

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS MEETING

March 28, 1967

1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of February 27 and 28, 1967. (2)
2. Announce April meeting to be held in Monroe on April 24 - 25, 1967. (2)
3. Announce hearings on Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits to be held in Alex., June 23-24 at the Ramada Inn. The meetings will be called to order at 10:00 A.M. each day. (2)
4. ✓ Recommendation for new Civil Service examination for Chief of the Enforcement Division. (2)
5. ✓ Recommendation on dates for experimental teal season, Sept. 22-30. (4)
6. ✓ Approval of permit to Luke Construc. Co. to dredge for sand & gravel near Tiger Island. (6)
7. ✓ Approval of Atlas Const. Co. to change location of dredging operation in Mississippi River near Bohemia, La. (8)
8. ✓ Approval of permit to Jahncke Service, Inc. to dredge for fill from Mississippi River near Poverty Point, La. (9)
9. ✓ Approval to enter into maintenance agreement with Bureau of Outdoor Recreation for Red River Wildlife Management Area. (10)
10. ✓ Approval of bids on boat launching ramps and parking areas on Muddy Bayou, LaSalle Parish to J.T. Richardson Co. and Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish to H & H Construction Co. (11)
11. ✓ Request Dept. of Public Works to postpone lowering of Bundicks Lake until after June 15th if it does not jeopardize lake dam. (12)
12. ✓ Adoption of supplemental resolution on closure of Spring Bayou to Commercial Fishing. (14)
13. Resolution to prohibit shooting of turkeys from any vehicle. (15)
14. Other business.
 - ✓ Use of butterfly nets to be prohibited on Wisner and Biloxi Public Shooting Grounds. (16)

Clyde Smith, President of La. Wildlife Federation, invites commission to attend their meeting in Alex. (17)

PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
MARCH 27 and 28, 1967

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, March 27 and 28, 1967.

The informal meeting held on Monday, March 27, 1967, consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs on general department matters and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held at 10:00 A.M. on Tuesday, March 28, 1967, in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members Present at both meetings were as follows:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Jerry G. Jones

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

Absent: NONE

Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order and stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Buquet, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on February 27 and 28, 1967, in Shreveport, La. was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Thompson stated that the next regular Commission meeting will be held in Monroe on April 24 and 25. A place for the meeting had not as yet been arranged, but a news release would go out on this as soon as a place had been selected.

Chairman Thompson announced that the public hearing on hunting seasons and bag limits would be held on Friday and Saturday, June 23 and 24, 1967, at the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana, and that the meeting would be called to order each day at 10:00 A.M.

Chairman Thompson called upon Director Glasgow relative to new Civil Service examination for Chief of Enforcement Division.

Director Glasgow stated that the Civil Service examination for Enforcement Chief was given on July 23, 1966, from which it was expected that we would appoint a new Chief. An attempt was made to appoint the number one eligible person certified by Civil Service, Mr. Mike Hogan, but Mr Hogan declined the appointment. The number two eligible was appointed Chief on February 28, 1967, to become effective March 15, 1967, but Mr. Rogers failed to appear for duty. He stated that this position had been vacant since September 1965 and

since it is a key position in this agency there was an urgent need to fill it.

"Persons on the present Civil Service list took this examination quite some time ago and since that date employees of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission had gained further valuable experience and additional employees could now meet the requirements to take this examination" said Director Glasgow. He continued - "In view of the urgency to secure a Chief for the Enforcement Division, in view of the efforts the Commission had made to secure a Chief, and finally in view of the long time lapse since this examination was given, I recommend that the Civil Service Commission be requested to cancel the present certificate No. 75947-S-2 and give a competitive promotional examination restricted to employees of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Not only does this Commission have competent and able employees who are capable of carrying out the duties of the Chief, but by choosing someone from within the ranks the morale of all employees will be greatly improved."

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

WHEREAS, a Civil Service examination for Chief of the Enforcement Division, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, was given on July 23, 1966, and a list of eligible applicants certified to the Commission, and

WHEREAS, an attempt was made by the Commission to appoint eligible No. 1, Mr Mike Hogan who declined, and

WHEREAS, on February 28, 1967, Mr. Lonnie Rogers, eligible No. 2, was appointed Chief, but failed to appear for duty, and

WHEREAS, this is an extremely important position in the Commission that has been vacant since September, 1965, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has several employees that meet the requirements for the position.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission request the Civil Service Commission to cancel the present Certificate No. 75947-S-2, and give as promptly as feasible a competitive promotional examination for Chief of the Enforcement Division, restricted to employees of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the 1967 experimental teal season.

Mr. Yancey stated that we had been advised by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service that Louisiana will again be allowed a 9-day teal hunting season in September of this year, and recommended that it be established at this particular meeting.

"I might give you a brief report on the results of the season that was held last September, which was the second of these seasons that we have had in the past. A total of 20 States in the Central and Mississippi Flyways participated in last year's teal season. A total of 357,000 teal were bagged, 96,000 were taken in Louisiana, or 27 percent of the total number taken in the 20 states. A total of 33,000 permits were issued to Louisiana hunters and about 56 percent

of this total actually hunted. We feel that this season worked out extremely well, it provided a lot of hunting opportunity for a lot of hunters and did not jeopardize in any way the teal or other duck populations. Only 3 percent of the total fall flight of bluewinged teal was taken during the 9-day season, an additional 3 percent of the total fall flight was taken during the regular hunting season, only 6 percent of the total fall teal flight was taken during both hunting seasons and usually we experience a natural loss of about 40 to 50 percent of the teal population during the fall, winter and spring," said Mr. Yancey.

He continued - "We feel this season was successful and certainly we want to commend the Fish and Wildlife Service for having it again this year and we hope that it will become an annual event here in the State."

Mr. Yancey further stated that the framework for conducting the season was the same as last year, that the 9-day season would have to be set between September 1 and September 30. He stated that the later we go into September, the more teal we will have as reflected by periodic waterfowl inventories conducted by the Commission since 1950, and that the weather would be cooler. Based upon these two factors he recommended that this teal season be started on Friday, September 22 and close on Saturday, September 30.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby establish the dates of the Louisiana experimental teal season to begin at sunrise on Friday, September 22 and close at sunset on Saturday, September 30, 1967 in accordance with the regulations established by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission hereby adopts all of the Federal regulations governing this 9-day season and agrees to comply with all of the terms and conditions outlined by the Bureau in accepting this season including the issuance of hunter permits, the pre-season banding of teal and the measures necessary to properly evaluate the effects of this season.

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

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to applications for permits.

Dr. St. Amant read the following application from Luke Construction Company, Inc., Houma, La., dated March 8, 1967:

"Please consider this letter and other enclosed information as our application for permit to dredge approximately 50,000 yards of sand annually from the vicinity of Tiger Island Light, Mile 103 as indicated on the enclosed map.

"We are enclosing a copy of our most recent audit balance sheet. Mr. Luke E. Grezaffi, Jr. owes 100 % of outstanding stock. If granted this permit, we propose to use the following locations as our principal unloading sites: Houma, Morgan City, Gibson, LaRose, and Patterson, Louisiana.

"All dredging will be performed with equipment owned by this company which is in good condition. A more exact description of this equipment is as follows:

- "1. Dredge LUKE #2 - 34' x 110' spud barge w/galley and living quarters equipped for 24 hr. operation, and Marion Model 111-M dragline with 100' boom having a 5 yard capacity.
- "2. SPUD BARGE LUKE #4- 34' x 120' and Bucyrus 71B dragline having a 3 yard capacity.

"In performing this operation we also propose to use the following non-owned equipment:

- "1. Tug boats (Two)
- "2. Steel flat deck barges (approximately 8).

Yours very truly,
LUKE CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Signed Luke E. Grezaffi, Jr.
President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that Luke Construction Company requested a permit to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the vicinity of Tiger Island Light, Mile 103, Grand Lake, Atchafalaya Basin. He stated that this application has been examined and appeared to meet all requirements set forth by this Commission and recommended that a permit be granted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that Luke Construction Company, Inc., of Houma, La., is hereby granted a permit to dredge for sand and/or fill material in the vicinity of Tiger Island Light, Mile 103, Grand Lake, Atchafalaya Basin, and same is hereby approved.

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

Dr. St. Amant read the following letter from Atlas Construction Company, Inc., Kenner, Louisiana, dated March 13, 1967:

"Reference is made to our permit dated February 16, 1966, for dredging fill material from the Mississippi River near Bohemia, Louisiana, between Mile 44.8 to Mile 45.8.

"We are respectfully requesting that the location of the area be revised to read, 'The Mississippi River near Bohemia, Louisiana, between Mi. 44.2 AHP - Mi. 45.8 AHP - Mi. 46.8 AHP - Mi. 47.8 AHP and Mi. 48.2 AHP - Mi. 49.2 AHP with approximately 1,500,000 cu. yds. to be dredged from these areas', with all other terms and conditions of the permit remaining the same.

Yours very truly,
ATLAS CONSTRUCTION CO., INC.

Signed: L. P. Mathews"

Dr. St. Amant stated that this request had been examined and meets all requirements and recommended that this modification be granted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Atlas Construction Company, Inc. to change their dredging operations in the Mississippi River, near Bohemia, Louisiana, be and the same is hereby approved.

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

Dr. St. Amant read the following letter from Jahncke Service,

New Orleans, Louisiana, dated March 16, 1967:

"We hereby request permission to dredge fill material from the Mississippi River near Poverty Point, Louisiana, between Mile 52.7 and Mile 59.2 A.H.P., to be used on Louisiana Department of Highways Contract No. 46-06-21, Poverty Point-Bohemia Highway (Highway Protection Embankment), Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

"We are attaching herewith two (2) prints showing the proposed locations of the borrow pits. The estimated yardage is approximately one and one-half million yards.

"Trusting this is satisfactory to you, we beg to remain

Yours very truly,
JAHNCKE SERVICE, INC.

Signed: J. H. Moss
Vice President"

Dr. St. Amant stated that the request by Jahncke Service, Inc. for a permit to dredge for fill material from the Mississippi River near Poverty Point, Louisiana, between Mile 52.7 and Mile 59.2 had been examined and meets all requirements set forth by this Commission and recommended that it be granted.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the request by Jahncke Service, Inc. for a permit to dredge for fill material from the Mississippi River near Poverty Point, Louisiana, between Mile 52.7 and Mile 59.2 be and the same is hereby approved.

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

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

Mr. Herring stated that we were applying for \$400,400.00 from the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation as a partial payment on our Red River Wildlife Management Area in Concordia Parish. He further stated that in making this application we would need a resolution from this body that we will maintain and develop this area to its maximum potention as far as recreational purposes, hunting, fishing, camping, etc. He recommended that a resolution be passed in accepting this money for reimbursement purposes.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is interested in acquiring lands or developing outdoor recreational facilities on the following described project for the enjoyment of the citizenry of said Concordia Parish and the State of Louisiana.

Project description: RED RIVER WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA.

AND, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, Orleans Parish, State of Louisiana, that said Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does agree to obligate the funds or services stipulated below to satisfactorily complete the following project and thus become eligible for Land and Water Conservation Fund Act financial aid of 50 percent of the estimated or actual allowable cost, whichever is less, at the completion of said project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such project and funds or services shall be authorized as follows:

Total Estimated Cost	\$800,800.00
Total Estimated Federal Share.	\$400,400.00
Total Estimated Sponsor's Share.	\$400,400.00

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is hereby authorized and directed to make applications to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana to seek federal financial assistance on this project for them and be further authorized to take the necessary action to complete such project, sign the maintenance agreement and the required project agreement.

AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and plan approved by said Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be forwarded to the Parks and Recreation Commission of Louisiana, Baton Rouge to the purpose of obtaining such financial aid.

Mr. Herring stated that contracts and bid estimate costs had been received from the Louisiana Department of Public Works for the construction of two boat launching ramps and parking areas. Low bidder on Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish, structure was H & H Contracting Company, Bossier City, Louisiana, in the amount of \$15,860.00 and the low bidder on the Muddy Bayou, LaSalle Parish, structure was J. T. Richardson Company, Ruston, Louisiana, in the amount of \$15,494.00. He recommended that the Commission authorize the issuance of a contract to H & H Construction Company and the

J. T. Richardson Company for the construction of the boat launching ramps and parking areas mentioned above.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works advertised for and received bids for the construction of boat launching ramps and parking areas on Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish, and on Muddy Bayou, LaSalle Parish, as previously requested by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to issue a contract to the low bidder, H & H Contracting Company, Bossier City, Louisiana, in the amount of \$15,860.00, for the boat launching ramp and parking area on Caddo Lake, Caddo Parish, and to the low bidder, J. T. Richardson Company, Ruston, Louisiana, in the amount of \$15,494.00 for the boat launching ramp and parking area on Muddy Bayou, LaSalle Parish. The Department of Public Works' Engineers have examined these bids and found them to be in proper order and in line with the estimated cost for the construction of boat launching ramps and parking areas.

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

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the situation on Bundicks Lake. He explained to the Commission that the Louisiana Department

of Public Works has entered into a contract to repair the dam on Bundicks Lake. In this contract they will have to lower the dam at this time until the contractor has completed his work which will take place during this month. The Bundicks Lake Commission is presently carrying out a fish management plan on this lake and will lower the lake again at the later part of June. If this contract goes through on the lake, it will be lowered during this month for repairs and again in June, but there will probably not be enough time lapse between these lowerings for the lake to refill. Mr. Herring said that this would deprive the local people of their fishing privileges for the area and recommended that the Commission request the Department of Public Works to postpone their work until after June 15th or see if the contractor can make other arrangements to do the work without lowering the water level, unless they see that this will jeopardize the dam itself.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works has entered into a contract for repairing the Bundicks Lake dam scheduled to take place during this month, and

WHEREAS, the Bundicks Lake Commission is in the process of following a fish management plan on this lake which will call for the lowering of the water level in the latter part of June.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department

of Public Works to postpone the contract work scheduled for the repairs of the Bundicks Lake dam until after June 15th, or see if the contractor can do the work without lowering the water level, in order that the Bundicks Lake Commission's fish management program and the repairs to the dam will take place during the same drawdown thereby affording the local people of the area more fishing privileges.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission had received a request to void the resolution that was passed at the last meeting of the Commission on February 28, 1967, pertaining to commercial fishing on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area and requested that a new resolution be considered which would prohibit the taking of any fish from this area for commercial purposes. It was stated that there will be commercial fishing with nets, etc. under the supervision of the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission at the proper time, that recommendations are being made up for presentation to the Commission.

Chairman Thompson stated that the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury, by resolution duly adopted and signed, has asked the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to take over waters adjacent to Spring Bayou, namely "Upper Old River", and to operate it under the same guidelines that we use for Spring Bayou Area. He suggested that Mr. Herring and parties concerned meet with the Police Jury and see if this additional water area can be put under a game management or fish management area.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has established a Wildlife Management Area at the Spring Bayou Management Area, and

WHEREAS, commercial fishing was formerly allowed in the Spring Bayou area when this property was privately owned, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission is greatly interested in establishing the Spring Bayou Management Area as fishing grounds for individuals and/or groups fishing for personal use only and not for commercial purposes.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that no persons shall fish for commercial purposes in the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area, and that a person may take fresh game fish only by means of rod or fishing pole, hook, line, trawling line, hand line, bait casting, and fly casting apparatus, and then only for personal use. The use of any type of net for the purpose of taking fish is prohibited. The Commission shall take such steps as necessary to prevent the seining of fish for commercial purposes at any time in the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Herring stated that Louisiana's turkey season would open on April 1 and continue through April 23, 1967. That according to a reading of the Louisiana law by our attorney it is permissible to use a rifle for the purpose of turkey hunting, but there had

been some question that hunters could drive into certain wooded areas along log roads and other remote areas and shoot turkey from a vehicle. He requested the Commission to pass a resolution to prohibit the shooting of wild turkey from a motor vehicle or any type of mechanically operated vehicle.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the shooting of wild turkeys from any type of motor vehicle, including automobiles, pickup trucks, tractors, or any other mechanically operated form of transportation is hereby prohibited during the turkey season which will open on April 1, 1967 and run through April 23, 1967, as well as for all future turkey seasons.

Mr. Herring stated that he had some recommendations from the Fish and Game Division which would involve salt water species of commercial types, such as shrimp. He recommended that the use of butterfly nets be prohibited for a distance of 200 feet from any wood water control structure located on the Wisner and Biloxi Public Shooting grounds. He stated that boat operators using butterfly nets next to the structures are causing damage by wave wash while running their engines and that this is also harming sport fishing, crabbing, sport shrimping, and salt water fishing on and adjacent to the structures.

He further stated that trawling in the marsh ponds behind the structures is damaging production of aquatic plants important to

marsh wildlife and that he had discussed this matter with personnel of the Oyster and Water Bottoms Division and they could see no reason why this activity should not be prohibited.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the use of butterfly nets is hereby prohibited for a distance of 200 feet from any timbered water control structure located on the Wisner and Biloxi Public Shooting Grounds within the bayou in which the structure is located.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that trawling in the marsh ponds or bayous behind or effected by these water control structures is hereby prohibited.

Chairman Thompson recognized Mr. Clyde Smith, President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, and asked if he had any remarks to make.

Mr. Smith extended an invitation to Commission Members, the Director, Commission biologists, and the Commission photographer to attend the Louisiana Wildlife Federation's annual convention to be held March 31 through April 2, 1967, in Alexandria at the Bentley Hotel. He stated that they would appreciate the assistance of Commission biologists in the various committee meetings.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow, Director