

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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1. Approval of the minutes of the meeting of March 21 and 22, 1966
CORRECTION - Approval of permit for Little Lake
Towing and Dredging Company to state that there
will be no interference with racing course already
established in that area. (2)
2. Approval of Humble Oil request to dredge canal and slip on
State Lease 3498, Well No. 10, Lake Sand Field (2)
on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.
3. Approval of Amarillo Oil Company and J. L. Hamon request to
dredge an access route to State Lease 4090, Well (3)
No. 1, on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.
4. Setting of Spring Shrimp Season, 1966. (4)
5. Approval to authorize an expenditure of an additional \$6,000.00
to finance a survey of the 50,000 acre tract (5)
purchased in LaSalle Parish. (Saline G.M.A.)
6. Other business (6)
Chairman Thompson reports on Spring Bayou Area,
Avoyelles Parish.

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans on Monday and Tuesday, April 25 and 26, 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, April 26, 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.

Mr. Hair said that in the minutes of the last meeting there was an error relative to the approval of the permit for the Little Lake Towing and Dredging Company and the resolution should have read, "WHEREAS, there will be no interference with the racing course already established in that area. . ."

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meetings, held on March 21 and 22, 1966, was dispensed with and the minutes amended and approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Chairman Thompson called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Ensminger stated that Humble Oil and Refining Company has made a request for permission to extend some of their facilities on State Lease 3498, Well No. 10 in which they plan to excavate an access canal following an existing water course most of the way to the site. Mr. Ensminger said that after careful checking, they can find no objection to this request and that he would like to recommend that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission grant this request.

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

WHEREAS, Humble Oil and Refining Company agrees to certain stipulations and requirements to be included in the permit in order to protect the best interest of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Humble Oil and Refining Company to dredge an access route to proposed drilling site on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge under State Lease 3498, Well No. 10, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

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

Mr. Ensminger stated that we have also received a request from Amarillo Oil Co. and J. L. Hamon to dredge an access route to State Lease 4090, Well No. 1, located on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge. This well site is located at the eastern edge of this tract and the access route will go through Joe Aucoin Bayou.

MR. Ensminger said that there is no objection to this request and he recommended that it be granted.

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

WHEREAS, Amarillo Oil Company and J. L. Hamon agrees to certain terms and conditions as setforth in the permit in order to protect the best interest of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Amarillo Oil Company

and J. L. Hamon to dredge an access route to State Lease 4090, Well No. 1 on Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, Iberia Parish, Louisiana.

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 the setting of the Spring Shrimp Season for 1966.

Dr. St. Amant said that on April 20th they had a meeting at the Grand Terre Laboratory to discuss all of the Shrimp research data. They arrived at the conclusion that the opening date for the Spring Shrimp season should be at the latest possible date which is May 15th. Dr. St. Amant stated that three factors controlled Shrimp production. First, the quantity of shrimp that are hatching; second, water temperature; and third, the salinity of the water. Dr. St. Amant explained more in detail by illustrating a graphic comparison of present data with that of previous years. The data indicated that though a considerable quantity of shrimp appear to be present in the nursery areas cold water temperatures have prevented rapid growth and the average size is quite small. Because of this, Dr. St. Amant recommended the shrimp season be opened on the latest possible date, May 15 and continue for 60 consecutive days which is through July 15.

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

WHEREAS, in consideration of all biological evidence available

and on the advice of our technical staff, and

WHEREAS, cold water temperatures and a late Spring have caused shrimp to grow slowly.

BE IT RESOLVED that the season be set on the latest possible opening date under the existing law, beginning May 15 and continuing consecutively for 60 days, through July 15, 1966.

Mr. Yancey was called to the floor relative to the expenditure of an additional \$6,000.00 to finance a survey in LaSalle Parish.

Mr. Yancey explained that on January 26, 1965, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission authorized a \$10,000.00 expenditure to finance a survey of the 50,000 acre tract purchased in LaSalle Parish. Much of this work has been completed but the acquisition of 10,000 acre tract in Catahoula Parish brought on additional survey problems and it is estimated that another \$6,000.00 will be needed to complete the survey of the perimeter of the entire Saline Game Management Area and the small 40 and 80-acre tracts of private land located inside the Game Management Area. With good weather, it is estimated that two survey crews can complete the job in five or six weeks and this work is being supervised by the Department of Public Works and Fish and Game Division personnel working in District IV. Mr. Yancey said that he would like to recommend that the Commission authorize an expenditure of an additional \$6,000.00 to complete this essential job.

Mr. Thompson said that the original estimate was not correct and that the job cost more. For this is the reason why \$6,000.00

seems to be so much larger as compared to the original estimate.

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 authorize the expenditure of an additional \$6,000.00 to finance a survey due to the acquisition of the 10,000 acre tract in Catahoula Parish which will complete the survey of the perimeter of the Saline Game Management Area and the small 40 and 80-acre tracts of private land located inside the game management area.

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

Chairman Thompson said that if there was no further business to come before the Commission he would tell about the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission's interest in purchasing land in Avoyelles Parish. They have had several meetings in connection with the matter. Chairman Thompson explained that there was a meeting held only the week before to discuss purchasing any land in that area and he said that if these lands are not purchased soon there is a strong possibility that when we are in need, none will be available. He stated that they were particularly interested in a tract of 10,000 acres in the Spring Bayou area which is comprised of both water and hard wood bottom land area. This land is offered for sale at \$93.00 per acre; however, this land has not been appraised as yet. If the Commission should purchase the land,

the Federal Government may possibly give aid in the finances which would be on a 50 percent participation basis of the appraised price. Chairman Thompson said that after the appraisal is made and the terms are more thoroughly discussed, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will probably be able to arrive at a more definite decision.

Mr. Buquet then stated that he would like to make a motion to commend Dr. St. Amant, Dr. Ted Ford and their Division, Oyster and Water Bottoms, in the fine manner in which they set the Spring Shrimp Season for the coming year. Mr. Buquet said that it was a pleasure to attend the meeting on Grand Isle and participate in the meeting.

Mr. Jones seconded the motion.

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



J. D. Hair, Jr., Director