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BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 15, 1976

10:00 o'clock a.m.

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The regular monthly Board Meeting of Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Tuesday, June 15, 1976, at the Wild Life and Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Doyle G. Berry, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

DOYLE G. BERRY, Chairman

HARVEY CLAY LUTTRELL, Vice Chairman

JEAN LAPEYRE, Member

JIMMIE THOMPSON, Member

DONALD F. WILLE, Member

J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director

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A G E N D A

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

1. Request from Mississippi River Materials, (6)
Inc. to dredge sand from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Mile 71.0 between Mile 70.26 and Mile 51.57, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.



2. Request from Central States Dredging Company (8)
to dredge sand and gravel from the
following locations on the Mississippi
River.

- (1) Left bank opposite Morganza Revet from
River Mile 273 to River Mile 280.
- (2) Along both sides of middle bar known as
St. Maurice Towhead from River Mile
270.3 to River Mile 273.1.
- (3) Along both sides of middle bar known as
Fancy Point Towhead from River Mile
256.2 to River Mile 258.6.
- (4) Along left bank opposite Red Stone Ldg.
Revet from River Mile 266 to River
Mile 269.5.

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER.

3. Closing Bayou Judge Perez to butterfly (10)
netting and trawling.

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER

4. Consideration of Pennzoil location on Rocke- (12)
feller Refuge State Lease No. 2340.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY

5. Gift of Harney Bogan Camp at Sunk Lake to (14)



Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission.

- 6. Consider resolution of Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission proposing to limit waterfowl hunting on Black, Saline and Clear Lakes to morning hours only. (18)
- 7. Consider including Sunk Lake in Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. (21)

MR. KENNETH SMITH

- 8. Acceptance of work on the Lake Bistineau channel markers. (23)
- 9. Consideration of request of the Larto Lake Game and Fish Commission to raise water level in Larto Lake. (29)
- 10. Consideration of lowering Anacoco Lake. (31)
- 11. Discuss the proposed cooperative agreement between the Soil Conservation Service and Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on three watersheds in District V. (34)

MR. TED O'NEIL

- 12. Setting of the 1976-77 Trapping Season. (37)

MR. JOE HERRING



13. Lease renewal on Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. (39)
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15. Right-of-way agreement on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. (45)
16. Right-of-way agreement, Ouachita Parish Police Jury on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. (48)
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18. Discussion of bids on Loggy Bayou Green Tree Reservoir. (54)
19. A grant to the U. S. Corps of Engineers for excavation on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (58)
20. Permit for canal construction on Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. (66)
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- 21 Discussion of boating regulations on Lake Pontchartrain. (71)
22. Report on legislation.
Dr. St. Amant re gill netting. (72)



22. Report on legislation (continued).

Mr. Yancey re other legislation.

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23. Set date for July Commission meeting.

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

Discussion re Toledo Bend channel and boat roads markers.

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Announcement of meeting of Mississippi Southern Flyway Commission.

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Comments re article on contract purchasing by Commission.

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Adjournment.

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CHAIRMAN DOYLE G. BERRY: Good morning. Ladies and gentlemen, we are glad to have you here with us this morning, and members of the press. We have a rather long agenda today and I am going to push it along just as fast as I can to get us out of here before noon.

Let's see. We have Mr. Wille present this morning, Mr. Luttrell, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Lapeyre. Absent, Jerry Jones and Marc Dupuy.

Dr. St. Amant.

DR. LYLE S. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have two items under permit requests this morning.

First, we have a request by Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to dredge for sand from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Mile 71 and at Mile 51 in Plaquemines Parish. We have examined this request and it meets the requirements set forth by the Commission. It will not have any effect on the ecology of the area. We recommend that the permit be granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.



MR. JEAN LAPEYRE: I so move.

MR. DONALD F. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Lapeyre, seconded by Mr. Wille. All in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to remove fill material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Mile 71.0 AHP between Mile 70.26 and Mile 51.57 AHP, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from June 15, 1976 to June 15, 1977 at a royalty rate of five cents per



cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second item is a request from Central States Dredging Company to dredge for sand and gravel from several locations in the Mississippi River. They want to dredge at the Morganza Revetment, River Mile 273 to 280; along the middle bar at St. Maurice Towhead, 270 to 273; at the Fancy Point Towhead, 256-258; and along the left bank opposite Red Stone Landing Revetment, Mile 269.

This company has had permits with us and all they are doing is asking to operate in different areas. We would recommend that a permit be granted at these sites requested.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. HARVEY C. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)



Hearing none, so ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries
Commission does hereby grant permission
to Central States Dredging Company to
dredge sand and gravel from the Mis-
sissippi River in the following
locations:

- (1) Left bank opposite Morganza
Revet from River Mile 273 to
River Mile 280.
- (2) Along both sides of middle bar
known as St. Maurice Towhead
from River Mile 270.3 to
River Mile 273.1.
- (3) Along both sides of middle bar
known as Fancy Point Towhead
from River Mile 256.2 to River
Mile 258.6.
- (4) Along left bank opposite Red



Stone Landing Revet from River
Mile 266 to River Mile 269.5,
for a period of one year from June 15,
1976 to June 15, 1977, at the rate of
five cents per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman, in the
absence of Mr. Schafer, I will handle Item 3.

There is a request by a group to close
Bayou Judge Perez, which enters Lake Judge Perez,
to butterfly netting and trawling. After examina-
tion it was determined that about one mile of this
bayou is heavily inhabited with camps and people,
that the operation of boats in the area is a
hazardous situation, and that it would be in the
best interests of all concerned to close this
area to butterfly netting.

However, we recommend that in closing
this area to netting from boats that any butterfly
nets associated with docks in the vicinity will
also be closed, and they will have to be removed
from the premises.

The area would also be posted in some
way with a sign indicating that that length of the



canal for approximately one mile would be closed to netting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LAPEYRE: I so move with the understanding that all butterfly netting be removed.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Lapeyre has made the motion, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that under the authority of the laws of the State of Louisiana and the powers vested in this Commission, the waters of Bayou Judge Perez from its entrance into Lake Judge Perez to Devil's Bayou,



a distance of approximately one (1) mile, located in the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana, are hereby closed to butterfly nets and trawls until further notice.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ensminger.

FROM THE FLOOR: We thank you, gentlemen.

THE CHAIRMAN: You are very welcome.

Come back and see us; don't wait until something special comes up. Go out and say something good about us.

FROM THE FLOOR: We will do just that!

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, we have received a request from Pennzoil Producing Company to extend one of their canal systems on Rockefeller Refuge on State Lease 2340.

This particular location is located within Deep Lake. It is an extension of about 1,050 feet of access canal that will be dredged in the lake itself. This will not create any additional problems to the Refuge, and I would recommend that this be granted to Pennzoil



Producing Company.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

All in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Pennzoil Producing Company to excavate an access canal on State Lease 2340 to service their proposed No. 17 location, and

WHEREAS, this marine



access site will be located within the water portion of Deep Lake on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, and

WHEREAS, this work can be conducted without environmental disturbance,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant to Pennzoil Producing Company permission to install a marine access channel within Deep Lake to service State Lease 2340, Well No. 17, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to this matter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, about three weeks ago the Commission completed the acquisition of the 6,400-acre Sunk Lake tract up in Concordia Parish and on that property is a camp owned by Mr. Harney



Bogan of Shreveport. He said that he has enjoyed the use of this camp for many years to hunt and fish in that area and he wants to donate it to the Commission to be used by the Commission as a headquarters and patrol camp in the future operation of that area.

At his expense he had the camp appraised and it appraised for \$13,800. There is about 1,200 feet of floor space in the camp. It is complete with furniture and appliances. He has also got a couple of boats and what-have-you that he wants to make a part of this donation.

We would like to recommend at this time that you adopt two resolutions, one accepting this gift as a donation, with a resolution to be prepared by Mr. Duffy, and another resolution that would express the appreciation of the Commission to Mr. Bogan for making this donation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation by Mr. Yancey.

MR. THOMPSON: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Thompson,



seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor let it be known by saying aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, on May 18, 1976, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased from Charles G. Lee, Sr. and others, a tract of land located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, to be incorporated within Three Rivers Game Management Area; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Harney S. Bogan desire to donate to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission their camp, together with all of the appliances, furnishings, all related out buildings and equipment located on the tract of land



recently acquired by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission which said improvements have been described on Exhibit A attached and appraised at the sum of \$13,800.00; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission deems it to the best interest of the said Commission to accept the donation of Mr. and Mrs. Harney S. Bogan, of their campsite, improvements, appliances and furnishings, equipment and related out buildings located on the tract of land recently acquired by the Commission,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission formally accept the act of donation presented by Mr. and Mrs. Harney S. Bogan to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission of their campsite, the appliances, furnishings, and all related out buildings and equipment and that J. Burton



Angelle, Director, be and he is authorized, empowered and directed to act for and on behalf of and in the name of this Commission to accept the said donation hereinabove described and to sign any and all necessary deeds and documents and to incorporate and to include in said documents any and all stipulations, conditions and provisions as he, in his sole discretion, deems to be to the best interest of the Commission.

MR. YANCEY: The Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission exercises statutory jurisdiction over Black, Saline and Clear Lakes and the prairie up near Natchitoches, Louisiana, and they have adopted a resolution that would limit the hunting of waterfowl to morning hours only during the forthcoming season.

However, according to the law, these regulations cannot go into effect unless they are acted upon by this Commission. They have submitted this resolution to this board, requesting that you go ahead and adopt a resolution that would limit



hunting of waterfowl to morning hours only on those lakes that are actually under this jurisdiction. We would recommend that we go along with their request.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission met on May 4, 1976 and adopted a resolution that no duck hunting be allowed after 12:00 Noon of the 1976-77 waterfowl season on the lakes under the Commission's jurisdiction, and

WHEREAS, the statutes under



which the Northwest Commission was established will require that regulations adopted by the Northwest Commission must be approved by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission before they could be considered to be in effect,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve of the resolution of the Northwest Louisiana Fish and Game Preserve Commission limiting duck hunting during the 1976-77 season to morning hours only and that all duck hunting must cease at 12:00 Noon on every day of the waterfowl season, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the primary enforcement responsibility rests with the Northwest Fish and Game Preserve Commission, with assistance being rendered by wildlife agents of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries



Commission as deemed necessary to enforce this regulation.

MR. YANCEY: As mentioned earlier, the Sunk Lake tract was acquired about three weeks ago, and we would like to propose at this time that the Commission adopt a resolution which would make this 6,400-acre area a part of the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area.

Now here (exhibiting map) is a quadrangle of the land in question. The red area is the Sunk Lake tract. The green area is the existing Commission-owned Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area. The two properties join for a distance of about four miles east and west from Red River.

For purposes of future administration we would suggest that the Commission make this a part of the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, with the understanding that this particular tract, the Sunk Lake tract, would not be opened to public use until January 1, 1977, or at least it would remain closed for the remainder of this calendar year to public use, because at the time we purchased it, as we all know, there was an outstanding



hunting and fishing lease in effect that will remain valid for the rest of this calendar year.

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, on June 15, 1976, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission purchased 6,400 acres of land in lower Concordia Parish, known as the Sunk Lake tract, and

WHEREAS, this property borders the existing Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, along its northern boundary, for a distance of approximately four miles,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

that this tract which includes Sunk Lake be made a part of the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area for future operational purposes, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Sunk Lake tract not be opened for public use until January 1, 1976, since the land was purchased subject to an outstanding hunting and fishing lease which will not expire until December 31, 1976.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Gentlemen of the Commission, I have as the first item here a notice from the Louisiana Department of Public Works that the contractor has completed his work up on Lake Bistineau to provide channel markers, and they recommend that this contract be accepted by the Commission, which will be necessary in order for them to put the final payment in line, so I would recommend acceptance of this contract. The markers are in place and they appear to be satis-



factory.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has certified as complete the installation of the Lake Bistineau Channel Markers by Cassard and Cummins of Shreveport, Contract No. 6860, and

WHEREAS, district personnel working with the contractor also state the work is acceptable,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



that the work done by Cassard and Cummins of Shreveport, Contractor under Contract No. 6860, is hereby accepted.

MR. THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, what happened to our request to mark the channel and the boat roads of Toledo Bend about six or seven or eight months ago? Anything?

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know.

MR. SMITH: I don't know of anything.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you restate that question? Mark the channels of -- ?

MR. THOMPSON: Some months ago I made a motion which this board unanimously passed that the channels and boat roads on Toledo Bend be marked, buoys or whatever, with a directive to do it. I have heard nothing about it since.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Director, who did you turn it over to?

MR. THOMPSON: He doesn't remember it.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Mr. Jimmie, I don't remember. It might have been one of the meetings when I might have been absent and it was not



brought to my attention. However, I would be glad to research the records and then take it from there.

MR. THOMPSON: It was a budget deal and all that. Do you remember it, Dick?

MR. YANCEY: I remember the discussion. One of the things we run into with matters of this sort is money.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, I knew that!

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, we can't worry about the small things!

MR. YANCEY: It does get to be a problem when you start ordering materials and supplies and all that. We don't have anything in the budget for that.

MR. THOMPSON: Well, at the time I made the statement that there are already many deaths on Toledo Bend and as time passes there are going to be more and more because all of the oxidation of the trees is right at the water level and as the water has receded for the past year, the oxidation has been even at a lower stage, which means the trees are going to break off at that point,



meaning that they will be under water and there will be no way for the boater to see them. Not counting the untold thousands of dollars, or maybe I should say millions, of repairs to boats and equipment. This is very much needed from a safety standpoint, from many standpoints.

THE CHAIRMAN: Burt, do you think you can find funds somewhere to start this with? Do you think you can go to the Division of Administration and tell them this is a hazard and we would probably save some lives if we did something, talk to Mr. Roemer about it?

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I will bring it to the attention of the legislature.

MR. THOMPSON: I think it has to go through the legislature and the budget committee, et cetera.

MR. SMITH: One thing I might mention, gentlemen, this is under the administration, though, of the Sabine River Authority, the lake is, and with the Director's permission I could go ahead and contact the people I know. I know Mr. Morgan, who is the Louisiana representative on that thing,



pretty well, and ask him what the status is, or if the Sabine River Authority has the funds to do this.

THE CHAIRMAN: As Chairman I will authorize you to go do that now and get it done before the next meeting, because Mr. Thompson is going to jump us again.

MR. SMITH: I will ask them about it and I will provide you with an answer.

MR. WILLE: Kenneth, is there any possibility of getting federal help on that?

MR. SMITH: I don't know that we could legally do it without permission from the Authority. This is what I will have to check on.

MR. WILLE: But I mean, isn't there a possibility of getting federal funds?

MR. SMITH: Oh, there is a possibility, yes, but like I say, maybe they have plans. I think we ought to contact them to see what their thinking is on it, you know, before we make any plans.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Kenneth, for further clarification and the benefit of the press, I think



it is important that we bring out the fact that we have no authority on Toledo Bend Lake. This is within the line River Authority and anything to be done on Toledo Bend Lake along those lines has to gain the permission of the Authority.

SMITH: Yes, sir, this is what I am saying.

THOMPSON: Let me uncover his tracks. I am well aware of that fact and I am also well aware of the fact that the Toledo Bend Authority, so they say, have no money for such a project. Therefore they will need our help, and I am certain they will welcome our help towards this project.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Angelle, it falls back in your lap to go to the legislature to get some money.

MR. THOMPSON: You have got it, Burt!

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: I have committed myself to that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Kenneth, can we move on to Item 9, I believe it is.

MR. SMITH: O. K. This request is from



the Larto Lake Game and Fish Commission, which was established in recent years to administer the Larto Lake, and they are requesting that we provide our approval to the raising of the lake one foot.

The present level is set at 36 feet, and they propose to raise it one foot. We have looked into this from the fish and game standpoint, and we see no problems involved with this increased water level. In fact, it will probably help the waterfowl hunting in that area.

I would recommend that the Commission go along with the Larto Lake Commission and approve this request.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Thompson.

All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so ordered.

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



WHEREAS, the Lake Larto State Game and Fish Commission has voted to increase the water level on Larto Lake from 36.0 feet MSL to 37.0 feet MSL, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has reviewed this request and has determined there would be no damage to fish or game populations resulting from this increase,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby approves the increase of the water level in Larto Lake from 36 to 37 feet.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, let's go to No. 10.

MR. SMITH: All right. The Highway Department is proposing to improve the road shoulder and the road bed on Highway 8, which runs north and west of Leesville across the upper end of Anacoco Lake. In order to do this, they will need to lower the lake two feet. Now, our only



concern on a situation like this would usually be that it not interfere with the spawning season, which is already pretty well past as far as the fish in that area are concerned.

So, we would see no problem in lowering this lake the two feet that they are requesting, and so notify these people that the Commission has no objection. They are saying it probably would not take over a month to do this, and actually the time is not critical, because even if it took two or three months it wouldn't be any problem at this time of the year.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Kenneth, that request comes from the Anacoco Game and Fish Commission and not from the Highway Department?

MR. SMITH: Yes, it comes from them.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: And they are relying on this Commission to give some expert advice if they should or should not lower it at this time, and I believe your recommendation is that it would not hurt the spawning season.

MR. SMITH: That's right.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: That the spawning



season is now over with.

MR. SMITH: That's right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille and seconded by Mr. Thompson. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, a request has been made by the Anacoco Prairie Game and Fish Commission that personnel of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission provide information on the effects a two-foot drawdown below pool stage on Anacoco Lake would have on fish populations, the purpose of the proposed drawdown being to improve



Highway 8, and.

WHEREAS, it has been determined by biologists of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that detrimental effects would be minimal since the game fish spawning peak has occurred on the lake,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission recommend to the Anacoco Prairie Game and Fish Commission that damage, if any, would be minimal if the lake is drawn down two feet.

MR. SMITH: The last item concerns a proposal that the Soil Conservation Service has made. You know, in recent years we have had quite a to-do about some of the watershed works that SCS has done. They are attempting to determine water quality in certain proposed watershed areas before a project is initiated in order to evaluate the effects of this project on water quality after it is completed. We think this is a commendable approach.



Now, they say they have their personnel tied up in other projects, and they are asking us for help in three watersheds in District V in Southwest Louisiana. They propose to finance the whole operation, which will involve students. We told them we could not use our regular personnel to do this. They are agreeable to pay the entire cost if we would supervise the students to be sure they obtain proper data. We would not prepare any reports. We would simply forward this data to the SCS, and then we would sit in on the preparation of the final environmental impact statement on what it would have.

I believe the Commission would come out ahead with this arrangement, and I would propose that and recommend that you authorize the Director to enter into this agreement with these people.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

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)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the State Conserva-
tionist, Soil Conservation Service,
United States Department of Agriculture,
has requested that personnel of the
Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Com-
mission assist in developing a water
quality criteria in the Bayou Queue
de Tortue, Bell City and Bayou Mallet
watersheds, and

WHEREAS, the data developed
in the proposed project would assist
the Soil Conservation Service in eval-
uating pre- and post-watershed develop-
ment water quality, and

WHEREAS, the Soil Conservation
Service will refund the Louisiana Wild



Life and Fisheries Commission for all expenditures incurred by the Commission,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission hereby grants to the Director of this Commission permission to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Soil Conservation Service on the above project.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Smith.
Mr. O'Neil.

MR. TED O'NEIL: Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Commission, I have contacted most of our trapping and fur trade people and they think that things are going so well in the fur business -- in fact, our take was over \$13 million this year, and the fur has all been sold, none is in the hands of the dealers or buyers. This, of course, is right close to our all-time high, and it has been that way for the last few years. We have been over \$10 million and our all-time high in the fur business was \$15 million back when we were supposed to be such a great muskrat state. Of course, most of



this is due to the nutria.

So, I would recommend that we stay right where we are on the seasons. That will be December 1 to February 28. We did have a few people who would like to shorten the season a little bit in North Louisiana, and rightly so. I would just like to write them and tell them they are right, but for the overall picture we should stay where we are. For the coastal and upland, we should stay about where we are until otherwise happens.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation of Mr. O'Neil. What is your pleasure.

MR. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so ordered.

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



BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby set the trapping season for nutria, beaver, mink, muskrat, otter, raccoon, opossum, skunk, bobcat and fox for the 1976-77 season from December 1, 1976 through February 28, 1977.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if additional time is required to prevent the overpopulation of nutria and muskrat in some areas, recommendations for an extended season be presented to the Commission's January, 1977, Board Meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Herring. Thank you, Mr. O'Neil.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Hope our hunting season will be that easy when you are ready for that.

The first item we have on the agenda is a lease renewal from Olinkraft Industries on a lease renewal for approximately 1,000 acres of



land which is in our Bodcau Wildlife Management Area. This lease is for a ten-year period, free of charge to the Commission. I would like to recommend that we accept it, and also I would just like to call to this Commission's attention that Olinkraft has been very cooperative with the Commission and the sportsmen of our state in leasing their land for wildlife management area purposes. Even our Union Parish Wildlife Management Area consists mostly of Olinkraft land, so I would like just to recognize them on this, and I recommend we accept this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so ordered.

(The full text of the resolution is here made



a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received from Olinkraft, Inc. lease renewal forms for approximately 1,000 acres of land lying within the boundaries of our Bodcau Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, these lease forms are for a period of ten years and are given to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission free of charge for wildlife management and public hunting and fishing purposes, and

WHEREAS, this land is described as that part of the East $\frac{3}{4}$ (less the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{4}$) of Section 4 lying south of a parish road; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and N $\frac{1}{2}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 3; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ and North $\frac{3}{4}$ of NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 9, all being in Township 20 North, Range 11 West, now



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission accept this land for wildlife management purposes and also commend Olinkraft for their very cooperative efforts in the past to the sportsmen of our State in making lands available for public hunting, and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission express their appreciation to Olinkraft for their cooperative attitude in wildlife management throughout the State.

MR. HERRING: The next item, Mr. Chairman, we have received a request from Mr. Richard A. Peneguy, Secretary of the Edward Wisner Donation Advisory Committee, asking the release of approximately 809 acres of land in our Wisner Wildlife Management Area. The reason for this is that this land will go into the Loop pipeline and they will have possibly some brine pipelines and other things going through this portion of the Wildlife Management Area, and this land lies in Sections 25 and



35 of Township 21 South, Range 22 East, in Lafourche Parish.

They do have the right to request these releases in land under the lease agreement, so I would recommend to the Commission that we honor Mr. Peneguy's request.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell.

MR. LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Hearing no opposition, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Mr. Richard A. Peneguy, Secretary, Edward Wisner



Donation Advisory Committee, requesting approximately 809 acres of land in the Wisner Wildlife Management Area for release, and

WHEREAS, the reason that they are requesting that this land be deleted is due to their involvement with the creation of an offshore oil port south of Fourchon in lower Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, as a result of this activity, it now appears that oil and brine pipelines will necessarily run through portion of the Wisner Foundation properties leased to the Commission which lie in Section 25 and 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, Lafourche Parish, and

WHEREAS, they have this right in our lease agreement,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission release to Mr. Richard



A. Peneguy portions of the Wisner Foundation properties leased to the Commission which lie in Sections 25 and 35, Township 21 South, Range 22 East, Lafourche Parish, for pipeline development purposes.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, sometime back we granted the Ouachita Parish Police Jury a permit for the purpose of cleaning out and digging a canal along the Illinois Central and Gulf Railroad, at the edge of their right-of-way, rather, right on our land, for the purpose of draining some land west of there and also along the railroad itself.

There was a little technicality when we granted this. We presented it, possibly I did, in saying Ouachita Parish, but it did extend over into Richland Parish, which is a little strip of land Richland Parish owns west of the Lafourche Canal. This was done when they straightened out Lafourche Canal. So, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury at that time could not go without their permission. They have worked it out with Richland



Parish. In fact, Richland Parish is considering giving this part of the parish over to Ouachita Parish, since it all belongs to Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

I would recommend to the Commission at this time that we go ahead and grant them the right to complete this drainage ditch, as it is holding water in there and also, being shallow like it is right now, it is even causing us some beaver problems on that property. I would recommend that we grant it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell.

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille.

All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Unanimous. So ordered.

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



WHEREAS, sometime back the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission granted the Ouachita Parish Police Jury a permit for the purpose of draining some property west of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, in doing this they were granted a permit to dig a drainage ditch north of the Illinois Central and Gulf Railroad right-of-way which would be on the edge of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission property, and

WHEREAS, in digging this ditch the Ouachita Parish Police Jury could not continue as the permit read for them for part of the land was in Richland Parish, thus, holding water in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Ouachita Parish Police Jury has now worked out an agreement with Richland Parish



to continue the work and the water will drain into the Lafourche Drainage Canal, and

WHEREAS, the drainage ditch will be in the N 1/2 of Sections 2 and 3, Township 17 North, Range 5 East, and

WHEREAS, other improvements that the Police Jury will be doing in digging this ditch will be repairing the headwalls on our existing bridge and repairing undermined area caused by the last two floods in this area,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission grant this permit to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to continue digging the drainage ditch into Richland Parish.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next one, we have worked with the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in some little drainage canals we have on there, and we have one that is running alongside of a road on the western part. They have

agreed to rework this for us as it will help us in keeping the road right there from overflowing if we get this ditch reworked. It will also help in our access for the public to get in, which will be the people in that parish as well as people from over the state.

This right-of-way or this drainage ditch is in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and also in digging this out for drainage they will also gravel our road in there for us, the Police Jury will do that.

I recommend to the Commission at this time that we do grant the Ouachita Parish Police Jury the authority to do this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Being unanimous, so



ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Ouachita Parish Police Jury for permission to rework an existing drainage ditch in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, on our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, reworking of this ditch will be beneficial to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in assisting to get water off of the roads in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Police Jury will also install a culvert across this ditch plus graveling the existing road, bringing it up to grade, and

WHEREAS, this work will consist of approximately one mile



of drainage work and the ditch will have a five-foot bottom width,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission permit the Ouachita Parish Police Jury to clean out the existing drainage ditch in Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 4 East, on our Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have on the agenda is the U. S. Corps of Engineers will be doing some excavation work on our Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area along the Mississippi River. This will be in Sections 37, 38, 39, 40, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, Township 1 North, Range 8 East.

What they will be doing is digging borrow pits in there and they will do away with all the timber or anything else that is in this in doing their work. So, to salvage what timber is in there and get what money we could out of it, we asked the Division of Administration to go out



on bid to sell the existing timber there. The State Division of Administration did go out on bid and we received our bids back. John L. Vaccaro, Box 362, Lettsworth, Louisiana, was the high bidder in the amount of \$657.36.

I would recommend to the Commission that we go ahead and accept this bid so that we can salvage what timber we can in there before the Corps of Engineers excavate this land.

THE CHAIRMAN: Joe, for the benefit of the press and others present, we did go into this yesterday, and the Commission members thought \$650 was awful cheap for that amount of acreage, but after digging into it, we found out it was mostly borrow pits and stuff had been pushed over into them before, and really there is very, very little timber involved on this property. Therefore it has been recommended that we go along with this sale.

Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. THOMPSON: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.



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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing no opposition, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the United States
Corps of Engineers will be doing work
on the Three Rivers Wildlife Management
Area, Concordia Parish, along the Mis-
sissippi River in Sections 37, 38, 39,
40, 46, 47, 48, 59, 50, Township 1 North,
Range 8 East, and

WHEREAS, in this work they
will destroy all timber in these
sections, and

WHEREAS, to salvage this timber
prior to their work the Louisiana Wild
Life and Fisheries Commission requested
the Division of Administration to accept



bids for the sale of the existing timber, and

WHEREAS, bids were received by the Division of Administration, and the high bidder was John L. Vaccaro, Box 362, Lettsworth, Louisiana, in the amount of \$657.36,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission accept this bid by John L. Vaccaro in the amount of \$657.36 to salvage timber on the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area for sale purposes.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have on the agenda pertains to the construction of a greentree reservoir on our Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

The purpose of constructing this greentree reservoir is to provide waterfowl hunting opportunity on this state-owned land. As you know, this has been one of our wildlife management areas in our land acquisition program, where we



purchase, and it is open to the public for hunting and fishing purposes.

We asked the Louisiana Department of Public Works to prepare bids and specifications and go out to bid on the construction of this greentree reservoir. They did and they have now received the bids. The bids are as follows:

- (1) L. J. Earnest, Inc., Minden, Louisiana, in the amount of \$73,643.20;
- (2) Souter & Carder, Little Rock, Arkansas, \$91,678.00; and
- (3) Gresham Co., Inc., Shreveport, Louisiana, \$92,889.30.

The Department of Public Works has advised us that the L. J. Earnest, Inc., bid is good and they advised us to go ahead and accept it. I would like to state that the estimate on this work that the Department of Public Works, in drawing up plans and specification, was \$70,206, so this is fairly close to what the low bid actually was.

I would recommend to the Commission that



we accept this.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is proposing to construct a greentree reservoir on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of increasing waterfowl hunting opportunity on this state-owned area, and

WHEREAS, this construction would create a reservoir of approximately 350



acres, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has prepared plans and specifications for the above and has received bids for the proposed structure from L. J. Earnest, Inc., \$73,643.20; Souter & Carder, \$91,678.00; Gresham Company, Inc., \$92,889.30; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has advised that the L. J. Earnest bid is a good bid and further advise that we accept it, and

WHEREAS, the Department of Public Works estimate was \$70,206.00, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has \$90,000 set up for this project,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries accept this bid by L. J. Earnest, Inc., in the amount of



\$73,643.20 for constructing a greentree reservoir on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have is the drainage problems we have on our Saline Wildlife Management Area.

When the Corps of Engineers was building the Catahoula Larto Jonesville Loop Levee along Highway 28, they blocked off a part of Muddy Bayou and also a part of Camp Bayou where it couldn't drain out of the area. In doing this it has impounded some forty or fifty acres of water in the Muddy Bayou area and probably some fifteen or twenty in the Camp Bayou, which is killing the timber here.

We have met with the Corps of Engineers and they have agreed to improve the drainage south of there so that this water can be taken off, and also construct a water control structure there so that during the winter months we can hold water on the area for duck hunting or for ducks to stay and then in the spring of the year we can let the water off so it will not kill the timber.



Now, in working with them they plan to use explosives on this because it would be the cheapest, most economical and probably fastest and most feasible way to do it without doing any damage to the wildlife habitat in that particular area.

However, they have asked, in doing this, that we furnish the construction easement of 50 feet wide along the bank of the ditch on Muddy Bayou and also on Camp Bayou to the Corps of Engineers and also that we would assume maintenance responsibilities of the ditch after the construction. They will go ahead and do it but we will have to maintain it, if there is any maintenance after that.

Also, for these explosives that will be used, we will have to provide an explosive storage area. That is, just let them put their storage areas on our land there in the vicinity of the headquarters site on Saline. However, they will assume or accept any liability concerning this storage area during this time, and that we will hold and save the Corps of Engineers free from damages as a result of the construction while they



are on the area.

We need this and I would recommend to the Commission that we go ahead and grant this to the Corps of Engineers to assist us in getting this water off of these two areas so we can save our timber and improve the area.

MR. LUTTRELL: Joe, there is something to be considered in that the use of explosives to ditch the land might damage the wells of people who own permanent camps. Now we have a large number of people who own land in that area. I know one person who had 40 acres when we bought the area.

Now, if these explosives should cause those wells to sand up and they should lose them, who is going to pay for it? The Wild Life and Fisheries or the Corps of Engineers?

MR. HERRING: The Corps of Engineers will, since they are doing the work; they are going to have to assume the responsibility while they are doing this work, Mr. Luttrell.

In here, the map that we have, on our land it is better than a mile and a quarter to our



boundaries, so there wouldn't be any camps within a mile and a quarter, and this is all that is being filled, land to the east here (indicating on map), so it is probably two or three miles to the nearest camp in there where there would be any other water facility. In fact, our own water facilities at headquarters would be the closest to this.

They would be responsible for anything during the construction.

MR. LUTTRELL: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: I understood yesterday in our discussion, Joe, that they want us to hold them harmless while they are doing that work.

MR. HERRING: That is for them, though, I mean their employees and what-have-you.

THE CHAIRMAN: I would want to clarify the hold-harmless clause. If there are some wells that might be messed up, if you have got a hold-harmless clause, somebody comes back on the Corps, they can say, oh, you agreed to hold us harmless.

Mr. Duffy, do you want to look at that? And whoever makes the motion, I would like to inject into the motion if in fact there are some



damages done, that this Commission and the State of Louisiana are not held liable but the good old federal government, Corps of Engineers, will be liable for their own mess-up.

Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. LAPEYRE: I will move it on that condition.

MR. HERRING: We will put that in, Mr. Chairman. I have made a note of that and this will be brought in.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Lapeyre.

MR. LUTTRELL: I will second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell.
All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

Hearing none, so ordered.

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

WHEREAS, a segment of the



Catahoula Larto Jonesville Loop Levee has resulted in a closure being installed on Muddy Bayou at Louisiana Highway 28 on the Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, drainage patterns as a result of this closure have been interrupted and have pooled water in Muddy Bayou and the surrounding area at a level of 42.5 msl., and

WHEREAS, this permanent pool level has resulted in approximately 40 to 50 acres of timber being flooded and approximately 400 yards of our livestock fence being flooded, and

WHEREAS, a similar problem also exists in Camp Bayou and has resulted from the closure of Camp Bayou at Highway 28, and

WHEREAS, this has resulted in water being impounded in Camp Bayou and at times covering the Camp Bayou Road, and



WHEREAS, after several meetings with the Corps of Engineers personnel, the Corps has agreed to enlarge about one and one-half miles of channel between Muddy Bayou and a Corps of Engineers constructed ditch, and about one-half mile of Camp Bayou, and

WHEREAS, it was agreed that construction procedures least damaging to the habitat in the area should be used and that excavation by use of explosives will be the least damaging means for increasing channel capacity, and

WHEREAS, the work will be performed by the Waterways Experiment Station personnel assigned to the Explosive Excavation Division of the Vicksburg District, and

WHEREAS, this excavation work is scheduled for July, and

WHEREAS, in order for the Corps to accomplish this the following



stipulations need to be agreed to by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission:

- (1) Furnish a construction easement 50 feet wide along the length of the ditch from Muddy Bayou to the Corps of Engineers channel approximately one and one-half miles in length.
- (2) Assume maintenance responsibility of the ditch after construction.
- (3) Provide an explosive storage area in the vicinity of the headquarters site on Saline. With reference to this the Corps of Engineers will accept liability concerning storage area.
- (4) Hold and save the Corps of Engineers free from damage on Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission property as a result of construction; and

WHEREAS, the Corps will request the above officially by letter,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fish-
eries Commission authorize the Director
to issue the above assurances in order
that the work may be accomplished
during the month of July.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The next item we have, Mr. Coy Rogers,
who is a landowner adjacent to our Three Rivers
Wildlife Management Area, has asked for permission
to go across some of our land with a small drain-
age canal to help alleviate drainage problems on
his property.

I would like to explain that this prob-
lem he has did evolve from silt deposits in there
from the flood of 1973 and higher waters which
kept his land from draining out there. He is
presently attempt to correct this problem by con-
structing a canal on the perimeter of his property
but it needs to cross over about 500 feet of our
property to get the water off of his property there.

The canal would be approximately 500
feet long and it would intersect an existing ditch



that is already there.

I would like to recommend to the Commission that we grant this, since it will not go across any timbered land. It involves only cleared land and there is no wetlands of ours involved on it, so we feel there would be very little, if any, damage to fish and wildlife habitat on this construction.

So, what we would recommend is a 50-foot construction permit for a distance of 500 feet, construction be limited to dry periods to minimize siltation and turbidity, the work be accomplished in such a manner so as not to prohibit any lateral drainage that would come into this area, and also a metal culvert be furnished on the boundary line of the Wildlife Management Area where the canal crosses the boundary.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation.

MR. WILLE: I will move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille.

MR. LAPEYRE: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Lapeyre.



Any discussion on this? All in favor say aye.

MR. WILLE: You might mention in there, Joe, that that will also help our management area as far as drainage is concerned.

MR. HERRING: Right. This will also benefit us as well. I think Mr. Thompson had had something to say earlier about it and it looks like he has something to say now.

THE CHAIRMAN: Jimmie?

MR. THOMPSON: No. You have taken the vote and you have had a yes vote?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, sir.

MR. THOMPSON: Take your vote.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have got a motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

MR. THOMPSON: I would like to be recorded as abstaining.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thompson abstains from the vote. I think he does that because there could be a conflict of interest, he feels, not that he is against it. The vote carrying, so ordered.



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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Mr. Coy Rogers, a land owner adjacent to the Three Rivers Wildlife Management Area, for permission to construct a canal across Commission-owned land to alleviate drainage problems on his property, and

WHEREAS, this situation has evolved from silt deposits blocking drains adjacent to the Old River Outflow Channel during previous high waters, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers is presently attempting to correct this problem by constructing a canal on the perimeter of his property, but needs to cross Commission land in order to reach a suitable outlet, and

WHEREAS, this can be



accomplished by excavating an existing drain on the Commission's property, and

WHEREAS, the canal would cross the Commission property for approximately 500 feet and intersect an existing ditch and have a bottom width of approximately six feet with ten feet top and be approximately 1.5 to 2.5 feet deep, and

WHEREAS, this project involves cleared land and no wetlands, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission feels that very little, if any, damage to fish or wildlife habitat will result from this construction, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission recommends that this request be granted as follows:

- (1) A 50-foot construction permit for a distance of approximately 500 feet be granted;
- (2) Construction be limited to dry periods to minimize siltation



- and turbidity;
- (3) Work be accomplished in such a manner so as not to prohibit lateral drainage;
- (4) A metal culvert be furnished on boundary line of the wildlife management area where canal crosses said boundary;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission grant this request to Mr. Coy Rogers to construct a canal across Commission-owned land to alleviate drainage problems on his property.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Joe.

Under "Other Business" we have "Discussion of boating regulations on Lake Pontchartrain" and Mr. Yancey I believe is working with the Levee Board on that, and when they get some regulations that they would like for us to look at and approve, they will be presented to this Board I believe at the next meeting and probably will



be approved at that time. Is that right, Dick?

MR. YANCEY: Yes, sir.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. St. Amant, on the gill netting legislation, do you have anything to say?

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, what we would like to do, I guess, is bring you up to date on the gill netting bills and procedures that are now going on in the legislature.

If you will recall, last year there was a considerable number of bills which were placed into the legislature in an attempt to control gill netting and in most instances the gill net was outlawed in the state. There are certain areas that are still open to netting by trammel nets or seines and in areas which are closed to gill netting.

Prior to the legislature, we met with the Chairman of the Natural Resources Committee. We discussed the various data that we had on hand. It was the same information that we were able to develop last year with the exception of a small

amount of data that we have begun to gather with the studies that we are making.

We were asked to prepare information for the committee and we now almost have this information ready. Now what we have done thus far is to prepare maps that indicate those areas of the state which are now closed to gill netting and to commercial fishing and those areas now open to commercial fishing. We have estimated the percentage of the water area or fishing area in both categories. We were asked to present three or four options.

One, a geographical way to separate these two fishing interests, which is in part already done by closure of certain parts of the state. Two, if not geographical, they asked for recommendations concerning a way to separate the two interests on the basis of seasons. We are doing this now in some areas where the netting is prohibited during the summer months when we have a maximum amount of recreational fishing. Two other options that they would like to look at would be perhaps commercial fishing restricted to certain



days of the week and recreational fishing allowed mainly on weekends and holidays, in order to separate them. And a fourth way, of course, is the way that we are now attempting to carry it out in Calcasieu Lake, where commercial fishing is restricted to night and recreational fishing is basically daytime, but it is allowed at any time.

We also made a survey of the net licenses by actual door-to-door questionnaire procedure where we actually went and talked to some 900 to 1,000 individual fishermen. We are preparing this information. It shows some rather interesting facts. One, our procedure for issuing licenses does not clearly define salt from fresh water, nor does it clearly separate what might be considered gill netting from other types of netting.

Furthermore, it does not easily separate the professional commercial fisherman from people who just like to have nets for the purposes of catching fish for their private use or catching them for their camp or even to sell. Now, what we discovered visiting these 900-odd people was



that I think we have -- what? -- 59 bona fide professional commercial people in the state that make their living and more than 60 percent of their income from commercial fishing. These 59 people catch most of the fish that go to the market and are sold.

We have some 3-400 people that fish in the coastal area with monofilament netting of some type. The bulk of these fall into two curious categories. One of them is actually, I guess, a sportsman type. He is a camp-owner or someone who wants a net and he purchases a license for the net, puts it out and uses it periodically to catch fish for his home consumption or for sale. It is in this area we seem to have considerable trouble with people that think they want a net and they leave them out and not attend them, and the bona fide commercial fisherman gets the blame for this.

There is another type fisherman that is in quite large numbers, and these are gar fishermen. We have a peculiar thing there because the garfish is in fact an outlaw type fish. They can fish it anytime they want unless the area is closed



to netting, and they are using a monofilament net that has a very large mesh. These nets are quite extensively used.

There is some confusion in the public mind as to really what is out there. They see nets of one type or another and apparently think they are all gill nets and they are all being used to catch redfish and trout. The best of our information indicates that this is not true.

Another thing we found was that even though we have a small number of fishermen out there in the commercial professional area, they do catch most of the fish. A handful of them by their own admission catch about 1.5 million pounds of redfish and speckled trout, or nearly two million, which is approximately the amount that is reported by the national marine fisheries. So, we find that the bona fide fisherman is producing the fish that is going into the market.

We do find, however, that statistics do not necessarily show what is the case, because there are only two or three fish buyers, and they are reporting the landings. When we got down and



looked at it, the catch was made in areas away from, in some instances, away from where the statistics indicated. Most of the fish is sold in lower Bayou Lafourche and Lafourche Parish and Terrebonne to two or three buyers, but when the season is closed in one area, the fishermen move to somewhere else to fish and they just bring the fish back to that buyer because that is the man they generally contract with and is the principal source of their sales.

We have this information for the legislature. We propose to suggest to the legislature the various alternatives that they asked for and show them what it would do in percentagewise of water being used by the two interest groups. We propose to discuss with them the difficulties or the various ranges of difficulties of enforcement of the types of alternatives that might occur. That is, if you are going to open at night or day or certain days of the week or certain seasons.

Obviously, the easiest enforcement occurs when you close fishing to an area for a long period of time or permanently. That is, either



permanently or several months, and then it is a little easier to enforce than if you try to do it on a day-to-day basis.

We do recommend to the legislature that if they expect to prohibit gill netting in an area that they please close it to all types of netting, that is, all types of seines and trammel nets. There is plenty of evidence that in the areas where gill nets are prohibited, there are no licenses sold to gill netters, the licenses are the same licenses but they are using these nets as gill nets. They are perfectly legal under the law because they are moving the nets, as the law is presently written. This makes an enforcement problem that is just horrendous and we keep being blamed for something that the people are actually doing legally.

So, we suggest or would like to suggest that if it is the wisdom of the legislature or if it is necessary to allocate the fishery in this state between recreational and commercial fishermen, that those areas that are prohibited to commercial fishing be totally prohibited except for shrimp trawling and menhaden fishing.



Those are the recommendations that I would propose that we recommend to the legislature. I think we should also tell the legislature that we still have no evidence and the best statistics from all the states that we have been able to develop, including the people we brought here at the request of the legislature, the scientists from all of the Gulf states came in, and it becomes quite apparent that there is absolutely no evidence and no one even considers that the fish stocks are endangered. There is just not that much fishing pressure that we can determine.

Now, there may be areas where the competition is pretty stiff and where there are conflicts of interest, but there is absolutely no evidence as far as we can determine that fish populations are being depleted. Moreover, we think that if there was a slowdown in fishing success in the last year or two, it was more likely associated with environmental conditions which also control the shrimp production and other types of fish on the Coast. We feel like now, with a return to a more normal environmental setup, that we can



expect better finfishing in both the species under consideration.

Those are generally the position and the information we have developed. It is the position that I think we should present to the legislature and I would hope that the Commission would endorse this position.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dr. St. Amant, there is one thing I would like to make a comment on what you just said, for the benefit of those here and the press and also if you would take this to Baton Rouge with you, as I perhaps won't get up there.

I have no objections to sport fishermen. I happen to be one of them. But it appears to me that because the sport fishermen have the votes that they are going to eventually close this whole Gulf Coast to commercial fishing. They have already taken out the best parts of it now. I think, as I have said in the past, that when a man's pleasure starts interfering with a man's livelihood, there is something wrong and there ought to be some adjustments made.

Secondly, there are a number of people,



particularly old people, who are on diets, who are required to eat fish if they eat any kind of meat at all. They can't eat beef. They depend upon these markets where they can buy these redfish and speckled trout to get their food and meat supplements.

I think that when the legislature closes this thing, those folks are going to have a hard time getting any fish at all, and if they do get it, it will be at a higher price. I just think if the legislature looks at this thing with both eyes instead of a jaundiced eye and looking toward the votes of sports fishermen, they would do what I think is right about it and leave the thing open. As Dr. St. Amant said a while ago, apparently the fish population has not been disturbed by both groups fishing them. Apparently it is jealousy on somebody's part or shortsightedness on somebody's part, wanting to close these areas.

I just think it is wrong. But again, I guess under this democratic form of government which we have got, which is mob rule, it doesn't necessarily mean it is a responsible act; it is



just the vote of the majority, and I just think it is wrong.

Does anybody else want to comment on it?

MR. LAPEYRE: I basically agree with the Chairman that we have a responsibility to manage these resources for both commercial and sports interests, and the only basis on which it seems to me one or the other group should be legislated out of their right to operate would be on the basis that there was sound evidence that their operations were hurting the resource itself. So, I agree fundamentally with the Chairman's statement.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other comments?

MR. WILLE: The only other comment I have got is the revenue that would be lost through closing this area for commercial fishing, the loss of revenue to the state. I think I agree basically with what you said.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is going to put a lot of people out of business, fishing, because that's the only vocation they know, and drive people from making an honest living either to welfare or starvation or plundering and stealing, and I just think



it is bad.

Gentlemen, you have heard Dr. St. Amant's recommendation. Could I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I move we accept the recommendation.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion. Do I have a second?

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille. All in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed? Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: I would like to abstain.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Thompson would like to abstain from that. We have four votes. The Chairman votes for it. So ordered.

Mr. Yancey, would you like to give us a little rundown on what is going on in the legislature and terrify us a little while?

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, there are approximately 63 bills in the House of interest to the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, the sportsmen, the commercial



fishermen and the trappers and what-have-you, and there are also 18 bills pending in the Senate that would be of interest to the Commission and the fish and wildlife interest around the state. There are also 13 resolutions.

In addition to that, of course, there is the budget of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Action has been taken on a number of these bills. One of prime importance is the reorganization bill. The House committee processed the reorganization bill the other day and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will remain as one of the 20 separate departments as this bill goes onto the House floor for further action there. This, of course, is of considerable interest to the Commission.

As Dr. St. Amant pointed out, there is a whole host of bills pending up there relating to the use of gill nets and the taking of coastal fisheries. There are also some bills in there that would impose limits on sport fishermen who go into the marsh waters seeking speckled trout



and redbfish.

We, of course, have a very important bill that was introduced that would set up a trust fund for the State Wildlife Refuge. This bill will probably be heard in committee either tomorrow or Thursday. That is Representative Tauzin's bill, House Bill 224. If that bill becomes law, then it would mean that the financing of the future operations on the State Wildlife Refuge in Vermilion Parish would be on a self-sustaining basis.

There are several bills pending in the legislature that would exempt certain types of people from the requirement of buying hunting licenses. One or two of these bills have already been killed. One of them has been watered down substantially, and we have taken the position in committee of opposing these bills because it would reduce revenue to the Commission for its wildlife management program around the state.

One bill that was introduced by Mr. Hogan at the request of the Commission staff was to extend the legal hours for hunting wild game quadrupeds to one half-hour after sunset has now passed



the House. Of course, this is a prime time for hunting deer and other types of game quadrupeds and we feel that that should be, of course, legalized to permit legal hunting of these forms of wildlife during the daylight hours.

There are a couple of stripmining bills pending up there. One of them will place certain responsibilities and jurisdiction in the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Of course, if one of these should become law that would fix this responsibility, then hopefully there will be some means of providing funds to the Commission that would be used to exercise this responsibility.

There is also a bill pending up there that was introduced at our request that would stipulate that an amount equal to ten percent of the basic hunting license revenue would be used for preserving migratory waterfowl through Ducks Unlimited. We had to get the present law changed a little bit so that we wouldn't be in conflict with the existing Pittman-Robinson Act. At this point we are not aware of any opposition to that proposed bill.



There is another bill of considerable importance to the Commission. It was introduced by Representative Thompson. It is House Bill 1331 that would provide for the closing of the Catahoula Wildlife Management Area to hunting for a period of two years. Certainly we would want to oppose that bill with all vigor. It would cut out an opportunity to hunt for a large number of people that go onto that Wildlife Management Area and enjoy the hunting of quail and deer and squirrel and other forms of wildlife. The records and the information we have on the area certainly do not indicate that the closure of that game management area would be biologically necessary in any form or fashion.

There is a bill there that proposes the increase in severance tax on shell dredging.

There are several bills in the legislature pertaining to the methods of taking crabs, crab severance taxes and so forth.

Other bills that would legalize slat traps statewide. This is generally endorsed by our fisheries division, bills of that type are.



There are other bills that would extend into new waters in the state where one-inch square mesh seines and hoop nets would be legal. We have consistently opposed bills of this type in the past and would propose that this bill which would extend the use of one-inch square mesh seines and hoop nets into Franklin Parish also be opposed. The use of these small mesh nets permits the taking of game fish and also undersized catfish and consistently we have opposed bills of this type.

Over in the Senate there is a bill that would repeal certain tagging requirements for deer and other game that have been subdivided. That bill has already moved through the Senate. Apparently there is no opposition to it and certainly we wouldn't have any.

There are two bills there that propose in the Senate the removal of two different streams in the state from the Scenic Rivers Act. One is Mill Creek over in southwest Louisiana. The other is Tangipahoa River in the southeastern part of the state. Of course, Mill Creek is a stream that probably should never have been put in the Scenic



Rivers System in the first place, but it was placed in there. There is a lot of controversy, as we all know, about the possibility of removing Tangipahoa River from the Scenic Rivers System. Of course, this river is well qualified to remain in the system

There are other bills here that relate to statewide trespass laws and, of course, these are matters of considerable importance to the people that like to fish and hunt around the state. One of them was introduced at the request of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation.

As mentioned earlier, there are bills there that would provide limitations on the number of speckled trout and redfish that sports fishermen could take in the coastal waters.

Resolutions of interest, there is a resolution here requesting an alligator season over in St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes. Of course, recent information out of the coastal parishes of southeast Louisiana indicate that these reptiles are multiplying rapidly and are present in large numbers and hopefully we will be able to



petition for a removal of the alligator from the endangered species list in these areas sometime in July or August, as soon as the necessary data has been compiled.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, may I interrupt you and say that the lower part of Terrebonne certainly needs to be on that list, too.

MR. YANCEY: Right. Well, when this survey is completed, this census of alligators in this particular area, we hope to remove most of southeast Louisiana, at least petition for the removal of most of southeast Louisiana, from the endangered species list as far as the 'gator is concerned.

The other night we were out on the Salvador Game Management Area which is only about ten minutes from here, and we found 75 alligators within a distance of about a mile and a half, just in one bayou, on that area, so those animals have multiplied very rapidly in the southeastern part of the state.

There is also a resolution here that would ask Congress not to enact any legislation



that would limit the use of the steel leghold trap by the fur industry in Louisiana.

There are other resolutions pertaining to the Atchafalaya Floodway, one that would urge Congress to complete the floodway channel out to the 40-foot contour in the Gulf of Mexico at the earliest possible moment. Another relates to asking Congress not to expropriate any land in the Atchafalaya Floodway for aesthetic or environmental reasons and that none of the state agencies would be permitted at any time to suggest that such action be taken.

There are two resolutions asking the Commission to fix the goose and duck season opening dates to run concurrently in the state at the time that the Commission would take such action later on in August or September.

Of course, the coastal zone management bill is pending up there. I think everyone is familiar with that and if it goes in, there will be some rather monumental responsibilities fixed with the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. It is going to require some substantial funding if we



would be able to be placed in a position to meet those obligations.

That basically summarizes what we have up there, unless Burt has something.

DIRECTOR ANGELLE: Dick, it comes to my mind that there are a couple of other bills that I don't believe have been included on our list here of digested bills. One dealing with universal fishing license that has been introduced I think by the Louisiana Bass Club Associations. Another one diverting a million dollars from the gasoline tax from highway funding to Wild Life and Fisheries for use in the building of boat ramps throughout Louisiana. That is also a bill that has been introduced. However, it has not come up for committee consideration.

I think that is two of them that would generate a lot of revenue for our Commission and I would hope that this Commission would probably take a good look at it and give that favorable consideration, so when we present our statement to the committee we can say that the Commission has gone on record endorsing this type of legis-



lation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, something has just come to my mind that may be off the subject on this, but are you aware of the fact that every bit of fish we ship out of Louisiana to California has to have a little tag on it, on each piece of meat, and we have to pay -- what is it? -- a quarter of a cent a pound or a half-cent a pound to pay the labor to put these tags on this meat?

MR. YANCEY: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: Why don't we get some legislation to require them to do the same thing on anything they ship in here?

MR. YANCEY: Well, this is something that would have to be looked into. Maybe Dr. St. Amant has a comment on that.

THE CHAIRMAN: I get tired of these other states imposing these kinds of things on Louisiana, seriously, and we don't, as I know, impose it on them. You know, Doc, every piece of fish that is processed -- and you can see this at Morgan City where it was brought to my attention, they brought me some of the little metal tags and I meant to



bring some down here -- but every piece of catfish, every piece of any kind of fish they send out of Louisiana to California, they have got to take this little metal tag and stick it in the flesh of the fish, squeeze it in there. They have to pay so much for the tag. Of course, the real problem is the cost of the labor to do this. If they are going to do it to us, let's do it to them. Two wrongs don't make a right but it would make us even, anyhow!

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman, the problem there is that California has a law making one of our commercial fishes a recreational fish, and we have some bills trying to make some of our commercial fish recreational fish in this state. What has happened is that catfish in California is considered a game fish, not a commercial fish, so when it is brought into the state for sale, they want that fish identified and tagged until the time it is presented to the consumer.

Now, I read the bill and there is some question as to whether or not they have to be individually tagged if they are shipped in lots



with the proper bill of lading, but somewhere down the line in California some place, those fish do have to be tagged before they can be put on the market on the retail shelves.

We have a reverse situation here, with crappie and bass and our game fishes. Some states, I guess Tennessee, so we have trouble if they bring them into here, and we have got laws keeping them out of here, because there is no way for us to separate the two fishes, unless we go to a tagging system.

I hate to disagree, but we have enough trouble with our own legislative problems. I don't think we can get involved arguing with California on this!

THE CHAIRMAN: What I am saying is this, Doc. If they are going to charge us to sell our fish in California, if they sell any fish here, we ought to charge them, too.

DR. ST. AMANT: Any that comes from California, maybe we ought to figure out some way to do it. The only thing we might be getting from the West Coast would be king crab and abalones. I



don't think there is anything else, of any consequence.

THE CHAIRMAN: Tuna, nothing like that?

DR. ST. AMANT: Well, yes, tuna is coming in, but this --

THE CHAIRMAN: Salmon?

DR. ST. AMANT: Tuna and salmon. Salmon is from the Northwest. It might be good with the tuna. Now, you might get that, because you have a lot of people in this state would like to make the tuna, particularly off the mouth of the river, recreational fish and move out the longline fishing by Japanese if we were to make it recreational fish, and we just might make them tag everything that comes in, but a can of tuna is already identified, so I don't know whether we can get away with that. I might look into it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, it is something to look at, anyhow.

MR. YANCEY: On this business of the universal fishing license, the Commission went on record at a meeting in Golden Meadow back in 1958, you know, requesting that a universal fishing



license law be placed into effect, and 18 years later we are still at about the same point we were then. We did go up from one to two dollars during this 18-year period, but it still applies only to those that use artificial tackle. There are a lot of good arguments in favor of the universal fishing license, but as yet those arguments haven't been favorably considered by the people that pass the statutes up there.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Dick.

It was called to our attention yesterday that the new Mississippi Southern Flyway Commission will have a meeting in Jackson, Mississippi, I believe Wednesday. As Chairman, I would like to authorize any member of this Commission who wants to make that trip to make it.

Next on the agenda is set the July Commission meeting. If it is agreeable with everybody, we will use the 12th and 13th? Does anybody object to those dates?

(No response)

So ordered.

Is there any other business before the



Commission this morning? Go ahead, Mr. Thompson.

MR. THOMPSON: I have just been handed an article by Mr. Berry and Mr. Luttrell. This is the first time I have seen it and I know better but I am going to correct the press.

It says here, for example, the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission went around the state, contract purchasing, and bought a '76 Ford. This Commission knows, and I have polled the Commission, this Commission knows nothing about it, who, what, where, when or why. I would just like that to be corrected with the press.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business before the Commission?

(No response)

Do I hear a motion to adjourn?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

. . . . Thereupon, at 11:15
o'clock a.m., Tuesday, June 15,
1976, the regular monthly Board
meeting of the Commission was
adjourned. . . .



LOUISIANA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION

RESOLUTION

At the regular meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission, held in Room 102, Wildlife & Fisheries Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana on July 13, 1976 with a quorum present, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, the Tensas Basin Levee District by resolution adopted on February 10, 1976, has cancelled and revoked a right-of-way previously obtained from Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission on the Saline Wildlife Game Management Area in that part known as the Louisiana Department of Public Works Utility to Big Bayou Levee, which runs three miles south of Jonesville westerly to tie into Highway No. 28 for the reason that the levee was no longer needed for the protection of the area with reservation of the right to salvage pipe and floodflaps from the said levee; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission desires to acknowledge the said revocation formally and accept the reversionary interest as the naked owner of the land in question and formerly subject to the said right-of-way;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission does hereby acknowledge the revocation and abandonment of the right-of-way in favor of the Tensas Basin Levee District over that portion of the Saline Wildlife Game Management Area presently known as the Public Works Utility to Big Bayou Levee, which said levee runs three miles south of Jonesville westerly to tie into Highway No. 28 and hereby accepts the reversionary interest and rights abandoned by the said Levee District.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission, J. Burton Angelle, take whatever action necessary to properly file in the records of the Clerk of Court for the Parishes of LaSalle and Catahoula certified copies of the Tensas Basin Levee District Resolution.

I, J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director and Secretary of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, certify that the foregoing resolution is true and correct and an exact copy of the resolution adopted by the

RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the statutory establishment of the Northwest Louisiana Fish & Game Preserve Commission requires that regulations adopted by it must be approved by the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission before becoming effective; and,

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission approves the regulation adopted by the Northwest Louisiana Fish & Game Preserve Commission;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission does hereby formally approve the resolution of the Northwest Louisiana Fish & Game Preserve Commission limiting duck hunting during the 1976-77 migratory bird waterfowl season to morning hours only and that all duck hunting on the lakes under the Commission's jurisdiction shall not be allowed after 12:00 noon of every day during the 1976-77 migratory bird waterfowl season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the primary enforcement responsibility of the approved regulation is hereby delegated to the Northwest Louisiana Fish & Game Preserve Commission with assistance to be rendered by Wildlife Agents of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission as and when deemed necessary.

I, J. BURTON ANGELLE, Director and Secretary of the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission certify that the foregoing resolution is true and correct as reflected in the minutes of the Commission meeting held at Lake Charles, Louisiana on June 15, 1976 with a quorum of Commission

members in attendance and that the said resolution has never been
revoked or rescinded.

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