

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, August 22, 1978

10:30 o'clock a.m.

DOYLE G. BERRY,

Chairman

Wildlife and Fisheries  
Building, Room 102  
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New Orleans, Louisiana

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P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . Pursuant to notice, the regular monthly meeting of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission convened at 10:30 o'clock on Tuesday, August 22, 1978, at the Wildlife and Fisheries Building, Room 102, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, Doyle G. Berry, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

DOYLE G. BERRY, Chairman

DONALD F. WILLE, Vice Chairman

MARC DUPUY, JR., Member

J. C. GILBERT, Member

HARVEY CLAY LUTTRELL, Member

CHARLES RIGGS, Member

J. BURTON ANGELLE, Secretary

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A G E N D A

1. Approval of minutes of July 25, 1978. (6)

DR. LYLE ST. AMANT

2. Request from P & L Hauling Contractors, Inc. (7)  
to dredge sand from the Mississippi  
River at Mile Point 125.4 in Hahnville.



3. Request from A. E. Gravois & Sons, Inc. (8)  
for permit to dredge river sand and for  
renewal of permit at L. S. 1239+04 (St.  
Joseph Plantation) and L. S. 726+00  
(Brilliant Point), St. James Parish,  
Louisiana.
4. Request by T. L. James & Co. for renewal of (9)  
permit to pump sand fill from the Mis-  
sissippi River between Mile 87.35 and  
Mile 88.17 near Meraux, St. Bernard  
Parish.
5. Request by Wetwiski Contractors, Inc. for (10)  
permit to dredge fill sand between  
L. S. 424+63.3 to 461+79.1 in the  
Parish of Orleans.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER

6. Setting of seasons on oyster seed reserva- (12)  
tions.
7. Resolution pertaining to the Coastal Energy (15)  
Impact Program.

MR. KENNETH SMITH

8. Discuss Lake Bistineau drawdown. (20)

MR. ALLEN ENSMINGER



9. Rules and regulations for sportfishing on Rockefeller Refuge. (24)
10. Request from South Lafourche Tidal Water Control Levee District for right-of-way for hurricane protection levee on Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area. (22)

MR. RICHARD YANCEY

11. Appropriation to Ducks Unlimited from 1977-78 license sales - \$50,000. (55)
12. Consider extending waterfowl boundary study. (58)
13. Establish 1978-79 waterfowl hunting season dates. (64)

MR. JOE HERRING

14. Request from South Central Bell for right-of-way on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (30)
15. Request for right-of-way from Placid Oil Company on Saline Wildlife Management Area. (31)
16. Resolution pertaining to National Hunting and Fishing Day. (34)
17. Resolution pertaining to Bow Hunting License. (38)
18. Seismic request from CXC, Inc. for Amoco to cross Grassy Lake and Pomme de Terre (42)



Wildlife Management Areas.

19. Corrections to 1978-79 Hunting and Fishing Regulations Pamphlet. (46)

20. Geophysical request from Cowley Corporation, Bossier City, Louisiana, for River Rouge Mineral, Inc. of Mansfield to conduct lignite studies on Loggy Bayou wildlife management area (49)

OTHER BUSINESS

21. Set date for September meeting. (54)

ADJOURNMENT (100)

CHAIRMAN DOYLE G. BERRY: Good morning. I am glad to see everybody here this morning, bright-eyed and bushy-tailed.

Dr. St. Amant, we will move along. We are running late.

First, though, is approval of the minutes of the meeting of July 25. Do I have a motion to approve those?

MR. WILLE: So move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

DR. ST. AMANT: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, we have four items today. Several of them are renewals of existing permits in the Mississippi River. None of them have any environmental impact and they have been operating according to the requirements of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.



I would recommend that all of them be extended for one year at the going royalty of ten cents per cubic yard. The companies involved, in order, are P & L Hauling Contractors, who would like to dredge at Mile 125 at Hahnville. Do you want to act on these individually?

THE CHAIRMAN: We are going to have to. Do we address these individually, Burt?

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right. I will entertain a motion on Item No. 2.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that P & L



HAULING CONTRACTORS, INC. is hereby granted permission by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to dredge sand from the Mississippi River at Mile Point 125.4 in Hahnville, Louisiana, for a period of one year from August 22, 1978 to August 22, 1979, at a royalty rate of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The second request is by A. E. Gravois and Sons, Inc., for dredging at two points, one at St. Joseph Plantation and the other at Brilliant Point in St. James Parish, Louisiana, and I recommend that it be granted.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen. Do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. WILLE: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any 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 Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission does hereby renew the  
permit of A. E. Gravois and Sons,  
Inc. to dredge river sand at  
Levee Station 1239+04 (St. Joseph  
Plantation) and Levee Station 726+00  
(Brilliant Point), St. James Parish,  
Louisiana, for a period of one year,  
at a royalty rate of ten cents (10¢)  
per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The third is renewal by  
T. L. James & Company for dredging at Miles 87 and  
88, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana. This has been  
active and in good order. I would recommend it  
be renewed.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recom-  
mendation. Do we have a motion?

MR. GILBERT: I so move.



MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any 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 Wildlife and Fisheries  
Commission does hereby renew the  
permit of T. L. JAMES & COMPANY  
dated August 31, 1977, for a period  
of one year, extending to August 31,  
1979, to pump sand fill from the  
Mississippi River, between Mile  
87.35 and 88.17 near Meraux, St.  
Bernard Parish, Louisiana, at a  
royalty rate of ten cents (10¢)  
per cubic yard.

DR. ST. AMANT: The final one is a  
request by Wetwiski Contractors, Inc., to dredge



for fill and sand at Levee Station 424 in the Parish of Orleans. This meets the requirements of the Commission and I would recommend you grant the permit.

MR. LUTTRELL: So move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

BE IT RESOLVED that WETWISKI CONTRACTORS, INC., is hereby granted permission by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission to dredge for sand in the Mississippi River between Levee Station 424+63.3 to 461+79.1 in the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, for a period of one year from August 22, 1978 to August 22, 1979, at a royalty rate of ten cents (10¢) per cubic yard.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Doc. Let's

see, Harry Schafer. Little Harry.

MR. MAX SUMMERS: Harry is on leave today and he asked that I take up these two items of business.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen of the Commission, it is your prerogative on an annual basis to establish the oyster season on our seed reservations, and we have examined the ones that we request be opened this year, which would be Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay and Sister Lake. They have marketable oyster or usable oysters on these areas and we recommend that they be opened and that it be concurrent with the natural reef season. That would begin September 6 and end April 1, or earlier if the technical data indicated. We recommend that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation be closed and a small 15-acre area which we recently planted with shell in Bay Gardene be closed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you heard the recommendation.

MR. WILLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille. Do we have a second?



MR. LUTTRELL: I second the motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Luttrell.  
Does anybody in the audience wish to be heard on this, make any comments at this time?

MR. FERAC: When you said you want that open?

MR. SUMMERS: Bay Gardene, Hackberry and Sister Lake be opened.

MR. FERAC: What dates?

MR. SUMMERS: The same date that the regular season opens which will be I think September 6 this year, the first Wednesday after Labor Day.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a motion and second. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission regulates the



oyster seed reservation season on an annual basis, and

WHEREAS, biologists of the Seafood Division have examined these areas and have found harvestable stocks of oysters, and

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the Chief of the Seafood Division that the Bay Gardene, Hackberry Bay and the Sister Lake Oyster Seed Reservations be opened concurrently with the season on the natural reef, and

WHEREAS, this season will begin Wednesday, September 6, 1978, and terminate April 1, 1979, unless biological or technical data indicate a need for an earlier closure, and

WHEREAS, the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation was opened during the last regular season, it is further recommended that this reservation be closed along with a



small fifteen-acre tract within the Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation that was recently planted with shell,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the oyster seed reservation season beginning one-half (1/2) hour before sunrise on the first Wednesday following Labor Day, September 6, 1978, and said seasons shall remain open with the same regulations as the regular oyster season; however, the Secretary shall be authorized and empowered to close the three areas after proper notice if it is deemed necessary by biological investigations and sampling.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bay Junop Oyster Seed Reservation and the small fifteen-acre tract within the Bay Gardene Oyster Seed Reservation be closed.

MR. SUMMERS: The final item is a request



to consider a draft resolution that you reviewed yesterday to the Department of Transportation of Louisiana, Mr. George Fischer, for favorable action on a recent application for Coastal Energy Impact funds that are being made available from the Department of Commerce through the National Marine Fisheries Service in the area of the coastal zone where impact has resulted from energy exploration and development.

We have submitted this application and DOTD is the lead agency and they must submit our request to the proper authorities in Washington. This resolution urges them to approve this application that we have in a favorable manner and expedite sending it to the proper authorities in Washington.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you hear the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. WILLE: I move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.



THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Coastal Energy Impact Program (CEIP) was specifically designed to respond to a wide range of environmental, social and economic problems resulting from coastal and outer continental shelf energy production, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana oyster industry has played a very significant role in the economic and social growth of the State, and

WHEREAS, rather significant environmental damages to the oyster industry have resulted from the searching for petroleum products, the dredging associated with moving and locating drilling paraphernalia, or laying of



transmission lines, and pollution associated with the petroleum energy, and

WHEREAS, the planting of clam shells to provide cultch for oysters has long been recognized as a good managerial tool in the oyster industry, and the regeneration of coastal oyster beds is the type project that is certainly eligible for CEIP funding, and

WHEREAS, on June 6, 1978, the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forwarded an application to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) for a project to restore oyster reefs on the natural seed grounds of coastal Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, the planting of clam shells is vital to the oyster industry and the funding of this project will make up in part for some of the environmental impact caused to the Louisiana oyster industry by energy exploration and production activities,



NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission strongly urges and requests Mr. George Fischer, Secretary, DOTD, to do all in his power to secure speedy approval for this application, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all members of the Louisiana Congressional delegation, to Ms. Juanita M. Kreps, Secretary of the U. S. Department of Commerce, Mr. Richard A. Frank, Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Mr. Terry Leitzel, Director of National Marine Fisheries Service, and Mr. Robert W. Knect, Administrator, Coastal Zone Management Program.

MR. SUMMERS: Thank you, gentlemen.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

Would anybody in the Oyster Growers Association like to comment at this time?



MR. WILLIAM A. KASS, IV: W. A. Kass, IV,  
President, Louisiana Oyster Dealers and Growers  
Association.

Gentlemen, on behalf of the members, I would like to thank you for this resolution that you passed here today because these shells are needed bad and they are needed in a hurry for next year. We are not talking about this year, we need those shells for next year, so time is of the essence. I would like to thank you for that.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

We discussed and rediscussed Lake Bistineau drawdown yesterday and discussed it some more this morning. We thought we had it settled yesterday but Commissioner Wille, who lives in that area, is well aware of some of the problems there, and apparently would like for the Commission to hold a hearing in that area on Lake Bistineau and because of the Administrative Procedures Act, we have to spend about 30 days, I believe it is, in the register before we do anything about it at all. Mr. Wille is recommending we hold a meeting up there, a public meeting, in Bossier City on



September 6.

Do any of the Commission members have any objection to that?

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, I didn't vote on that yesterday and I move that we grant Mr. Wille what he requests, that the meeting be held on September 6.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me recheck this date just a minute, Clay.

At this juncture the Chairman is going to take it under advisement.

MR. WILLE: Mr. Chairman, the only reason that I am making that recommendation is that we have heard the opposition that were in favor of the drawdown. I think that the other side of the opposition should have an opportunity to present their case, and I think that possibly we should check with Representative Drew and see when it would be convenient for those people up there to have a meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Wille, the Chairman intends to do that and I will get with you and we will work out a date that is agreeable with them.



MR. WILLE: " And we will make the date public.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. WILLE: But I would like to have the motion put on the floor right now to have a meeting in the very near future which we can set up.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let me say this, it is the Chairman's prerogative, I can call a meeting anytime I want to call one. I don't need anybody's permission to do it and we will call it.

MR. WILLE: All right.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Ensminger.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Then you are going to skip this item today then?

THE CHAIRMAN: Hell, yes. I have talked about that enough!

MR. ENSMINGER: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Commission, I have two items for your consideration today. The first one would be a request that we have received from the Lafourche Parish Levee District for a right-of-way across a portion of our Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area in Lafourche Parish. The Commission



about two years ago gave this same group a right-of-way across the lower two-thirds of the Game Management Area for the construction of a hurricane protection levee. They have proceeded to work on that thing. It is about two-thirds or three-fourths of the way completed at this time. They have been able to secure rights of way for the continuation of this levee primarily on private lands.

About half of the proposed levee will be on the Department property. There are two parallel pipelines that will parallel the back edge of the levee construction and some existing producing oil wells on the marsh side of the levee, and they have finally worked out all of the details with regard to this industrial complex that is adjoining the right-of-way. I would like to recommend that the Commission grant them the right-of-way permit across the area and an access easement. They have to bring their heavy construction equipment into the area through an existing navigable waterway and they would like to have an access easement along with the right-of-way to provide

their contract with access to the refuge. We don't see any problem with it and would like to recommend that the Commission grant this right-of-way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. I think this is beneficial to the Commission and the Commission's property.

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion by Mr. Dupuy, seconded by Mr. Luttrell. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. ENSMINGER: The other item I have for your consideration today is a matter on our Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge that has become a very tough management problem for our personnel on the Refuge.

About a year and a half ago, in January of 1976, the Commission expanded the wintertime



usage of the Refuge to include the entire Refuge except some of the research facilities right around our headquarters complex. At the time that this was expanded, the Commission indicated that if this did create management problems we would come back and address the thing at a later date and restrict areas.

As it has evolved, we have experienced some problems, primarily in our waterfowl banding programs as well as management of the water levels in our impoundments in the winter months. The Department has about 35,000 acres of impoundments on the Refuge that are enclosed with levees about five feet in height with water control structures to these levees. In the wintertime when the tides are low, fishermen like to open those structures and let the water flow out of the impoundment. It improves the fishing around these structures. A lot of this is done unknowingly by the fisherman who doesn't realize what he is doing but he is damaging just literally thousands of acres of prime resting areas on the Refuge.

Some of these impoundments will carry as



many as a hundred thousand ducks on there at a time and, of course, four or five days of drainage would almost drain one of these three or four thousand acre impoundments.

We would like to request that the Commission provide the public with access arteries from the Grand Chenier-Highway 82 system out to the Gulf of Mexico through the Humble Canal system and the Rollover Bayou system, both of which are main access arteries for wintertime fishermen into the Gulf, and also to provide that the fishermen be permitted to come back up in the major bayous to the water control structures. These are the areas that are primarily of interest to the winter fishermen, anyway, and we feel that we would not be severely curtailing their use of the Refuge during the winter months. This closure would be for the months of December, January and February; the remainder of the year the entire Refuge would remain open. We feel that this would be very liberal. The federal refuges in the same area are closed from October through March totally, so we feel like we are providing the public with



a lot of recreational use of the Refuge, and therefore I would like to recommend that you adopt a resolution permitting the public to use these access arteries but close the remainder of the Refuge to wintertime usage.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard Mr. Ensminger's recommendations. Do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I will move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: You were holding your hand up -- did you want --

FROM THE FLOOR: I was scratching!

THE CHAIRMAN: O. K., one more scratch and you are going to talk, boy!

(Laughter)

I have a motion and a second. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered. Thank you, Allen.

(The full text of the

resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Rockefeller  
Wildlife Refuge is a prime wintering  
area for migratory waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, approximately one-  
half million ducks and one-quarter  
million geese annually spend much of  
the winter months in this area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana  
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries  
has developed a large portion of the  
wildlife refuge for waterfowl manage-  
ment, and

WHEREAS, the Deed of Donation  
under which the department received the  
area provides for public usage of the  
area, and

WHEREAS, in January, 1976, the  
Department expanded the public usage of  
the area to include year-round use, and

WHEREAS, this has created  
management problems for the proper water



control within the impoundments, and

WHEREAS, interference with the department's waterfowl banding and fur removal program has occurred,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby close all of the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge to public use during the months of December, January and February except that portion known as the Humble Canal Joseph Harbor systems, the Rollover Bayou system and all of the natural bayous leading into the Refuge from the Gulf up to the water control structures.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't know whether to get into this duck business yet or not because Mr. Wille is not here. I want him to have his part of the action, too, so I am going to get Joe Herring up here. Joe, let's see how fast we can go through this thing. Its routine-vanilla.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
The first thing we have on the agenda



is a request from South Central Bell to install a telephone line across our Saline Wildlife Management Area, and this is to the Headquarters facilities on Saline, so I would recommend to the Commission that we accept this request and go ahead and notify them through the proper channels to do this work.

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion, do we have a second?

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: 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, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has requested to South Central Bell that they install telephone services to our



Saline Wildlife Management Area Head-  
quarter facilities, and

WHEREAS, South Central Bell  
has made the survey and study of the  
request and are now ready to install  
this line, and

WHEREAS, such a service will  
be an economic savings to the Depart-  
ment due to present communication  
problems,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fish-  
eries Commission approve the installation  
of a telephone line by South Central Bell  
for the purpose of communications to our  
Saline Wildlife Management Area Head-  
quarters facilities.

MR. HERRING: The next item we have is  
a right-of-way request from Placid Oil Company to  
put a four and one-half-inch gathering crude oil  
line across our Saline Wildlife Management Area.  
We have checked this out and we would recommend  
to the Commission that this be permitted because



it will be going along the old diversion canal levee and also the clearings on the Hunt Oil Company road. It would be more convenient for the operations on the Saline Wildlife Management Area and they would comply with all of our rules and regulations in burying the lines and other things on the area, plus paying us a \$10 per rod fee for it, so I would recommend to the Commission that we permit Placid Oil Company to change these lines.

MR. GILBERT: So move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, we have received a request from Mr. R. L. Gray, Placid Oil Company, for permission to install



a 4-1/2-inch OD line for gathering crude oil on our Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, this line is to be approximately 1,049 feet in length and will utilize existing clearings along the diversion canal levee berm and Hunt Oil Company road; location is in Section 1, T-5N, R-4E, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, our district personnel have investigated this proposal and find that damage to the area and conflict with area operations will be minimal, and

WHEREAS, this installation will eliminate an existing pipeline crossing the diversion canal, thus removing the danger of breakage and contamination of this water system,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this permit be approved with the following stipulations:

1. That the line be buried a minimum



of three feet in the 20-foot right-of-way granted.

2. All work for this project will be coordinated through Mr. Reggie Wycoff, Supervisor, at our Ferriday office.

3. Placid Oil Company will pay to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries a fee of ten dollars (\$10.00) per rod for a total of \$64.00.

MR. HERRINC: Mr. Chairman, the next item we have is a resolution from the Commission which recognizes September 23, 1978, as National Hunting and Fishing Day. This is a day that many of the sportsmen's clubs throughout the state try to have some special event to let the public as well as other sportsmen know the importance of their organizations and what they have done for conservation over the years. They themselves have put it on themselves, you might say, to have a license and this license fee would be spent on conservation and this goes a lot of times to non-game species



as well as hunting species, so they do a lot of work there for some of these other organizations that don't put up as much money as they do; also seasons and publications they put out.

The Governor has already signed a proclamation denoting this, so we would recommend to the Commission then that such a resolution be passed and accepted.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation.

MR. LUTTRELL: I will move.

MR. DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Luttrell, seconded by Mr. Dupuy. Is there any discussion on this issue? All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, because of the



outstanding contributions that America's hunters and fishermen have made to conservation, recreation and the economy, they are deserving of special recognition, and

WHEREAS, since the turn of the century, hunters and anglers have been the leaders in nearly all major conservation programs. These sportsmen-conservationists are responsible for the founding of state fish and game departments in all fifty states. They asked that they, themselves, be required to buy licenses and that the money collected be used to support state conservation agencies. In the last fifty years alone, these sportsmen have provided \$2.5 billion for conservation programs, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen asked for the establishment of regulation seasons and bag limits so that sportsmen could harvest the annual



crop of game and fish without damage to the basic breeding population.

The result has been that there are now more deer, elk, antelope and wild turkey in the United States than there were fifty years ago. Further, sportsmen's programs have benefited numerous species of non-game fish and wildlife through habitat development, and

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen, unique in all America, asked that their fishing and hunting equipment be taxed and that the money be used for land acquisition, research and habitat management for fish and wildlife for the enjoyment of all Americans, and

WHEREAS, through their publications and organizations, such as the National Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, Izaak Walton League of America and many others, hunters and fishermen have led the nation in the battle for a better environment and



the wise use of our natural resources,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED  
that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fish-  
eries Commission hereby proclaims  
September 23, 1978 as Louisiana Hunting  
and Fishing Day and that this day be an  
annual observance the fourth Saturday  
of each September. The Commission  
urges all of our citizens to join with  
the sportsmen-conservationists in a  
rededication to the wise use of our  
natural resources and their proper  
management for the benefit of future  
generations. Further, the Commission  
urges all citizens to take part in  
National Hunting and Fishing Day  
activities on September 23, 1978 to  
learn more about conservation and  
outdoor skills.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.  
The next item we have, in the 1978 session of the  
legislature, through the efforts of the bow hunters  
in this state, the legislature did pass a \$5.00



license fee which it gave the Commission the authority or authorized them to issue, for bow hunting purposes. We have been working on this. We have been getting the licenses printed, and we do have a resolution pertaining to this that our attorney has prepared. Now he will read that. We will issue these ourselves through our district offices because of the limited time. The archery season will open October 2, so this will push us very hard in getting these out, so we will issue them rather than going through some of the other channels. We will probably use this as a pilot study to see what the Commission can do in issuing licenses. For these licenses that will be issued, probably 10,000 issued, give or take a few, we will use this as a pilot study to see what we can do as far as issuing licenses.

This will make the archers have to buy an archery license for \$5.00, a basic hunting license for \$5.00 and a big game license, a total of \$15.00, and they, in their expressions to the legislature, wanted to pay their way and let people know what the archers are doing.



Is our attorney here with that resolution, Peter?

MR. PETER DUFFY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, it is recommended that the following resolution be adopted by you in connection with the bow hunting license:

"WHEREAS, the Louisiana Legislature during the 1978 Regular Session passed Act 576, authorizing a special license fee of five dollars for bow hunting, the net proceeds of which are dedicated to the Conservation Fund; and

"WHEREAS, the bow hunters of Louisiana unanimously supported the passage of Act 576 and are in favor of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission adopting a resolution implementing the said Act; and

"WHEREAS, the said bow hunting fee shall produce revenues which will contribute to the enhancement and management of wild game throughout



Louisiana;

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission hereby establishes, fixes and adopts a special bow license of five dollars, authorizing the holder thereof to hunt with bows during the bow hunting season in accordance with the provisions of Act 576 of the 1978 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bow hunting licenses be distributed and sold to bow hunters throughout the State of Louisiana by the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in the most efficient and expeditious manner determined by the Secretary of said Department."

This is the resolution that has been recommended by Mr. Herring.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I am a member of the Bow



Hunters Association and I would like to move adoption of this resolution.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy and seconded by Mr. Riggs. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The next item we have on the agenda is a seismic request permit from CXC, Inc., who is representing Amoco, to cross two of our wildlife management areas. It was brought up yesterday about the Pomme de Terre and I did have that request in a box we brought from New Orleans on later correspondence there.

This would be for a four-and-a-half mile strip across our Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area and a one-and-a-half mile strip across our Pomme de Terre Area, a total of six miles. I would recommend to the Commission that we do permit this work to be done, and their fees and also



other responsibilities will be carried out. The timber damage and others we will hold them responsible for, plus the \$100 per shot should they use the shot or \$400 per mile should they use the cable.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Do I hear a motion?

MR. DUPUY: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Riggs.

All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries has received a request from Mr. James R. Priest, Permitman for CXC, Inc., conducting seismic operations for Amoco,



to cross the Department's Grassy Lake and Pomme de Terre Wildlife Management Areas, and

WHEREAS, the Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area seismic crossing is described as: Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, in T-2N, R-7E; and Pomme de Terre Wildlife Management Area crossing is described as: Avoyelles Parish, Louisiana, in T-1N, R-6E, Sections 10, 15, 22; and

WHEREAS, the total length of this operation will be approximately six (6) miles, of which four and one-half (4-1/2) miles will be on Grassy Lake Wildlife Management Area and one and one-half miles (1-1/2) will be on Pomme de Terre Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, our District VI personnel have checked this request and have no objections,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED



that these permits be issued with the following stipulations:

1. That CXC, Inc. pay \$100 per shot hole or \$400 per mile if the cable method is used.
2. That CXC, Inc. pay for all timber damages within the project area in accordance with prevailing timber prices for the local area. Our Wildlife Forester would check this and make recommendations.
3. That CXC, Inc. be responsible for all road damages and that roads be left in as good or better conditions as existed prior to the companies' activities.
4. That the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries shall not be held responsible for damages to property or injuries to persons which may arise or be incident to the use of the said land.
5. That CSC, Inc. coordinate all



activities through Mr. Cecil LaCase, District VI Supervisor, or whoever he designates to coordinate these activities.

MR. HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the next item, I won't be too lengthy -- there are copies on the table for the press. We do have the hunting and fishing pamphlets out. There are pamphlets here, there are pamphlets on the table over here for any of the people in the audience who would like copies. In the final proofing there were some minor changes that were made. Some of them pertained to statutes in the legislature, like adding "American" in front of the ivory-billed woodpecker, the bobcat in there is protected, and some boundary descriptions to clarify for the hunters themselves. These have been distributed there, so I would recommend to the Commission that these be entered as part of the minutes there to clarify what was said in the pamphlet here.

MR. DUPUY: Do you have any specific corrections you want to make?



MR. HERRING: We will just enter them all in a resolution, just like we gave them to you yesterday and just like those here on the table, Mr. Dupuy.

MR. DUPUY: So move.

MR. RIGGS: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: 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, in final proofing of the 1978-79 Hunting Seasons clarification was needed in some areas and corrections in typographical errors, and

WHEREAS, these corrections are as follows:

1. Page 2 - Endangered Species --  
American dropped from ivory-



billed woodpecker.

2. Page 3 - Bobcats added to foxes as a protected quadruped in compliance with new law.  
Fox is removed to correct statement to read "use of dogs is prohibited" in keeping with Commission Deer Committee and staff discussions.
3. Page 6 - "Except Still Hunting Only in Franklin." Richland deleted from original description to correct mistake in boundary description.
4. Page 7 - "East Carroll - Five Days, Dec. 16-20 south of La. 580 and west of U. S. 65" -- inserted to correct omission.  
Franklin - Martin Road, Cut-Off No. 3 and Baker Road added for clarification.
5. Page 17 - Area 6 -- Changed to 23 days -- Mar. 24-April 15, to



correct typographical error.

6. Page 33 - Saline -- Deer: Dec. 30-Jan. 14; changed from Dec. 20 to correct typographical error.
7. Steel Shot Zone reads 1977-78 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons, should read 1978-79 Waterfowl Hunting Seasons.

WHEREAS, these corrections have been made in the final form of the 1978-79 Hunting and Fishing Brochure,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Commission approve these corrections as part of the 1978-79 hunting seasons.

THE CHAIRMAN: We will go to Item 20.

MR. HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

The next one is a request from the Cowley Corporation of Bossier City. They are requesting to do some lignite studies on our Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area, some geophysical work there, and they wish to drill up to 20 holes, which will be 4-1/2 inches in diameter up to a depth of



approximately 200 feet.

As we have discussed, this lignite study is something a little bit different for us from what we have done with our operations and some of the others. We do have a bill in the legislature that would govern a lot of the lignite work which we will certainly abide by on this, and a lot of our rules and regulations that we will have to draw up around this, we will have to come back after we find out, I suppose, what they find on Loggy Bayou and possibly some other areas.

But, at this time I would recommend to the Commission that we go ahead and permit these people to do their work on there, their geophysical work, to actually find out what we have or what they have, since they do own the mineral rights. We bought the surface rights but they do have the mineral rights. They would fall under the same stipulations that seismic operations would. They would pay us \$100 per hole drilled and we would hold them responsible also for timber damage. Certainly on this area where we have some open fields, they would be cautious of any fires



that could break out on there and all the work would be coordinated through our district supervisor in the Minden area plus the area supervisor on Loggy Bayou.

I would recommend that we do permit this study to go.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have the recommendation. Do we have a motion?

MR. RIGGS: Move.

MR. LUTTRELL: Second.

Moved by Mr. Riggs, 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, the Cowley Corporation, Route 1, Box 418, Bossier City, Louisiana, through Mr. Leslie Cowley, has requested



permission to do some mineral exploration work on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, these properties, located in Bossier Parish, were conveyed to the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission (without minerals) by Kathryn N. Cowley and John P. Davis, and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this geophysical work is to determine if lignite deposits exist on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cowley has engaged the River Rouge Minerals, Inc. of Mansfield, Louisiana, to accomplish the geophysical work which will consist of drilling several holes (up to 20) 4-1/2-inch in diameter to a depth of 200 feet,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries hereby grants



permission to the Cowley Corporation, through River Rouge Minerals, Inc., to make a maximum of 20 drillings on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area based on stipulations which include:

1. That the corporation having the geophysical permit pay the standard fee of \$100 per hole drilled.
2. That the corporation having the geophysical permit pay for any timber damages as determined by the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries forester.
3. That employees or representatives of the corporation having the geophysical permit will abide by the rules and regulations and restrictions of Department of Wildlife and Fisheries while on the Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area.
4. That the corporation having the



geophysical permit will be responsible for the repair of any existing roads that are damaged as a result of exploratory work.

5. That the corporation having the geophysical permit will be extra cautious in the prevention of fire, especially in the open area of Loggy Bayou.
6. All work in connection with this project will be coordinated through Bob Kimble, District I Supervisor, P. O. Box 915, Minden, Louisiana 71055, telephone (318) 377-3575, and also through Mr. Richard McMullan, Supervisor, Loggy Bayou Wildlife Management Area, Route 1, Box 85-C, Elm Grove, Louisiana 71051, telephone (318) 747-1136.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, the next thing is to set our September meeting date, which would normally be on the 25th and 26th, and that is the teal season, so does anybody object to backing up



to the 18th and 19th, having it in the third week?

MR. LUTTRELL: Good idea.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gilbert?

MR. GILBERT: Good.

THE CHAIRMAN: Marc?

MR. DUPUY: Fine.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Riggs?

MR. RIGGS: No, that's fine.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Luttrell?

MR. LUTTRELL: I like that.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am sorry, Mr. Wille, you don't know what is going on so I am going to vote for you. We are going to move the meeting to the 18th and 19th.

MR. WILLE: O. K.

THE CHAIRMAN: Real fine. Now we will take the duck issue up. Mr. Yancey, back up and fire into it.

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission, the first item I have relates to an allocation of revenue to Ducks Unlimited. The statutes provide that 50 cents out of each basic hunting license sold be allocated to Ducks Unlimited



for the purpose of developing and maintaining wetland and marshland areas and breeding ground areas for waterfowl in Canada. We have a letter from our fiscal office advising that it would be timely now to allocate a sum of \$50,000 from the sale of the '77-'78 hunting licenses to Ducks Unlimited.

We would recommend that you approve of this allocation, provided that this money be used for the purpose of developing marshland areas in the prairie regions of western Canada that produce ducks that winter here in Louisiana and are enjoyed by the duck hunters of this state.

MR. RIGGS: I so move.

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

MR. LUTTRELL: I will second it.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

(The full text of the



resolution is here made  
a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Revised Statutes provide that 50 cents shall be taken out of each basic hunting license sold and used for the purpose of developing and maintaining waterfowl breeding ground areas in Canada through Ducks Unlimited, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the Department's fiscal office has advised that a sum of \$50,000 is now available from the sale of the 1977-78 hunting licenses, and

WHEREAS, this revenue shall be used in those areas of western Canada that produce ducks that winter in Louisiana,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the issuance of a check in the amount of \$50,000 to Ducks Unlimited, Inc.,



Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of developing and maintaining waterfowl breeding ground areas in those regions of western Canada that produce ducks that winter in Louisiana.

MR. YANCEY: In 1975 the Commission entered into a four-year study with the U. S. Fish & Wildlife Service to determine if all or part of this state should not in fact be transferred to the Central Flyway for waterfowl management purposes. We are going into the fourth year of that study now. Just recently we had a meeting with the Fish & Wildlife Service people from Washington and reviewed the accomplishments over the past three years of study, some of these being that a total of over 40,000 ducks have been banded, some 22 waterfowl surveys during the fall and winter months of the previous three years have been made, and intensive kill surveys of ducks have been made in the state to determine where the birds are being killed and what species and in which zone of the state.

Despite the fact that a great amount of



information has been collected, it was generally agreed that this study is going to have to be extended for a period of about two years in order to arrive at a conclusion that is going to stand up as to whether or not all or part of this state is going to be transferred to the Central Flyway for regulatory purposes.

We would propose at this time that the Commission approve of this extension of this study. If you do approve it, then we will get with the Fish & Wildlife Service and amend the present agreement that we have with them to include a provision that the two-year study be extended.

Now I would also like to say that in this extension that we will continue to enjoy the regulations that authorize you to set split seasons in both zones of the state and have five additional days of duck hunting in the western part of the state, which as a whole has worked out extremely well for the hunters of Louisiana.

We would recommend that you approve this extension.

MR. WILLE: I so move.



THE CHAIRMAN: Moved by Mr. Wille. Do I hear a second?

MR. GILBERT: Second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service entered into an agreement in 1975 that initiated a four-year study to determine if all or a portion of Louisiana should not be made a part of the Central Flyway for waterfowl management purposes, and

WHEREAS, during the past three years over 40,000 ducks have been banded in Louisiana, 22 waterfowl



censuses have been conducted, three waterfowl harvest surveys completed and radar studies made, and

WHEREAS, recent reviews of all of this information have been made that reveal the need for a two-year extension of the study through the fall and winter of 1980, and

WHEREAS, assurances have been provided by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that during the two-year extension the present pattern of waterfowl hunting regulations in the state, including the zone line and the extra five days of duck hunting in the western zone,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the extension of the Flyway boundary line study for a period of two additional years.

MR. YANCEY: All right. The last item that I have --



MR. DUPUY: Before you do that, do you know the length of the Central Flyway total season that might be available this year?

MR. YANCEY: They have in the eastern part of the Central Flyway I believe either five or ten days more than we have, and in the western part of the Central Flyway they even have a longer season. They have better seasons and bag limits than we do, in the Central Flyway.

MR. RIGGS: Dick, even though we have extended the study for two years, assuming that you would compile enough information in one year, say, could we approach them about the Central Flyway?

MR. YANCEY: Well, what we want to try to do is when that decision is made we want to make sure that every possible shred of information has been examined and that we arrive at the right conclusion. Now we thought about the possibility of going ahead and trying to arrive at this conclusion based on information gathered during this four-year period, but we just didn't feel like we would be ready next year to do this. If this did



develop, then they would conclude that there was inadequate information to justify the transfer of any part of this state to the Central Flyway, and then we would fall back to the regular hunting regulations that we have in the Mississippi Flyway as a whole, which you would lose your five extra days that you are getting now in the western zone and the chances of losing this zone line that we have in the state, would also probably be lost, the opportunity to split in both of the zones.

There is a lot to lose if we force a decision at this time. We think we would be in a better position to wait a couple more years and then we are going to have more information and we will be in a better position to arrive at the correct decision. During this two-year extension, as I mentioned earlier, we will continue to enjoy the better hunting regulations that we have for Louisiana at this time.

MR. LUTTRELL: Dick, I would like to make this comment because we need to think about it also. We have such a high kill that if we go into the Central Flyway, we can't expect to receive exactly



what they are receiving now, because when you add our total kill in Louisiana to that of the Central Flyway, I think there is going to be a reduction.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have got the best of both worlds now if we leave it alone.

MR. LUTTRELL: That's what I am trying to say, Dick, exactly.

MR. YANCEY: I think that is what I am trying to say, too.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, why don't you just say it and be done with it? I am kidding you, Dick. Let's go on.

MR. YANCEY: All right, the next item we have is to establish the dates of the waterfowl hunting seasons for 1978-79. Currently these regulations are being run in the Federal Register, as announced in Washington about two weeks ago at a public hearing, so we are in the comment period for the setting of these regulations. There is a remote chance, you know, there is a possibility of some change being made after this comment period is over on August 29, so what we are actually doing is taking the same type of action we took in



setting the dove season during the comment period rather than after the comment period was over.

At any rate, in making some preliminary comments because I see some duck hunters here in the room, we would like to say that a great amount of leg work and negotiation entered into the establishment of the number of hunting days and the bag limits for the Mississippi Flyway. We just didn't get a lot of these good regulations by accident and we feel as a whole that we are well pleased with what we were given by the Fish & Wildlife Service in contrast to some of the real poor hunting seasons and low bag limits that we were given not too many years ago.

Some of the things that went into the setting of these regulations, as far as we were concerned, were that the Department here sent a team to Canada to compare duck production conditions this year with previous years. Hugh Bateman and Marc Dupuy and Johnny Tarver went for the Department. Hugh, who has been making these trips for many years, concluded that there will be an increase in the fall flight of ducks on the order



of 15 to 20 percent over last year. Water conditions were better, duck production conditions were better, and it looks like a better season shaping up than last year.

Then the Fish & Wildlife Service had a meeting out in Denver at which time they presented all of the information they had gathered on the prairies of Canada and the bush country of Canada this summer, and they generally concluded in their fall flight forecast that there would be approximately an eight percent increase in the fall flight of ducks into the Mississippi Flyway. Now they worked up an index on total duck numbers and they concluded that there would be about 85, 86 million ducks coming down the four flyways out of the areas that they surveyed, in Canada and in the north central region of the United States. They also advised us that water conditions were better than last year and duck production was better. So, we are fairly optimistic about having a substantially better duck season than we had last year.

Then the Mississippi Flyway Council had



a meeting in Kansas City toward the end of July and the regulatory proposals that were developed there were in two different forms. The states in the northern end of this flyway developed their recommendations and the states in the southern end of the flyway developed their recommendations on what the seasons and bag limits should be, and then both regions have a representative that went on to the Washington meeting. As last year, we represented the southern region and Ohio represented the northern region, in presenting these proposals to the Fish & Wildlife Service in Washington and having the opportunity to discuss in detail what each of these bag limits and what the number of hunting days would be.

So, I am bringing this out to point out the fact that a great amount of work went into getting what we consider to be a fair set of regulations for the flyway this year.

In view of the fact that we have 50 days of hunting for the eastern zone and 55 days of hunting for the western zone, we would certainly urge that these hunting season dates be set to



provide the greatest hunting opportunity for the most hunters here in Louisiana. These days are hard to get and we need to exercise care in exactly when we open and close these seasons to provide the best hunting for the most people.

The only real disappointment that came out of the regulations was the fact that last year's 25-point category was dropped and we have this mid-point 35-point category to contend with this year. In dropping last year's 25-point category, the widgeon was lowered to 10 points but the other ducks, including the drake mallard, were raised to 35, so that is going to hurt some.

Nevertheless, we got five more days of hunting than we got last year, and we feel as a whole we were treated very fairly in that regard. We are allowed 70 days of goose hunting with the same bag limits as last year.

Now Hugh Bateman is going to provide you with the recommendations on what these hunting season dates should be for both zones. Basically, some of the thinking that went into the development of these hunting regulations or duck season and



goose hunting season dates was the fact that, number one, the dates would surround the maximum number of weekends and holidays and that a split season is again proposed in order to provide two opening weekends. With the closure in between the two segments of the duck season we find that these birds that have been forced by gunning pressure into these refuges that we have around the state will then disperse when the hunting pressure is off, and then when the season reopens in the last segment, the hunters will have these birds to open the season again when that second major segment of the duck season opens.

Of course, consideration is given to all the waterfowl census information that has been gathered in this state for the past 30 years and all of the kill records that have been gathered in this state. Basically the overall objective in proposing these hunting season dates is to provide the maximum amount of hunter opportunity for the most people.

Now the federal framework is October 1-January 20, and with the exception of the one date



that we are locked in on opening the season over in the western zone, those duck season dates can be set at any time during that period.

I think that about brings us to the point where we are ready for Hugh Bateman to provide you with the recommendations for the duck and goose hunting season dates.

MR. BATEMAN: Thank you, Dick.

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, our recommendations for the west zone duck season dates are as follows: November 4 through November 26 for 23 days; December 9 through January 9 for 32 days. In the eastern zone, for ducks and coots, November 18 through November 26 for nine days; December 9 through January 18 for 41 days.

Our recommendations for goose seasons, in the west zone November 4-November 26 for 23 days; December 9 through January 24 for 47 days. In the east zone we would recommend the goose season to open on November 18 and run straight through to January 26 for 70 days.

We also have the opportunity for a special scaup season in limited areas of southeast



Louisiana and we would recommend that that season open on January 19, one day after the east zone closes, and run through January 31.

Just for information purposes, there is a map here illustrating the duck harvest that occurred last year.

MR. WILLE: What was the east zone recommendation?

MR. BATEMAN: For ducks?

MR. WILLE: Yes.

MR. BATEMAN: The east zone recommendation was November 18-November 26 for nine days, December 9-January 18 for 41 days.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Hugh. Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendations. Does anybody in the audience wish to be heard at this time, make any comments? Representative Hogan, our former chief, glad to have you with us this morning.

MR. HOGAN: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, Mr. Secretary, again as last year, I come before this body and ask for another week in the first segment of the duck hunting season in



the western zone. I think it is a fairly established fact that our ducks come in early, especially the pintails and the teal, and they leave and they head for Mexico where they are slaughtered.

Now the best argument in the world is this map right here. In the very area that I am talking about, almost 50 percent, almost half of the ducks killed in the state were killed in that area, and with a full week hunting season in the first segment, we get virtually no shooting in the last part of the second segment in the western zone. Most hunters who have private hunting camps will close them after New Year's Day regardless of whether the season is still open or not. It is just not profitable to keep cooks and guides and the camp open, because the hunting is very, very bad at that time. The ducks are gone. If you don't get a real cold spell in Canada and in the east of us, we don't get the big ducks down and there just is no shooting.

By that time the goose shooting is not good. The geese are there but they are in the fields of grass the farmers planted for the cattle



and they are full of fresh grass and water and of course not very edible.

So, consequently, our season closes after the first of the year in southwest Louisiana and for that reason I am asking for another week in the first segment, taking it off the second segment.

Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Representative Hogan. Yes, sir, you raised your hand again.

MR. DUBUISSON: Gentlemen, I am Paul Dubuisson. I represent the Dutch Bayou Hunting Club. We are located near Reserve, Louisiana. We would like to see a duck season very similar to what the biologists recommended with one exception, and that is an additional week be placed in the first split so that the eastern season would read November 18-December 3 and the second half would run December 16 through January 18.

Thank you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir. Does anyone else wish to be heard? Yes, sir, Mr. Rausch.

MR. RAUSCH: I am Zach Rausch from Lake



Charles, Louisiana. I am manager of a commercial hunting club out of the Sheraton Chateau Charles Hotel.

Every year we entertain some 3,000 people and most of these people are from Louisiana, so it gives a lot more room for a lot more people to hunt. Our findings have been that over the past 12 years when we go with the biologists we have our best seasons. Year before last and the season before that were two of the best years that we have ever had. It was approximately the same season that has been recommended by our biologists this year. Last year was one of our poorest seasons. I don't think that the season had any bearing on it but it was that.

So, we are asking and recommending a November 4 through November 26 for ducks and geese and December 9 through January 9 for ducks and of course extend the goose season on to January 24.

I want to thank you gentlemen for the privilege of appearing before you. I doubt if any other state offers the opportunities that this Commission does to the sportsmen of the state. If



they do, I don't know about it. Thank you again.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Rausch.

Anyone else?

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, yesterday there was some discussion about an opening in October, October 28. I haven't heard anyone speak on that this morning. Does anyone want to be heard with regard to urging or suggesting a 28 October opening?

MR. HOGAN: Of course, Marc, that would be ideal for southwest Louisiana. I am still not sure in my mind or straight as to whether or not the federal people will allow it. I think Dick was supposed to try and check on that. In your comments a little while ago you said something about we were locked into a November 4 date. If we could open up a week earlier than November 4, back in October, it would be ideal. That is the best teal and pintail shooting and even some early mallards in that area.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, did you find out yesterday?

MR. DUPUY: Mike, would that be for the



whole of the western zone? Do you think that is true for the whole western zone?

MR. HOGAN: I can go back as far as, say, Pecan Island. I have talked to hunters going back that far, specifically Representative John John who has a camp down there. He and I had a rather long discussion the other day in Baton Rouge on this thing. Of course, he said the best thing we could have would be a straight season, an early straight season, but I am not objecting to the split. I think possibly there is a lot of merit in that in allowing the gun pressure off the ducks for a period of time and getting them settled back down, and I have no objection to that.

Further east than Pecan Island, I just don't know, to be frank with you.

THE CHAIRMAN: Dick, did you talk to the federal people yesterday and see if we could open earlier than November 4 if we wanted to?

MR. YANCEY: Well, the only man that could answer that question is John Rogers. Some of you know him. You will remember he is the man we worked out this Central Flyway study with, and



he is out of the office and won't be back until Thursday. He is on leave and can't be reached. He just went through the traumatic experience of setting these regulations for the four flyways, so I assume that is one reason he is taking a few days off.

It is in the Register that the western zone is going to have to start on November 4 if we are going to get the extra five days of hunting out there, but whether or not they would change that at this point, Mike, I am not at liberty to say and we wouldn't know until Thursday.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anybody else wish to be heard? Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendations. I need some motions to get out of here.

MR. RIGGS: Mr. Chairman, I live in Cameron Parish in Hackberry in the area Mr. Hogan resides in and speaks about, and I have talked to a number of people. Of course, most people thought we were locked into the November 4 date and I did, too, so a lot of people were making their plans on that basis. But I do hunt in that area where approximately half of the ducks are killed in, and



I believe also Mr. Hogan serves on the Wildlife and Resources Committee in the legislature, isn't that true, Mike? I have the highest regard for him and he also is our former chief of enforcement. Of course, I have talked to a lot of people and I basically agree with the biologists except for one minor change, and I would like to offer a motion that in the western zone we set the season from November 4 to December 3, which is adding an extra week in the first season, and start the second segment December 16 to January 9, if those dates -- I mean, I believe that is 55 days. In other words, all I want to do is start on November 4 as they say but add a week into the first season.

THE CHAIRMAN: Go to December 3?

MR. RIGGS: Go to December 3.

THE CHAIRMAN: And December 16 to January 9.

MR. RIGGS: December 19 to January 9, and of course basically the goose season would track that.

THE CHAIRMAN: How about the east zone? Do you have any recommendations on that?



MR. RIGGS: No, I would just make this motion on the western zone.

THE CHAIRMAN: Western zone.

MR. LUTTRELL: I will second that motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded. November 4 to December 3 and December 16 and January 9. That is the western zone only. I have a motion and a second. Yes, Mr. Yancey.

MR. YANCEY: I think we should point out as we did yesterday that previously this year the Commission has set the either-sex deer season to begin on all the management areas on December 16, and it was stipulated that no duck hunting would be allowed on these management areas if the either-sex deer season is in progress. So, if we go with this December 16 opening date, that means these duck hunters are not going to be able to hunt ducks on these management areas on that date.

We went through that somewhat disastrous situation last year. A lot of duck hunters came on into these areas. They hunted, anyway, and there was a fair number of citations issued against them. Most of the citations were thrown out of



court. But we have got enough flexibility here in setting these dates to avoid opening this duck season with that either-sex deer season, and we would strongly urge that you give that consideration.

Perhaps a compromise consideration here would be to take January 8 and 9 and take those two days off the tail end of Bateman's recommendation and add them to the end of the first segment, which would then close on November 28. You would be taking two days off the tail end and adding it to the tail end of the first segment to allow a few more days in that first segment. I think that is basically what is being talked about here, to lengthen the hunting season in the first segment.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Yancey.

Gentlemen, I have a valid motion and a second.

MR. DUPUY: Could I make a substitute motion that we go with the biologists' recommendations?

THE CHAIRMAN: Is a substitute motion in order at this time? I believe it is, I believe an



amendment is in order.

MR. DUPUY: An amendment, yes.

THE CHAIRMAN: What dates are those, Marc?

MR. DUPUY: For the western zone, 4 November to 26 November, 9 December to January 9, which avoids the deer problem.

MR. RIGGS: You still have the duck season open during the opening of the deer season. You wouldn't alter that or change it.

MR. DUPUY: It wouldn't be an opening date, though.

THE CHAIRMAN: I don't suppose it makes a lot of difference, really.

Gentlemen, do I have a second to the amendment?

MR. WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille. We will vote on the amendment first. All in favor of the amendment say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Raise your hands. We had better roll-call vote this. Mr. Wille and Mr.



Dupuy.

All opposed?

(Messrs. Luttrell, Riggs and Gilbert raised hands to indicate opposition.)

Sorry about that, Marc. You lose.

Now we will vote on the original motion of Mr. Riggs that in the western zone it be November 4-December 3 and December 16-January 9.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Riggs, it is a tremendous problem, especially in our area. I don't know how much deer hunting you have in your area but we are predominantly deer hunting in our area rather than duck hunting. The season that we set last year caused many, many conflicts as far as opening the duck season at the same date as the any-sex deer season.

I don't know whether you had calls or other members of the Commission had calls from people who were just not aware that they were in violation of the law in hunting deer on the same day that duck season opened in the game management areas.



THE CHAIRMAN: Sonny, are you aware that with what the biologists recommend the season will be open, anyhow?

MR. GILBERT: I know that, but it is not opening on the same date.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, whether it opens the same day or not, if you are going to have people hunt, you are going to have a conflict.

MR. GILBERT: Mr. Riggs, is there any way that you could change your recommendation whereby it would not open on the same day as the any-sex season on deer that has already been set and agreed upon? Could you change it even two days?

MR. RIGGS: I believe everybody, you know, is desirous of a weekend opening and I would have no objection to changing that last date to December 23 to January 16, in other words, which wouldn't conflict.

THE CHAIRMAN: December 23-January 16, that is the last segment in the western zone. Mr. Luttrell, are you willing to accept that?

MR. LUTTRELL: I will accept that.



SECRETARY ANGELLE: That is 55 days?

THE CHAIRMAN: Are we still within our 55 days?

MR. GILBERT: We are just changing it a week, that is all we are doing.

MR. RIGGS: Would that solve your problem?

MR. GILBERT: Yes, it would.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a motion and a second. I will call for a vote. That is the western zone, November 4 to December 3, December 23 to January 15. All in favor say aye or raise your hands.

(Show of hands)

Three. All opposed?

(Show of hands)

Mr. Dupuy and Mr. Wille, I am sorry, you lose.

MR. WILLE: The day before Christmas Eve.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I am sorry, it is settled now.

MR. WILLE: I think we had a good set of



seasons, Dick, to start with. I am sorry they won.

MR. DUPUY: Gentlemen, I think we ought to reconsider that.

MR. WILLE: There has already been a motion and it has carried.

MR. DUPUY: I move that we reconsider and talk about that a little bit more. The December 23 opening for the second split is Christmas weekend, and you have a two-week split, and I don't think that is what the western zone people would like to have.

MR. WILLE: We are not taking into consideration that these kids are getting off from school about a week before Christmas and they like to be able to hunt, too, and they are going to be sitting at home that time until the 23rd. Do you know what I am talking about, Charles? You know we want to try to benefit these young folks that are on vacation from school on this thing, too.

MR. DUPUY: I think a lot better was what Dick was suggesting as an alternative, November 4 to 28 November, which is ending on a



Tuesday, but taking two days, and then December 9 to January 7.

MR. WILLE: That would still give Mike an extra week, no?

MR. DUPUY: That would give you the extra time in the early split and just take two days off the back end and put it on the end of the front end, which is a whole lot better.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, the Chair is going to listen to about two more minutes and then I am going to do something, I am going to go on to the eastern zone.

MR. WILLE: Go ahead and make your motion, Marc.

MR. DUPUY: I made a motion to reconsider those dates.

MR. WILLE: I will second that.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. Is there any further discussion? I will call for a vote. All in favor of the motion to reconsider, raise your hands.

MR. DUPUY: I was going to suggest that you hear from some of the folks here with regard



to the opening on the 23rd. I don't think that is a good date.

THE CHAIRMAN: Does anyone wish to be heard?

MR. RAUSCH: I would like to say another word.

MR. RIGGS: Mr. Chairman, I don't think it is appropriate to rediscuss a motion that has been voted and passed, duly passed. I think that this discussion is out of order.

MR. WILLE: O. K., I just want everybody to realize that we are cutting a lot of kids out of hunting that are coming home on Christmas vacation.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, I have a motion to reconsider the vote. Do I have a second?

MR. WILLE: Yes, you have a second. I seconded.

THE CHAIRMAN: All those in favor raise your right hand.

MR. DUPUY: In favor of the motion?

THE CHAIRMAN: In favor of the motion.

(Messrs. Dupuy and Wille raised



hands in favor of the motion.)

THE CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

(Messrs. Luttrell, Riggs and Gilbert raised their hands in opposition.)

THE CHAIRMAN: You lose again, men.

The Chair hereby states that the season in the western zone is going to be from November 4 to December 3 and December 23 to January 16. November 4-December 3 and December 23-January 16. That is your western zone.

Now let's go to the eastern zone. Who has got a motion on that?

MR. LUTTRELL: I have, Mr. Chairman, but first I would like to move that we accept the point system throughout the state.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion to accept the point system. Do I have a second?

MR. RIGGS: I will second it.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. Any discussion on that? I will call for a vote. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.



THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, several of us have made a survey of the eastern zone and we find that from central Louisiana north the dates most favorable are November 18-November 26 and December 2-January 11. I move the adoption of those dates.

THE CHAIRMAN: Give me those calendar dates.

MR. LUTTRELL: November 18-November 26, December 2-January 11. I move the adoption of those dates.

THE CHAIRMAN: I will make sure I have got these down right. November 8-26.

MR. LUTTRELL: 18, November 18.

THE CHAIRMAN: November 18.

MR. LUTTRELL: To November 26.

THE CHAIRMAN: November 26. December 2-January 11. Gentlemen, you have heard the motion. Do I have a second?

MR. RIGGS: I second.



THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. Any further discussion?

MR. DUPUY: I would like to make a substitute motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Let's have it.

MR. DUPUY: That we follow the recommendations of the biologists and set the season in the eastern zone for November 18-November 26, December 9-January 18.

MR. WILLE: Second.

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

MR. WILLE: Aye.

MR. DUPUY: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: All opposed?

MR. RIGGS: No.

MR. GILBERT: No.

MR. LUTTRELL: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a motion and second before us that the eastern zone dates be November 18-26, December 2-January 11. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.



THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed?

MR. WILLE: No.

MR. DUPUY: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: So ordered.

For the benefit of those here, your dates for the western zone are November 4-December 3, December 23-January 16. Eastern zone, November 18-November 26, December 2-January 11.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: So you are closing later in the west zone than the east zone?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. For your goose season, Dick, do we need --

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, I move we accept the recommendation of the biologists on the goose season that the goose season track that of the duck season.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion to accept the recommendation of the biologists on the goose season to run concurrent with the duck season. Do I have a second to that motion?

MR. RIGGS: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. Is there any discussion?



MR. YANCEY: Under the wording of that motion you are not going to have a full 70-day goose season. You will only have 50 days in the east and 55 in the west, if you run it concurrent with the duck season.

MR. LUTTRELL: Dick, my motion was that we accept the recommendations of the biologists and that would give you 70 days.

MR. WILLE: Since when are we going along with the recommendations of the biologists?

(Laughter)

MR. YANCEY: I think you need to be a little more specific than that because this proposal is different from --

MR. RIGGS: He meant track the duck season but extend it like you already did.

MR. YANCEY: Well, I just think we need to get on the record what we meant to say then.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you give me your recommendation so I can get it on the record?

MR. YANCEY: Mr. Bateman, do you have it worked out there?

MR. BATEMAN: What you would do, you



would extend the goose season 15 days beyond the closing date in the west zone, which was January 16 in the west zone.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. BATEMAN: What date is that, Larry?

THE CHAIRMAN: The 31st, eh?

MR. BATEMAN: That would be January 31, and you need to move on those particular dates for the goose season in the west zone, and you need to do likewise for the goose season in the east zone.

MR. LUTTRELL: That is the motion I am making.

THE CHAIRMAN: In other words, that the goose season run concurrent with the duck season in the west zone and should be extended from the 16th to the 31st.

MR. BATEMAN: I think it may be a little clearer in the record just to indicate that the goose season would run from November 4 to December 3, and then from December 23 to January 31. That would be specific and the dates would be firm.

Now, for the east zone you need a recommendation on goose season dates. If I have got



this right now, it would open on November 18 and run straight through to January 26.

THE CHAIRMAN: Open on the 18th and run to January 26.

MR. BATEMAN: Larry, I believe that is 70 days, that is the same opening date that we had recommended for ducks.

MR. SOILEAU: In view of the fact that there is so little time between that split, why not split the goose season? That would allow it to run to January 31.

MR. BATEMAN: I have no objection to that. It is just for the sake of making it clear in the regulations, what you are suggesting is fine, but the goose season, they need to extend it late in the west zone and in the east zone there is no need biologically to extend the goose season past the 26th. That would give you the full 70 days in a straight season.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understand it, the goose season in the east zone will be concurrent with the duck season. It will go from November 4 to December 3 and December 23 to January 31 in the



west zone.

MR. DUPUY: Mr. Chairman, it may be better that we take the recommendations of Mr. Soileau on the goose season. You know you are going to have five days of closed duck season and if the goose season is open during that same five-day period, that may present a problem, an enforcement problem.

MR. BATEMAN: That would be fine. I have no comment on that.

MR. DUPUY: It may be better to have the goose go the same as the duck.

MR. BATEMAN: You are talking about the east zone?

MR. DUPUY: In the eastern zone, right.

THE CHAIRMAN: January 31.

MR. DUPUY: In other words, November 18 to 26 and then December 2 and go to 31 January.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: You are closing the goose season during that three-week period in the west zone?

MR. BATEMAN: Yes.

MR. LUTTRELL: Mr. Chairman, I have no



objection to the change as outlined by Mr. Bateman and I would change my motion to read that we accept his recommendations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any more discussion on this goose season? We have a motion, do we have a second? Did you second that?

MR. RIGGS: I second.

THE CHAIRMAN: We have a motion and a second. Let's make sure that I get this right one more time in my mind. The goose season in the west zone is November 4-December 3 and December 23-January 31. In the east zone it will be from November 18 to November 26, December 2 to January 31. That is the motion before you, gentlemen. All in favor say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

That concludes our business unless somebody else has some business to bring before the Commission.

MR. WILLE: I am sure glad we all voted



on that motion, Mr. Chairman.

THE CHAIRMAN: I am glad I didn't have to break any ties.

MR. DUPUY: Do you want to have further reconsideration of the duck season in the western zone?

THE CHAIRMAN: No, sir, I do not.

SECRETARY ANGELLE: Not until next week!

MR. BATEMAN: You also need a motion for the special scaup season. In the east zone, what was the ending date on the duck season in the east zone?

THE CHAIRMAN: In the east zone the ending date was January 11.

MR. BATEMAN: All right, you would extend that -- what is it, 15 days, or 16 days, Larry?

THE CHAIRMAN: To the 27th, is that right?

MR. BATEMAN: To the 27th.

THE CHAIRMAN: Would you make the recommendation and then we will put it in the form of a motion.

MR. SOILEAU: Open on January 13.



MR. BATEMAN: All right.

MR. SOILEAU: And go through the 28th.

MR. BATEMAN: O. K. The special scaup season, we would recommend that it open on January 13, which is a Saturday, and run through January 28, which is a Sunday. That would be 16 days.

MR. LUTTRELL: That is east?

MR. BATEMAN: That is in the east zone.

MR. LUTTRELL: All right. Now give us your recommendation --

MR. BATEMAN: And you are going to be limited to specific areas that we negotiate on a year-by-year basis with the Fish & Wildlife Service and that will have to be taken care of after this meeting.

MR. DUPUY: Would you give me the dates again?

MR. BATEMAN: January 13 through January 18 -- 28, I am sorry. January 13 through January 28, 16 days.

MR. LUTTRELL: East. Now what is your recommendation for the west? I didn't get that.

MR. BATEMAN: Mr. Luttrell, the special



scaup season is only in certain areas in the eastern zone.

MR. LUTTRELL: O. K.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. Do I have a motion?

MR. LUTTRELL: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do I have a second?

MR. RIGGS: I second.

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

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any opposed?

(No response)

So ordered.

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

WHEREAS, the waterfowl hunting regulations for the 1978-79 season have been announced by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild-



life and Fisheries Commission is authorized to establish the dates during which ducks, geese and coots may be hunted within the federal frameworks,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the following dates for the hunting of ducks, geese and coots:

West Zone

Ducks and Coots

November 4-December 3 (30 days)

December 23-January 16 (25 days)

Geese

November 4-December 3 (30 days)

December 23-January 31 (40 days)

Special Scaup

January 13-28 (16 days) Restricted to certain coastal areas in Southeast Louisiana.

East Zone

Ducks and Coots



November 18-November 26 (9 days)

December 2-January 11 (41 days)

Geese

November 18-November 26 (9 days)

December 2-January 31 (61 days)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER  
RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife  
and Fisheries Commission does hereby  
adopt all other federal regulations  
controlling the hunting of waterfowl  
including shooting hours, baiting,  
firearm usage, etc., except the Noon  
and 2:00 P.M. shooting hours on a  
number of wildlife management areas  
previously established by the Com-  
mission and announced remain in  
effect.

THE CHAIRMAN: We stand adjourned. You  
can be prepared to come back again next week, so  
don't throw your information away. I am sure it  
isn't over with yet!

(11:45 o'clock a.m., the  
meeting adjourned.)

Kathryn G. Chamberlin, Reporter.



C E R T I F I C A T E

I, the undersigned reporter, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the above and foregoing ( 100 pages of typewritten matter) is a true and correct transcription of the tape recording and of the stenographic notes of the proceedings herein, transcribed by me, at the time and place hereinbefore noted.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this 13th day of September, 1978.

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