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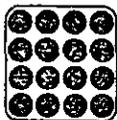
Tuesday, February 28, 1978

10:00 o'clock a.m.

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Vice Chairman,
Presiding.

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. . . The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission convened, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, February 28, 1978, in Room 102, Wildlife and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Donald F. Wille, Vice Chairman, presiding. . . .

PRESENT WERE:

DONALD F. WILLE, Vice Chairman

MARC DUPUY, JR., Member

J. C. GILBERT, Member

JEAN LAPEYRE, Member

HARVEY CLAY LUTTRELL, Member

CHARLES A. RIGGS, Member

RICHARD YANCEY, Assistant Secretary.

A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of January 27, 1978. (5)

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Renewal of permit for Kitchen and Ostarly, (5)

Inc. to remove fill material from Mississippi River at Mile 108 AHP at



Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

3. Request from South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission for permit to dredge for fill material in North Pass, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana. (7)
4. Request from Atlas Construction Co., Inc. for renewal of permit to remove sand, gravel or fill materials from the Mississippi River at Mile 18 AHP, vicinity of Fort Jackson, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. (9)
5. Request from Atlas Construction Co., Inc. for renewal of permit to remove sand, gravel or fill materials from the Mississippi River at Mile 50 AHP to Mile 51 AHP, vicinity of Woodland, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. (10)

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER

6. Discuss extension of oyster season in Calcasieu Lake in west cove only. (12)
7. Discuss opening special white shrimp season. (14)

MR. RICHARD YANCEY

8. Ratify pheasant-turkey trade between Texas and Louisiana. (23)



MR. JOE HERRING

- 9. Seismic operations on Boeuf Wildlife Management Area. (29)

OTHER BUSINESS

- 10. Set date for March meeting. (32)
- 11. Annual Shrimp Association Meeting, March 1-3, (32)
New Orleans, Louisiana;
- Wildlife Federation Meeting, March 3-5, (32)
Alexandria, Louisiana;
- Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council, (32)
March 7-9, New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTE: The following items not on the printed agenda were also considered:

- Possible rate increase, fill material, etc. (11)
to be considered at March meeting.
- Special Commission meeting to set brown (20)
shrimp season - May 1 and 2.
- Dates for public hearing (seasons and bag (33)
limits), Lake Charles, May 18-20.
- Public hearing (seasons and bag limits) (34)
Bossier City, May 22.
- Mississippi Flyway Council meeting, March 18. (35)
- Date of April Commission meeting. (36)
- Mineral Committee appointment, C. A. Riggs. (36)



VICE CHAIRMAN DONALD F. WILLE: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. This will be the formal meeting of the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission on February 28, 1978. I see all the faces I know in the audience, so I don't think anybody needs an introduction.

The first thing on the agenda would be to approve the minutes of the January 27 meeting. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

Dr. St. Amant.

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission, I have four items. The first one is request for renewal of an existing permit by Kitchen and Ostarly, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile



108 AHP. This permit has been in effect for a number of years. It has been no problem and it has not caused any environmental effects. I would recommend that it be renewed for a period of one year at five cents a yard.

MR. LAPEYRE: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion on the floor by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

None. So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby grant permission to KITCHEN & OSTARLY, INC., to renew their permit to remove fill material from the Mississippi River from Mile



107 AHP to Mile 108 AHP, at Harahan, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from March 25, 1978 to March 25, 1979, at a royalty rate of five cents per cubic yard. -

DR. ST. AMANT: The second item is a request by the South Tangipahoa Parish Port Commission for a permit to dredge for fill material in North Pass, Tangipahoa Parish. Now this Port Commission has been in effect for a number of years, perhaps 10 or 15 years. It has been doing work off and on. It has an area in there that is already ring-leveed which they are working in and it has been partially filled. They have an environmental impact statement which has been prepared and while they did have some environmental problems with respect to filling the wetlands outside of this ring levee, apparently they have given up this idea. Now they propose to fill within the ring levee, which they have already been working in, and they are asking for a permit to dredge in North Pass. I would recommend that this permit be granted for a period of one year at five cents

per yard, and if the work is completed before one year that it be terminated.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

None. So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby grant permission to the SOUTH TANGIPAHOA PARISH PORT COMMISSION to dredge fill material in North Pass, Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from February 28, 1978, to February 28, 1979, at five cents per cubic yard royalty.



DR. ST. AMANT: The third item is a request by Atlas Construction Company for renewal of a permit to remove fill material and sand from the Mississippi River at Mile 18 AHP. This permit has been in effect for a number of years and has operated satisfactorily. I would recommend we renew it at five cents for one year.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I will move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby grant permission to the ATLAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY INC.



to remove sand, gravel and fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 18 AHP, vicinity of Fort Jackson, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from February 28, 1978 to February 28, 1979.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final one is a second request by Atlas Construction for renewal of a permit to remove fill and sand from the Mississippi River at Mile 50 and 51 AHP. This permit has been operating satisfactorily and I would recommend it be extended for one year at five cents.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, do I have a motion?

MR. LAPEYRE: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.



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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does hereby grant permission to the ATLAS CONSTRUCTION COMPANY, INC. to renew their permit to remove sand, gravel and/or fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 50 AHP to Mile 51 AHP, in the vicinity of Woodland, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from February 28, 1978 to February 28, 1979.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Chairman, for the past 30 to 60 days we have been looking at the possibility of increasing the rates on fill material, sand, gravel and so forth, and I would like to ask that it be placed on the agenda for the next meeting. Dr. St. Amant is going to do some continued research and give us in writing the results of what he finds and possibly the next meeting we will be able to give a suggested change.



THE CHAIRMAN: Fine. Do you want to put that in the form of a motion?

MR. GILBERT: If it is needed.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't think it is necessary. Pie, just make sure it gets on the agenda, please.

O. K., that's fine, Doc. Thank you very much. Harry Schafer.

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER: Mr. Chairman, as you know, the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake is in force now and it will continue until March 31. They are harvesting pretty well out of the lake there. So far we have harvested somewhere around 30,000 sacks and they are bringing about \$9 a sack. They are not fishing too much in the western cove, which has a bunch of oysters but they are in clusters and they are a little hard to harvest.

We think that these oysters should be harvested and therefore I would recommend that you extend the season just in the west cove in Calcasieu Lake. The rest of the season will close as of the 31st of March and the west cove area I would recommend be open through sunset, April 30,



so that these oysters can be harvested, prevent some mortality, and the use of these oysters, and it would do the reefs in the west cove a lot of good to have this fished, and the only way we are going to get them to fish in there is to just close everything else and let this part open.

MR. RIGGS: Mr. Chairman, I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, R. S. 56, Section 433 gives the authority to the Commission to open and close oyster seasons, and

WHEREAS, the Commission at the October 25, 1977, meeting set the



oyster season in Calcasieu to run from November 21, 1977 through March 31, 1978, and

WHEREAS, there is still a good supply of oysters on the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission extend the oyster season in Calcasieu Lake on the west side of the Calcasieu Ship Channel known as West Cove until sunset, April 30, 1978.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission gives the Secretary the authority to extend or close this season for biological or enforcement reasons.

MR. SCHAFER: The next item on the agenda is the possibility of a white shrimp season. As you know, usually early in the year, some time in April or early May, there is a fairly good number of white shrimp that show up every once in a while. In 1976 we did have this special



four-day season which was pretty successful economically and we found no adverse effects of this special shrimp season.

It is too early to predict what is out there now but our biologists will be checking, and what we would like to recommend is that you give the Secretary the authority to open a special season if the shrimp do show up in numbers that would be sufficient to justify a season.

MR. LAPEYRE: Harry, can we give a framework at the present time if we approve this within which the season would be open? Is it possible to give a framework?

MR. SCHAFER: Well, the shrimp do not always show up at the same time. It can be different under the environmental conditions so it would be difficult, but if you want to say April 5 to April 25, if they show up within that area, that would be fine.

MR. LAPEYRE: Would it have to fall in the month of April?

MR. SCHAFER: Usually it is in the month of April.



MR. LAPEYRE: I think it would be useful to announce that that is what the framework would be in order to give people who would be interested in taking advantage of it as much advance notice of the intention of the Commission to open it if the data indicates that is possible. As far as I know, April is about the only month in which it could occur.

MR. DUPUY: Harry, how much advance notice would you need to cut it off before the brown shrimp season?

MR. LAPEYRE: It only runs for four or five days.

MR. SCHAFER: It runs less than a week.

MR. LAPEYRE: It is only a very brief time and there is no possibility that it would conflict with the opening of the brown shrimp season, but if you could give people a framework at this time, say, they will be prepared and they will know well in advance.

THE CHAIRMAN: Can we give them any kind of framework?

MR. SCHAFER: You could use the month of



April without any difficulty. In '76, that was the only one we had; we had recommended one in '75 but because of the time element we could not get it through. In '76 we had one, which began on April 27 and ran for four days.

MR. LAPEYRE: You don't think there is any possibility that would occur in March, do you?

MR. SCHAFER: I wouldn't think so.

MR. LAPEYRE: I would recommend that we establish a framework being the month of April within which the Secretary, based upon the data that is developed, will open it or not open it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you push the mike over there, Mr. Gilbert, and make that in the form of a motion, please, Jean.

MR. LAPEYRE: I move that we adopt a resolution stating that within the framework of the month of April a four-day season will be considered on white shrimp, based upon the data collected at the time.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Lapeyre. Do I have a second?

MR. DUPUY: I will second that.



THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Dupuy seconds the motion. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. DUPUY: Is four days enough, Harry?

MR. SCHAFER: Yes, usually in four days they can harvest those white shrimp. They are usually in an area where they can be harvested within a short period of time, and you don't want them in there too long because of the brown shrimp.

MR. DUPUY: In the event of bad weather, it doesn't make any difference? It just wipes out the whole season?

MR. SCHAFER: Then we just wouldn't have the season.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mother Nature is not to be fooled!

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

WHEREAS, biologists of the



Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, during the past several years, have found that there were harvestable amounts of white shrimp in certain portions of the Louisiana coastal nursery areas, and

WHEREAS, the four-day white shrimp season set by the Commission beginning Tuesday, April 27, 1976, proved to be economically successful, and

WHEREAS, the biologists for the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission have not uncovered any adverse effects of that special season,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby give the Secretary the authority to set a short special white shrimp season during the month of April prior to the opening of the brown shrimp season if and when



white shrimp are found in the nursery areas in sufficient numbers to justify a season.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have anything else, Harry?

MR. SCHAFER: If you want to take up the possibility of setting a special Commission meeting to set the shrimp season, the brown shrimp season.

THE CHAIRMAN: What is your recommendation on that, Harry?

MR. SCHAFER: In the past we have been struggling to get enough information; April is our best month to collect and make a decision on, and we would like to have a little bit more time this year to at least give it a try to use the whole month of April to gather this data that we present to you in order to set the season. I would recommend that possibly we have a public hearing on May 1 and then you set the season on May 2.

THE CHAIRMAN: What day is that on?

MR. SCHAFER: That is a Monday and a



Tuesday, and we can probably rent a regular room out there at one of the airport hotels to keep it out of the traffic and all and get the people to be able to get there.

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., do I have a motion?

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Chairman, let me ask Harry one thing. Is it possible, Harry, that that could be done at our regular meeting or not, because it looks like we are going to have four or five other days during the month of May. Would it be possible to work it in conjunction with some other meeting?

MR. SCHAFER: It is possible to back it up. Your regular meeting would be scheduled for the 24th and 25th, and we would then have to have our hearing on the 24th. What we were trying to do was get that extra week of data. You are getting into a crucial area, a crucial time, as you go into the latter part of April in collecting this data. If you don't want to go into the month of May, I might suggest that you go ahead and have it on the 27th and 28th, Thursday and Friday, and that would at least give us three more days in



April.

THE CHAIRMAN: In May, too, Sonny, you know we have got the 18th, 19th and 20th at Lake Charles, and that is our regular meeting, and you could never mix that. That is a public hearing. Why don't somebody make a motion for May 1 and 2, if they want to?

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. In favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. GILBERT: Will that be in New Orleans, Harry?

MR. SCHAFER: Right, it will be at the Hilton, I think.

THE CHAIRMAN: That is where they usually have it.

MR. SCHAFER: If we can get a room there, it will be at the Hilton; if not, we will get one



in that area.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. Dick.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, in the past 10 or 12 years the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has succeeded in establishing huntable populations of pheasant in two regions of South Texas, one in the vicinity of Winnie, which is about halfway between Beaumont and Houston, and the other population in the area west of Houston, around Bay City.

These birds were introduced, they got them mainly from California, and they introduced them into the rice fields there and they have done extremely well. They have developed high populations and they have been hunting those birds now for, this will be the second season. Of course, here in Louisiana we have a lot of habitat down in southwest Louisiana that is similar to where they succeeded in establishing these pheasant populations. During the past month we have met with the representatives of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. We have gone down and looked at their rice field areas where these birds have been



established, and we worked out an agreement whereby we would trade them 20 wild-trapped, Eastern wild turkey from Louisiana, for 100 of these wild-trapped pheasant from south Texas.

We propose to make two 50-bird releases over in the rice field regions of southwest Louisiana with those Texas birds. Tommy Prickett, the Commission's upland game biologist, has made aerial and ground surveys over in southwest Louisiana and he has selected two locations where he feels that these birds will make it. There is a combination of rice fields, fallow fields and permanent ground cover on the canal levees in an area south of Gaudin and one in the vicinity of Lake Arthur.

The landowners in the area south of Gaudin have already signed agreements whereby they will let us trap pheasant off their lands for a period of 12 years in return for us stocking those lands with these birds. There is about a 5,000-acre tract involved there and the agreements have been signed and we feel and see no reason why the birds shouldn't make it since they have made it over in Texas in similar areas.



Texas wants these eastern wild turkeys to stock in east Texas because they do not have a source of eastern wild birds, which are the only turkeys that would probably make it in east Texas. Of course, they have many thousands of Rio Grande turkeys in central and west Texas, but those birds won't make it in east Texas, and they are interested in obtaining some eastern wild turkeys from Louisiana to stock in east Texas to develop a huntable population of those birds.

Potentially we think that the trade will benefit the sportsmen and the hunters and the wildlife programs in both states. What we would like to suggest at this time is that the Commission ratify the action taken in working out this trade. We had to move fast on it because they were initiating a trapping program on these pheasant starting yesterday. They were trapping yesterday and today. They were using a helicopter to catch those birds or trying to catch them. We don't know what success they had yesterday yet, but they can hardly bait-trap those birds. They have to use a helicopter to catch them.



THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, did you mention the ratio? I know you did yesterday.

MR. YANCEY: Five pheasant for one turkey.

THE CHAIRMAN: Five to one, right.

MR. DUPUY: Dick, do you anticipate that we may ultimately build up a population that you would be able to put pheasants on some of the wildlife management areas? You know, it won't do us much good to build up a population only on private clubs or privately owned lands, even though a few of the birds do get off that land and go on to other.

MR. YANCEY: What we are going to try to do is build up two populations of these birds on these two locations, rice field locations in southwest Louisiana, and then the landowners have given us 12 years of trapping rights out of these populations. Then if they do build up and are successful, then we will be able to take pheasant out of both of those locations for a period of 12 years to transplant to other areas in the state, wherever suitable habitat conditions may exist.

This is exactly the same system we used



in transplanting turkey throughout Louisiana. A lot of those birds were put on private lands. Wherever we put them on private lands, we have always had the landowner sign these trapping rights agreements.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, don't you think the Monroe area would be a good area, too?

MR. YANCEY: Well, there are some rice field regions up in the Lake Providence area and just east of Monroe. That has potential up there. But right now what we are trying to select the areas where we feel we will have the greatest chance of success.

MR. DUPUY: I wish you would give some thought to the soybean fields in central Louisiana, Avoyelles Parish, Spring Bayou area and so forth.

MR. YANCEY: There is a scattering of soybean fields over in southwest Louisiana, as you all know. Some of the rice country was converted to soybeans when the rice price dropped.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is Gaudin pretty close to where you live?

MR. YANCEY: Where I live? No, sir, I



live north of here. That is west of here.

(Laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., Dick, you need a motion to ratify that.

MR. DUPUY: I will move that we ratify that.

MR. GILBERT: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Gilbert. All in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

O. K., so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has been successful in establishing two major populations of pheasant in the rice-growing regions of the state, and

WHEREAS, surveys have been made which reveal that these birds should



also be able to establish themselves in the rice-growing regions of Southwest Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Texas is desirous of obtaining eastern wild turkey from Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, arrangements for a trade of 20 wild trapped eastern turkey for 100 wild trapped Texas pheasant has been made,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action taken in arranging a trade of 20 turkey from Louisiana for 100 pheasant from Texas.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Joseph Herring.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. We only have one item and that is a request from Exxon Company for a seismic operation permit across the lower part of Boeuf Wildlife Management Area. Just to show you on the map, it is this little tip that comes down from Caldwell, adjoining Catahoula



Parish there. They wish to cross that part there and shoot ten holes, which we have no objection to. We have checked it out with our field personnel and we have no objection to them shooting the ten holes provided they pay the \$100 per hole which is usually charged across our wildlife management areas.

We will also hold them responsible for any road damages that they should do in the area or any damage to wells of any type, whether it is water, oil or otherwise, and also any timber damages that are caused in the area. They will be held responsible for all of those things.

I would recommend to the Commission that we do grant Exxon Company this permit to cross the lower part of Boeuf Wildlife Management Area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen?

MR. LAPEYRE: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?



(No response)

So ordered.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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

WHEREAS, Exxon Company, U.S.A. has requested a seismic permit to cross the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Boeuf Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this crossing is described as T 11 N, R 5 E, Sections 11, 12, 13 and 14, for the purpose of shooting ten holes, and

WHEREAS, our District IV personnel have checked this request on the ground and have no objections,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this request be granted provided that Exxon Company, U.S.A.: (1) Pay

to the Department of Wildlife and

per hole; (2) Exxon

Company be responsible for all road damages, pay for or repair same; (3) Exxon Company be responsible for all well damages; and (4) Exxon Company pay to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for all timber damages.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a couple of announcements here under Other Business. Set the date for the March meeting; we had talked about the 27th and 28th. However, we found out there might be a conflict there with the turkey season and so by consensus of opinion of the Commission members we are going to set it the 20th and 21st of March. Is there anybody who has any discussion on that? (No response) O. K.

We want to remind the members of the Commission that we have the annual Shrimp Association meeting March 1 through 3 in New Orleans, Louisiana, and the Wildlife Federation meeting March 3 through 5 in Alexandria, Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Management Council March 7 through 9 in New Orleans, Louisiana, so



that anyone who wishes to attend any of these meetings that are going to be held, I don't know if we have to make a motion on that or what, but anyone who wishes to attend, anyway, can attend.

MR. LAPEYRE: They are nicely arranged so that you can go to all of them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes, Jean, I think that if you just want to take a month off and attend meetings, I believe you could do it.

We also have some information here for May. A public hearing which will be held in Lake Charles this year at the Chateau Charles is set on the 18th, 19th and 20th of May. There has been a proposal by Mr. Gilbert and I would like him to put it in the form of a motion. Do we have to make a motion on this meeting? It has already been through Commission action, has it not?

O. K., now Mr. Gilbert would like to make an amendment to this in a motion.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Chairman, it has been presented to me from several different people and different sportsmen's groups that rather than having one meeting in North Louisiana one year and the



following year in South Louisiana, to set the seasons and bag limits, that we have one meeting in each of the areas of the state, so with that in mind that it would be easier for the sportsmen of this state to attend the meetings to set the dates and the bag limits, if we would have one in North Louisiana and one in South Louisiana, I move that we have a meeting in North Louisiana in Bossier City on Monday night, May 22. That then would give the North Louisiana people an opportunity to make their views and wishes known as well as the South Louisiana people at the meeting in Lake Charles.

I put that in the form of a motion at this time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second?

MR. LUTTRELL: Second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell.

All in favor?

MR. LAPEYRE: Does the staff have any comments on that?

THE CHAIRMAN: We have already discussed it with the staff. I notice Joe is over there smiling!



MR. HERRING: One more meeting doesn't make any difference.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right. You have only got 35 meetings between now and then, Joe, so what is the difference?

MR. HERRING: 35 in one month!

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, yes, we have the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting, too. March 18, so let's don't forget that.

O. K., we have a motion and a second.
All in favor?

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. DUPUY: When is the Mississippi Flyway Council meeting? 18 March?

MR. YANCEY: March 18, a Saturday.

MR. DUPUY: And where is it?

MR. YANCEY: March 18 in Phoenix, Arizona.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, what about the members of the Commission that have to work for a living? Do you have a date for the April meeting?



THE CHAIRMAN: Didn't we set that already?
We have set so many meeting dates today.

MRS. PENDLEY: April 24 and 25.

MR. DUPUY: Here in New Orleans. That means I have to migrate again.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody in the audience wish to be heard? Nobody? Allan, you don't even want to say anything?

MR. ENSMINGER: Yes, I want to set another meeting!

The Mineral Board is considering our state wildlife tract on March 8, which is a week from Friday, and the Mineral Committee people might want to attend.

THE CHAIRMAN: Who is on there? I know Marc is on there but Jerry Jones was on there and I need to appoint somebody else to that committee.

MR. DUPUY: That is Rockefeller or State Wildlife?

MR. ENSMINGER: State Wildlife.

THE CHAIRMAN: Who is on there? If Jerry was on there, we need to make a replacement.

MR. LUTTRELL: I have it right here.



Doyle Berry, Jerry Jones and Marc.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I am going to appoint Charlie Riggs to that committee. Do you have any objection to that, Charlie?

MR. RIGGS: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: He is the newest member of our Commission. For those of you who don't know it, we are going to give him a little bit of help here and appoint him to a committee.

Gentlemen, if there is no other business before the Commission, we are adjourned. Do I have a motion?

MR. RIGGS: I move we adjourn.

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

(Whereupon, at 10:45 o'clock
a.m. the meeting was adjourned.)

Kathryn G. Chamberlin,
Reporter.

