

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

Approved: 3/12/87

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BOARD MEETING

March 6, 1987

DALE VINET  
Chairman

Thibodaux, Louisiana

AGENDA

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THIBODAUX, LOUISIANA  
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MINUTES OF MEETING OF  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

March 6, 1987

Chairman Dale Vinet presiding:

Jack Cappel  
Don Hines  
Joe Palmisano  
Warren Pol

Mr. J. Burton Angelle was also present.

The minutes of the meeting of February 6, 1987 were approved with a motion from Dr. Cappel and seconded by Dr. Hines.

Bennie Fontenot presented a declaration of emergency for the extension of a special commercial fishing season in Lake Bruin which was unanimously approved with a motion from Dr. Hines and seconded by Dr. Cappel.

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

In accordance with the emergency provision of R.S. 49:953 (B), the Administrative Procedures Act, and under the authority of R.S. 56:22; the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby extends the special commercial fishing season of December, 1986 - February, 1987 in Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, Louisiana, to sunset, March 31, 1987. The same rules regulating the special season, as enacted by the Commission at its regular meeting held on December 5, 1986, in New Orleans, shall apply to the extension. An extension of the special season is required for further removal of rough fish from Lake Bruin. The extension was also requested by resolution of the Tensas Parish Police Jury who felt all fishermen would benefit from the extension of the season.

Bennie Fontenot also presented a resolution for National Fishing Week. This was approved with a motion from Mr. Palmisano and second by Mr. Pol.

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WHEREAS, every year more than 60 million Americans participate in sport fishing, providing enjoyment and relaxation for people of all ages, and

WHEREAS, sport fishing not only promotes respect for nature,  
but generates over \$25 billion in economic activity, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana is widely known as the Sportsman's Paradise  
and has some of the finest fishing in the United States,  
both fresh and saltwater, and

WHEREAS, Congress is currently considering resolutions authorizing  
President Reagan to proclaim the week of June 1-7, 1987, as  
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission that it go on record as publicly endorsing the  
proclamation of the week of June 1-7, 1987 as National  
Fishing Week, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Congressional delegation  
is urged to support the proclamation of the week of June 1-7,  
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be trans-  
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Gerald Adkins presented a rule to ratify regulations as  
pertaining to menhaden and herring-like species. Mr. Palmisano  
made a motion, seconded by Dr. Cappel and was approved.

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adopt the attached rules and regulations as pertaining to the  
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The term "menhaden and herring-like species" shall be those  
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The Commission further adopts a method to determine the market value of fish as 1) ascertaining a price per pound from at least three Louisiana fish buying establishments, or 2) ascertaining a price per pound from National Marine Fisheries Service Market News Reports, or 3) any other published source of information.

Johnnie Tarver gave a report on the extension of the trapping season for 1986-87.

The June meeting was scheduled for Thursday and Friday, June 4-5, 1987.

Corky Perret presented a resolution concerning Seaturtle/TED which was approved unanimously with a motion from Mr. Palmisano, and seconded by Dr. Hines.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission while expressing concern over the condition of seaturtle populations in the Gulf of Mexico does hereby oppose any mandatory regulations that require the use of TEDs (turtle excluder devices) in trawls used in Louisiana waters or by Louisiana fishermen fishing in federal waters, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby urge and request the National Marine Fisheries Service and the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to continue to conduct research on seaturtles in the Gulf of Mexico and investigate other methods of bolstering seaturtle populations such as the head start program that is currently being conducted at the National Marine Fisheries Service Galveston Laboratory, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to members of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, the Secretary of the United States Department of Commerce, the Secretary of the United States Department of the Interior, and the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Ray Montet gave the Enforcement Report at Thursday's meeting.

Corky Perret gave the Survey Report at Thursday's meeting for the period of February 2-27, 1987. During this period 119 surveys were scheduled, 58 surveys were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor. Lease rental collected was \$25,672.11, survey fees collected was \$1,595.75, eight applications were filed and 6 new leases were issued.

RESOLUTION

Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission

The following resolution was adopted by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at its regular meeting held in Thibodaux, Louisiana, March 6, 1987.

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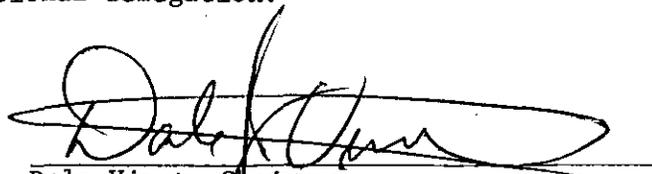
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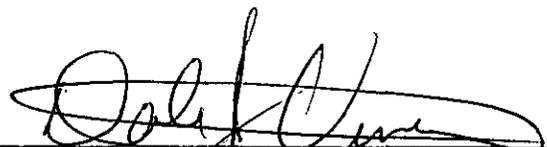
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J. BURTON ANGELLE, SR.  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES  
DISTRICT VIII  
400 ROYAL ST.  
NEW ORLEANS, LA 70130

EDWIN W. EDWARDS  
GOVERNOR

February 27, 1987

COASTAL & MARINE RESOURCES

SURVEY SECTION  
03 - 43  
ACTIVITY REPORT

FEBRUARY 2, 1987 thru FEBRUARY 27, 1987

During this period field activity consisted of:

- 119 - Surveys that were scheduled.
- 58 - Surveys that were unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.

Surveys that were completed consisted of:

- 23 - Leases that were tied into the monument control system.
- 5 - Applications for new area.
- 7 - 15 year limitations.
- 26 - Restake applications.

Total field activity:

<u>1985</u>	<u>1986</u>	<u>1987</u>	
236	181	238	- Surveys scheduled.
72	105	109	- Surveys performed.
156	75	129	- Surveys unable to be done due to bad weather or fishermen unable to meet surveyor.
1	0	0	- Survey where fishermen refused to survey.
0	0	0	- Disputes settled.
7	0	0	- No shows.
0	1	0	- Applications cancelled by request.

Office activity during this period:

- \$25,672.11 - Lease rental collected.
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- 8 - Applications filed.
- 6 - New leases issued.



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4. National Fishing Week Discussion *Fountain*
5. Menhaden & Herring-like Species - Ratification of Rules *Adkins*
6. Waste of Fish & Related Matters - Ratification of Rules *Adkins*
7. Extend the Trapping Season for 1986-87 *Tarver*
8. Set June Meeting Date - *Apr June 4+5, 1987*

9. OTHER BUSINESS

(A) Resolution - Corby T.E.D.'s Kemp's Turtle  
(A) Corby - Catfish from *Catawba* - 2 meetings  
Got in touch with Covington Group  
About Meeting

New Executive Director Seabird Mt. Board

Don Duboc  
Publicity Chair

Holiday in Covington

St. Tammany Sports League

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Mandeville, La 70448

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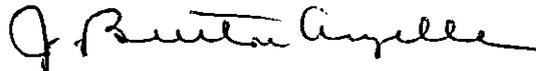
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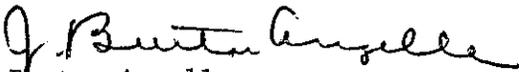
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DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
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# State of Louisiana



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GOVERNOR

February 23, 1987

## M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Joe L. Herring, Corky Perret and Division Chiefs  
FROM: Paula Callais  
SUBJECT: Commission Meeting Agenda - March 5-6, 1987

Please let me know if your division has anything for the Agenda of the Commission Meeting to be held in Thibodaux.

Thanks!

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Dale Vinet, Chairman, Louisiana Wildlife  
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TO

Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries

P.O. Box 15570

Baton Rouge, La. 70895

ATTN: Paula

FROM

HOLIDAY INN

400 East First St.

THIBODAUX, LA. 70301

Phone (504) 446-0561

SUBJECT: Meeting room for March 5+6

DATE: 1-5-87

FOLO ↑ Here is the information that you requested. Our Pavilion Room rents for \$150.00 per day plus tax. This room will seat up to 200 in a theater style arrangement. We can serve coffee at \$8.00 per gallon plus tax and gratuity.

If you need sleeping rooms, we do have a government rate and we will be glad to send you that information. Thank you for your inquiry

PLEASE REPLY TO →

SIGNED

Zachary Miller

REPLY Meeting at 2:00 PM on Thursday - 50 people No coffee

Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on Thursday - 100 + people - No coffee

Meeting at 10:00 AM on Friday March 6th - 1 gallon of coffee

Attached is sleeping room list.

DATE: 1/9/87

SIGNED

Paula S. Collins

ITEM #F270 © WHEELER GROUP INC.

THIS COPY FOR PERSON ADDRESSED



Ms. Paula B. Callais  
Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries  
P.O. Box 15570  
Baton Rouge, La. 70895

1-13-87

Dear Ms. Callais,

Thank you very much for the booking. We really appreciate it and we look forward to serving you.

We have reserved our Pavilion Ballroom for your use on Thursday, March 5 and Friday, March 6, 1987. Also, we have enclosed a confirmation for the sleeping rooms. We will give all of your people "King Leisure" rooms for the government rate of \$37.00 per room plus tax.

If you need any further information or any special arrangements, please let us know. Again, thank you.

Sincerely,  
Zachary Miller  
Restaurant Manager