

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

FEB. 15, 1966

- 1.) Approval of minutes of January 25 & 24, 1966 meetings. (2)
- 2.) Amendment and addition to Resolution of May 26, 1964 which appoints Mr. J. D. Hair, Jr. to the position of Director. (2)
- 3.) Coburn Hood - Acting Chief of Enforcement Division (3)
- 4.) Request for permit to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the Mississippi River by Atlas Construction Company. (4)
- 5.) Request for permit to dredge in Little Lake in the name of Clay Calhoun to the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company. (6)
- 6.) Request Div. of Administration's assistance for proposed appropriations. (6)
- 7.) Approval of request from Pan American Petroleum Corp. to construct an access road on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge on State Lease 4647, Wells No. 1 and 2. (10)
- 8.) B. J. Langford - application for bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease on Russell Sage G.M.A. (about 40 acres) in Ouachita Parish. (10)
- 9.) Other business
- Mr. Edgar Monin of Boothville - request extension of trapping season on Nutria. (12)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

FEBRUARY 15, 1966

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans on Monday and Tuesday, February 14 and 15, 1966.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Tuesday meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, February 15, 1966, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: None

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M. and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meetings, held on January 24 and 25, 1966, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Thompson called upon Mr. Hair to explain the proposed amendment and addition to the resolution of May 26, 1964 appointing him as Director.

Mr. Hair said that the resolution appointing him to succeed Mr. L. D. Young, Jr. as Director did not cover the hiring and firing of personnel and this was brought up at a recent Civil Service hearing. He said he thought the matter should be clarified giving him the power to hire and fire Commission personnel with the exception of Division Chiefs which is to be done with the Board's consent.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the resolution passed by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission on May 26, 1964, by which J. D. Hair, Jr. was appointed Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to succeed Mr. L. D. Young, Jr., and was also appointed executive officer and administrative officer is amended by the addition of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that J. D. Hair, Jr., by virtue of and in accordance with said resolution, dated May 26, 1964, is and has been since May 26th, 1964 the appointing authority of both classified and unclassified personnel of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission up to, but not including chiefs of the various divisions. That the appointments of said chiefs were and shall be made by J. D. Hair, Jr., with the advice and consent of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Commission hereby ratifies and confirms all of the actions of J. D. Hair, Jr., as executive officer, administrative officer and appointing authority under and by virtue of said resolution passed on May 26th, 1964.

Mr. Hair was also called upon to discuss the vacant position of Chief, Enforcement Division.

Mr. Hair explained that there is a vacancy for the position of Chief of Enforcement Division. He said that until the position is filled, he would like to recommend Mr. Coburn Hood for the position. This would also mean that he would keep the position of Executive Assistant and serve as Acting Chief of that Division along with his other duties.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Fairchild, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. I. Coburn Hood is hereby directed to serve in the capacity of Acting Chief of Enforcement Division to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Hood will also hold the position of Executive Assistant, as previously appointed, and is expected to proceed to carry out both the duties of Acting Chief of Enforcement Division and Executive Assistant for the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Thompson then called Dr. St. Amant to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant said that the Atlas Construction Co., Inc. has made a request to dredge in the Mississippi River near Bohemia, La. and read the following letters dated Jan. 29, 1966, as received:

Wild Life and Fisheries Commission
State of Louisiana
400 Royal St.
New Orleans, La.

Gentlemen:

There is attached hereto a copy of an application for a permit for dredging in the Mississippi River near Bohemia La. for the purpose of obtaining fill material for use in constructing the Poverty Point, Bohemia Highway, State Project 76-06-18.

Your consent for the performance of this work is requested.

Very truly yours,
Atlas Construction Co.

By /s/ Geo. D. Williams

U.S. Army Engineers
New Orleans District
P.O. Box 60267
New Orleans, La. 70160

Gentlemen:

Reference is made to permit dated 17 June, 1965 for dredging in areas in the Mississippi River, left descending central to points about 48, 54.2 and 58.3 miles above the Head of Passes, Louisiana near Davant, Plaquemines Parish Louisiana.

It is now desired to obtain permission to borrow from an additional area on the left descending bank of the Mississippi River central to a point about Mile 45.3 near Bohemia, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana. Area desired is shown on the attached sketch.

It is requested the subject permit be modified to include the additional area. All other conditions of the original permit to be an remain the same. Assents to this additional area are being requested from the Plaquemines Parish Commission Council, and the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, and these documents will be forwarded when received.

Very truly yours,
Atlas Construction Company, Inc.

/s/ Geo. D. Williams

Dr. St. Amant stated that this request has been examined and found to meet all of the requirements set forth by this Commission and there being no objection, Dr. St. Amant recommended that the permit be granted.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant a permit to the Atlas Construction Company, Inc. to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the Mississippi River near Bohemia, Louisiana, between Mile 44.8 to Mile 45.8 with approximately 500,000 cu. yards to be dredged from this area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Dr. St. Amant also stated that he received a request from Mr. Clay Calhoun to grant to the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company his rights and privileges with respect to a permit granted to him by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to dredge clam and/or reef shells in Little Lake in Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes. Dr. St. Amant said that this type of assignment is permissible according to our permit agreements and recommended that same be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company the rights and privileges previously granted to Mr. Clay Calhoun in a standard assignment to dredge clam and/or reef shells in Little Lake in Jefferson and Lafourche Parishes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that he would like to recommend that a letter be submitted to the Division of Administration requesting assistance in obtaining certain appropriations during the forthcoming session of the legislature. No capital outlay money was

appropriated to the Commission for the current fiscal year and

there have been no provisions made for securing such funds for the coming year.

Mr. Yancey said that increased demands are being and will be placed on our three state fish hatcheries for fish to stock such lakes as Toledo Bend, Lake Claiborne, and the thousands of farm ponds scattered throughout Louisiana. If we are to satisfy these needs, a number of new rearing ponds and other facilities must be constructed at our hatcheries.

Mr. Yancey said that there are some 750,000 acres of federal, state and privately owned land in game management areas in Louisiana. Many hunters from all sixty-four of the State's parishes now depend upon these areas for a place to hunt deer, squirrel, ducks, quail, etc. If we are to meet our obligations in managing these areas we must have funds to finance the construction of levees, dams, fences, bridges, access roads, and camping areas. Some of these lands, particularly the newly acquired Saline Wildlife Management Area in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, can become real tourist attractions and an economic asset to Louisiana if some funds can be secured for their development.

Heavy demands are also being made upon this department for the construction of additional public boat launching ramps that the people of Louisiana can use to gain access to state owned waters. Mr. Yancey said that if we had one or two of these ramps on each of our major state owned lakes, Louisiana's image as a tourist attraction would be greatly improved.

He also stated that we are in dire need of new district office buildings in Baton Rouge, Monroe, and DeRidder. The principal functions of this department are spread out in eight districts and adequate housing for personnel of all of our divisions is badly needed.

Mr. Yancey said that if we are to have a progressive fish and wildlife program in Louisiana, for which there is every justification, we must have funds with which to operate. These needs are minimum and we are asking for appropriations only out of funds which are available in our conservation fund.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby instruct Mr. J. D. Hair, Jr., Director to request the Division of Administration's assistance in obtaining certain appropriations during the forthcoming session of the legislature. These funds to pay the cost of these projects are available in the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's conservation account. A list of the proposed projects are as follows:

**PROJECTS PROPOSED BY
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION
1966-1967**

Conservation Fund.

- 1 - **Monroe Fish Hatchery.**
 - (a) Construct 21 fish rearing ponds \$ 40,000
 - (b) Construct fish sorting, holding sheds, and warehouse. 7,000
 - (c) Water wells for fish ponds. 3,000

- 2 - **Beechwood Fish Hatchery (near Alexandria).**
 - (a) Construct 8 fish rearing ponds. 16,000
 - (b) Construct fish holding shed and warehouse. 5,000

- 3 - **Lacombe Fish Hatchery.**
 - (a) Construct 2 fish rearing ponds. 3,000
 - (b) New resident quarters and equipment shed. 6,000

- 4 - **Public boat launching ramps on state owned lakes and streams. Matching funds on many of these projects will be provided by the U. S. Bureau of Outdoor Recreation on a fifty-fifty basis.** 200,000

- 5 - **Land acquisition for sites upon which boat launching ramps can be constructed.** 50,000

- 6 - **Levees and dams for water management units on publicly owned game management areas.** 200,000

- 7 - **Public access roads, bridges, fences on wildlife management areas.** 200,000

- 8 - **Camping areas, sheds, water wells, and tables on game management areas.** 75,000

- 9 - **Headquarters facility on the 60,000 acre Saline Wildlife Management Area. (At present there are no buildings on this area).** 60,000

- 10 - **District VII office in Baton Rouge. To be located at L.S.U. quail hatchery on Perkins Road.** 150,000

11 - District II office in Monroe.	50,000
12 - District V office in DeRidder.	50,000
13 - Land acquisition for new wildlife management areas.	700,000

TOTAL \$ 1,815,000

Mr. Allan Ensminger was called to the floor relative to a request received from Pan American Corporation for the construction of access roads on State Lease 4647, Wells No. 1 and 2.

Mr. Ensminger said that an examination of the proposed plans have been made and it is found that this work can be approved provided certain conditions are included in the agreement to protect the best interests of the Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the request of the Pan American Petroleum Corporation to construct an access road on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge in order to reach a drilling site located on State Lease 4647, Wells No. 1 and 2, provided certain conditions are included to protect the interest of Marsh Island Refuge.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith.

Mr. Hair then said he had received an application from Mr. B. J. Langford for an oil, gas and mineral lease. This lease

is for approximately 40 acres of Russell Sage. He said that he would like to make a request of the Mineral Board to put the property up for bid. Naturally, Mr. Langford would have to meet the requirements relative to the rules and regulations of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. The following is the letter received from Mr. B. J. Langford, dated Feb. 14, 1966:

Gentlemen:

The undersigned hereby makes application for an oil, gas and mineral lease on the following described tract in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, to-wit:

All of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW/4 of NW/4) of Section 3, Township 18 North, Range 5 East, containing 40 acres more or less.

Attached hereto is one copy of a plat upon which has been outlined the above described tract. An additional copy of the application and plat is submitted for your file.

There is also attached a certified check, payable to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, in the amount of \$100.00, as evidence of good faith.

Yours very truly,

/s/ B. J. Langford
B. J. Langford

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application for the advertising for bids for an oil, gas and mineral lease covering the following tract of land:

All of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter (NW1/4 of NW-1/4) of Section 3, Township 18 north, Range 5 East, containing 40 acres more or less in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, Section 153 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, provides that an agency may avail itself of the services of the State Mineral Board in advertising and receiving bids for oil, gas and mineral leases on its land,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize and request the State Mineral Board to lease in the manner provided in Sections 121-136 of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, the above described tract of land owned by this agency.

Chairman Thompson asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission. Mr. Edgar Monin of Boothville requested the floor.

Mr. Monin had a petition from the various trappers of Plaquemine Parish which requested an extension of 15 days for the trapping season on Nutria in that parish. Mr. Monin said that the Commission Council of Plaquemine Parish stated that they would agree on the extension if the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission would also agree. Mr. Monin said that the nutria in his area were plentiful and Hurricane Betsy had not affected the population. He also stated that their parish had a shorter season than most parishes, because of the duck season as the Commission did not want the two seasons to

conflict. He said that he felt that since their season was two weeks shorter and due to the fact that many people in that area depended on trapping for a livelihood that this season should be extended 15 days.

Chairman Thompson called upon Mr. Ted O'Neil of the Fur Division for his opinion.

Mr. O'Neil said that with all due consideration given, he could not justly recommend this extension. The rules and regulations have been made and if they were to be changed it would present many problems such as in our Enforcement Division. However, Mr. O'Neil did recommend to Mr. Monin to put extra trappers on duty for the rest of the season and in this way they could probably trap a double amount of nutria for the remainder of the season. This method could possibly serve as a substitute for an extension of time being that they could trap twice the number. Mr. O'Neil said that he would recommend that an additional five days be given in order that the trappers could gather their gear and vacate the area.

Chairman Thompson told Mr. Monin that if the trappers of Plaquemine Parish desired, they could attend a future meeting at which the trapping seasons are recommended. Possibly, at this time, they could have allowances made for next year's season.

Mr. Buquet said that he would like to recommend that this season be closed on the regular date as set by the Commission.

He stated that he understood that most trappers only trapped

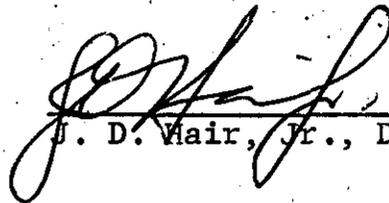
about 50 percent of the catch this year as compared to last year's trapping.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Jones, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that the 1965-66 Nutria trapping season's closing date, February 28, will remain effective as previously set by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the trappers are hereby given a period of five days after the closing date, February 28, in which to remove their gear from the area.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the meeting was adjourned.



J. D. Vair, Jr., Director