons for these migratory species within constraints established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service framework, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that this Commission does hereby adopt the presented tentative season dates for migratory birds which are made part of this resolution, subject to the following stipulations:

- (1) The Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to take any and all steps necessary on behalf of the Commission to promulgate and effectuate these seasons as a Declaration of Emergency and preparation of reports and correspondence to other agencies of government; and
- (2) If significant changes occur as a result of changes in the framework established by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service or for other reasons, the Secretary is hereby authorized and delegated the authority to alter the attached seasons based upon the recommendations of Department staff, supported by biological and technical data.

Patrick C. Morrow, Chairman
Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

To receive and hear Status Report on the Fisheries Assistance Program was handled by Mr. Marty Bourgeois. He stated that the Department received \$41.3 million, authorized by Congress, to assist commercial and recreational fisheries. Those monies came from NOAA Fisheries through the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. No more than 5 percent or \$2 million of the money would be used for administrative purposes and to settle potential appeals. The total recreational allocation is about \$11.5 million and commercial allocation is \$27.7 million. The recreational allocation would be divided between freshwater and saltwater components as well as the charter boat fishery. A series of 8 public meetings were held involving every sector of the fishery looking for their input on how to utilize the funds. Most of the commercial fisheries responses were to put that money into direct assistance; however the recreational freshwater fisheries wanted their money to go towards development of new hatcheries for stocking purposes and the saltwater recreational fishermen wanted more fishing access and artificial reefs. The final plan shall consist of personal assistance payments to qualified commercial industry and charter boat members; TED/BRD compliance payments as mandated by Congress; and funding the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. Eligibility criteria was linked to the commercial trip ticket reporting system. Mr. Bourgeois then noted that the following license holders that

reported trip ticket sales or purchases between September 1, 2004 and August 31, 2005 qualified: a licensed resident commercial fisherman that reported sales of shrimp, oysters, crab or saltwater finfish; a licensed resident commercial fishing vessel which reported sales of shrimp, oyster, saltwater fish or menhaden; a licensed resident commercial fisherman that reported sales of freshwater finfish or wild caught crawfish and resided in any of the 26 hurricane impacted parishes; a licensed resident wholesale/retail seafood dealer that reported purchases of shrimp, oyster, crab or saltwater finfish, and those dealers that reported purchases of freshwater finfish and wild caught crawfish and resided in any of the 26 hurricane impacted parishes; and those resident charter fishing guides licensed from 2004 through August 2005. Next shown were pie charts of the breakdown for allocation among the commercial fisheries (shrimp, oyster, crab, Louisiana Seafood Board, etc.) and recreational fishery (saltwater, freshwater and charter boat fishery). Under the plan, staff felt it was important that any fisherman or dealer who reported trip ticket sales or purchases during the specified period receive some level of assistance. Any of the 634 dealers that reported purchases of seafood products would receive a base pay of \$100; any of the over 7,000 commercial fishermen that reported trip ticket sales would receive \$50; and any of the 4,600 vessel license holders would receive a \$50 base payment. A tiered approach based on the level of purchases was used in allocating \$1.2 million to wholesale/retail dealers. Those dealers with purchases valued at \$6700 or more would be classified as Tier 1 and would receive a payment of \$195; payments to Tier 2 would increase to \$718 if purchases were about \$25,000; and at Tier 3, payments would be \$5,737 if purchases were valued at about \$200,000 or more. For the shrimp fishery, almost \$6 million was allocated to the 2,777 shrimpers; \$5.1 million was allocated to shrimp vessel license holders; and any fishermen that reported trawled caught shrimp and was not in violation of a Turtle Excluder Device (TED) or By-Catch Reduction Device (BRD) regulation would share \$825,000. The same tiered approach based on the value of shrimp sales would be used in allocating \$6 million to shrimpers. Shrimp vessel license holders allocation would be tiered based upon the vessels reported sales of shrimp. The last slide shown was the allocation between the different fishing sectors. This included all of the menhaden fishery funds would go to vessel license holders; the oyster fishery and saltwater finfish funds would be split among the fishermen and the vessel license holders; the crab, freshwater finfish and wild-caught crawfish fishery allocation would go directly to those specific fishermen. Milestones to date included: entering into contractual services with South Central Planning and Development Commission for administrative assistance; entering into a contract with a CPA firm for assistance with payments; mailing 8,115 information packets and forms to commercial fishery participants on May 12; holding 10 public meetings in 6 coastal communities in late May and early June; and mailing 735 charter boat packets on June 6. As of July 1, about \$452,000 was approved for payments. The Louisiana Freshwater Recreational Fishing Task Force has provided input and upon its establishment, the Louisiana Saltwater Recreational Fishing Task Force would provide its input. A RFP for recreational fishing enhancement projects would be released in July. Mr. Bourgeois added that built into the plan were a series of controls especially for accountability and audit ability. If a dealer or fisherman was not in good standing with the State, there would be no payments or if an individual was in arrears with child support payments, then all or part of those funds would be transferred to the Department of Social Services. Following the presentation,

Commissioner Samanie complimented and thanked Mr. Bourgeois and staff for their extra effort in handling this program. Chairman Morrow echoed Commissioner Samanie's comment. Commissioner King expressed his thanks for staying after the "dead beat dads".

The Commissioners agreed to hold the **November 2008 Meeting** on Thursday, November 6, 2008, beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Baton Rouge Headquarters.

Next agenda item was to receive **Public Comments** and none were heard.

There being no further business, Commissioner King made a motion to **Adjourn** the meeting and it was seconded by Commissioner Samanie.

Robert J. Barham
Secretary

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