

**LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION**

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**AUGUST 19, 1959**

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana on Tuesday, August 19, 1969.

The meetings consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the public meeting. The informal staff meeting was held in the Director's Office, at 9:00 A.M.

The formal public meeting was held on Tuesday, August 19, 1969, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226 of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, 400 Royal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman  
H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman  
John Edwin Kyle, Jr.  
Hobson Norris  
Jimmie Thompson  
James L. Winfree

Absent:

Clarence A. Guidry

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Jones at 10:00 A.M. who stated that before proceeding with the agenda for the meeting, Mr. Kyle had an announcement.

Mr. Kyle stated that a very close and kind friend of the Commission had passed away that morning, Mr. Frank Ritchie, Sr. Mr. Ritchie was the Vice-President of the Louisiana Land and Exploration Company. He had made many friends with the Commission and was greatly respected by all of his friends, as well as being known as a true conservationist.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Richard Yancey for the first item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey explained to the Commission that the State Legislative Act 152, of the 1968 Legislature, abolished the Lake Bistineau Game and Fish Commission and transferred all of its functions to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. In view of this fact, the United Gas Pipe Line Company has requested the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to enter into a lease agreement, which was formerly held by the Lake Bistineau Game and Fish Commission, for the maintenance of two small burning pit sites. Mr. Yancey then said that it was also requested that the Commission Attorney, Mr. Peter Duffy, be requested to give an opinion on the matter.

Mr. Duffy then told the Commission that as far as he could comprehend, the matter seemed to be in order; however, he requested some time in order to further study the matter.

Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission defer the matter until a later meeting, at which time Mr. Duffy could make a proper opinion on the matter.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Thompson and unanimously adopted, the subject of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission entering into a lease agreement with the United Gas Pipe Line Company for the maintenance of two small burning pit sites, was deferred to a later date.

Chairman Jones then requested Dr. Ted Ford to explain the next item on the agenda substituting for Dr. St. Amant.

Dr. Ford said that a request for a dredging permit to remove sand and gravel from the beds of the Mississippi River had been received from Mr. Charlie Lee King, President of the Lake Providence Dredging Company, Inc., of Lake Providence, Louisiana. Dr. Ford explained that the permit would cover six (6) specific locations in the river. He therefore recommended approval of the issuance of said permit as the matter had been examined and found to be in order, meeting all of the requirements as set forth by the Commission.

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

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Louisiana Wild Life and  
Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission for the  
issuance of a permit to the Lake Providence Dredging  
Company, Inc., to dredge for sand and gravel in the  
Mississippi River at the following location:

Along right side of channel at head of  
middle bar below False Point Revetment  
between Mile 440.5 and Mile 441.4 AHP.

Along right bank below Reid Bedford  
Revetment between Mile 426.1 and Mile  
427.1 AHP.

Along left bank below LeFournneau Landing  
between Mile 424.5 and Mile 425.8 AHP.

At head of middle bar and along left side of  
Channel below Lake Karnac Revetment be-  
tween Mile 415.4 and Mile 417.0 AHP.

At the right side of channel and along  
outside face of Middle Ground Island,  
opposite Brooks Landing, between Mile  
409.5 and Mile 411.0 AHP.

Along right side of channel and on out-  
side face of middle bar, opposite mouth  
of Bayou Pierre between Mile 394.1 and  
Mile 395.8 AHP.

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

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Allan Ensminger to explain the next item on the agenda to the Commission.

Mr. Ensminger explained that they have consulted with Mr. Clifford Smith of T. Baker Smith and Sons Engineering Service in Houma, La., relative to the possibilities of obtaining a boundary survey of the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area. It was discovered that this concern and others had previously surveyed various segments of this land, which surveys could possibly be used again in the Commission's boundary survey of the whole area. However, the T. Baker Smith and Sons have estimated the total project to cost approximately \$70,000, or less.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission recently acquired a certain parcel of land, known as the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, Commission personnel have consulted with an engineering service in Houma, Louisiana on boundary surveys for which an estimate of cost was given in the amount of approximately \$70,000 for the complete job, and

WHEREAS, it was discovered that it would also be possible to use segments of previous surveys of the area which would reduce the total cost.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the request that a boundary survey be made of the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area. It is further recommended that the services of T. Baker Smith and Sons Engineering Service in Houma, Louisiana be employed for this job.

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

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the request from Whitestone Petroleum Corporation to install an access canal on State Lease 5324 on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. It was requested that more time be allowed to study this request; therefore, no action was taken on the aforementioned request.

Mr. Ensminger then gave a summary of the activities on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge and also the Marsh Island Refuge as to the various projects and expenditures dealing with these two areas.

Mr. Ensminger then explained that John Newsom of Louisiana State University has been conducting ecological work on the marsh land survey. Ted Joannen, Bill Palmisano, and Bob Charbreck have made various samples for which many of the samples are still untested by the agronomist.

Mr. Ensminger then recommended that funds be contributed from the Rockefeller Fund for the continuance of this study. Said funds will be for an assistantship at Louisiana State University for one year.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in the past, the Louisiana State University, School of Forestry and Wildlife Management has conducted a survey relative to the ecology of the Louisiana Marsh Lands, and

WHEREAS, funds for this particular project have been exhausted, leaving many of the samples collected untested, due to the lack of funds to employ personnel.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and agree to contribute, from the Commission's Rockefeller Fund, the cost of an assistantship for a period of one (1) year at the Louisiana State University, School of Forestry and Wildlife Management in order that the aforementioned project may be continued.

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

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Ted O'Neil to explain the 1969-70 Fur Trapping Season recommendations.

Mr. O'Neil stated that the Commission received only three (3) requests for an earlier season than last year. These requests were from Cameron Parish, asking for a November starting date in their area. Therefore, in view of this fact, Mr. O'Neil recommended the season for 1969-70 for all furbearers to begin on December 1, 1969 and to continue through February 28, 1970.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was unanimously adopted;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the 1969-70 Fur Trapping Season to begin on December 1, 1969 and to continue through February 28, 1970.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the afore mentioned season shall be set with the provision that it be subject to change due to the possibility of the hurricane season interfering, destroying or disturbing the trapping operation.

Chairman Jones then requested Mr. Joe L. Herring to explain the next item on the agenda to the Commission.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission received a request from Mr. James Benton of Monroe for a right-of-way across a portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management

Area. On this right-of-way, Mr. Benton plans to build a road to his 160 acre parcel of land which is completely surrounded by the Wildlife Management Area, leaving no means of ingress or egress. Mr. Herring recommended Commission approval on this right-of-way, provided certain stipulations are included in the agreement for the protection and benefit of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Mr. James Benton of Monroe, Louisiana, for a road right-of-way across Commission property as he has no means of ingress or egress to his 160 acre parcel of land which is surrounded by the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Mr. James Benton of Monroe, Louisiana for a road right-of-way across a portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area provided the following stipulations are agreed upon by Mr. Benton:

1. That a right-of-way be granted from U. S. Hwy. 80 West of the West relief bridge to the West corner of SE 1/4 of Section 26, T 18 N, R 5 E.
2. Right-of-way to be 50 feet in width, approximately 702 feet long.
3. Road be open for public and Commission use up to Benton property line.
4. Mr. Benton will have to secure right-of-way agreements on all other right-of-ways crossed or property other than Commission.
5. That adequate drainage be provided on each side of road and that adequate drainage be provided under road so that there will be no pools or build up of water.

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

Mr. Herring then gave the biological recommendations for the 1969-70 Trapping Season on Wildlife Management Areas.

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 declare the 1969-70 Trapping Season on Wildlife Management Areas, for the taking of Nutria, Beaver, Mink, Muskrat, Raccoon, Opossum and Skunk, in accordance with the State Trapping Laws. The dates of said season shall begin on December 13, 1969 and con-

tinue through February 28, 1970, with all traps being removed from the wildlife management areas by March 8, 1970.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that trappers must obtain permits, from any of the Commission's eight (8) district offices, in order to trap on the Commission managed wildlife management areas. All wildlife management areas shall be open to public trapping with the exception of the Alexandria State Forest, Fort Polk, Peason Ridge, Biloxi, Zemurray, Wisner and Bohemia. A complete report is to be submitted by all trappers of his catch to the District Supervisor from whom he received his trapping permit.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that permittee shall not be allowed to carry firearms while running trap line on the wildlife management area. Permittee of trapping permit authorizes any Commission personnel to search his person, equipment and/or vehicle while on the area. The permit may be revoked at any time. Permittee relieves and releases the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and/or owner, their agents and employees from any and all liabilities for any injury sustained while on the management area. Individuals trapping can enter the wildlife management areas at official sunrise and must be off the area thirty (30) minutes before official sunset.

Mr. Herring then continued by telling the Commission that the Louisiana Division of Administration was previously requested to advertise for bids on the building maintenance of District VII in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The low bid received was Mid-City Janitorial Service, which is a reputable concern. Mr. Herring, therefore, recommended the Commission award a contract to the aforementioned concern.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Division of Administration to advertise for bids on the possibility of awarding a contract for the building maintenance of the Commission's new District VII Headquarter building in Baton Rouge.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Division of Administration to award a contract to the low bidder, Mid-City Janitorial Service, for the maintenance of the Commission's District VII headquarter building in Baton Rouge.

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

Mr. Herring then explained that the next item on the agenda is the operation of Lake Bistineau. He stated that during the last session of the Louisiana State Legislature this lake was turned over to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for operation. Therefore, in view of past rules and regulations adopted by the Lake Bistineau Game and Fish Commission which governs the lake for use by the sportsmen in the area, Mr. Herring said that it is most important that our Commission review and change some of these laws pertaining to the lake, in order to conform with our Commission's policies in managing areas of this type. Mr. Herring said that an example of such a rule would be their duck blind regulations. The previous law which prevailed was that duck blinds were permitted in the lake, with a price being charged. Mr. Herring continued by telling that many sportsmen have already made their deposits for these duck blind sites. There are approximately 400 sites on the area, with approximately 250 individuals leasing these sites.

Mr. Hoffpauer suggested that the Commission not get into the business of leasing any of these areas. He suggested that the moneys collected be sent back to the individuals. He said that the Commission will maintain

the area for fishing and wildlife purposes, but not for parks and recreation purposes. Mr. Hoffpauer further stated that if the Commission accepts these funds for individuals to use these specific duck blinds, the Commission will probably have the same problem next year.

Mr. Winfree said that the Commission should discuss this matter further. Mr. Winfree agreed with the Director and motioned for the Commission to support the Director's decision in handling the duck blind use on Lake Bistineau. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Herring then mentioned another point of discussion relative to Lake Bistineau; the annual draw down program for control of the obnoxious vegetation. He explained that the annual draw down usually begins on September 1, of each year; however, the Commission has received some opposition on the matter. Therefore, Mr. Herring requested the Commission grant their approval for the continuance of this draw down program.

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

WHEREAS, the personnel of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have in the past compiled a management plan for use of Lake Bistineau, and

WHEREAS, through an annual water level fluctuation program, a multiple use management tool is designed to improve fishing, help control obnoxious vegetation, improve waterfowl feeding conditions and to increase the fertility of the lake, and

WHEREAS, said practice has proven most beneficial in fish population management.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve and instruct the Commission personnel to continue the management plan established for Lake Bistineau and in particular the annual water level draw down which is most beneficial for the improvement and continued fishing success of Lake Bistineau.)

MR. Hoffpauer then gave the Commission a report on the damages resulting from Hurricane "Camille". An inspection trip was made by plane over the Commission's coastal facilities. The Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area camps are only partially standing and most of them were blown off of the pilings. The main camp and look out tower to the front, were gone. Then, on the west side only, the kitchen and sleeping quarters were left standing. The boat house was gone and the boat sank;

therefore, the Commission does not anticipate any public hunting facilities to be available for the forthcoming waterfowl hunting season. Mr. Hoffpauer said even though these facilities will not be available, possibly the area will be open to the sportsmen for public waterfowl hunting. The parish authorities must first be considered on this ruling.

Mr. Hoffpauer continued by telling that the large willow trees and the roseaus were all destroyed. They saw very few nutria, only one or two waddle ducks and a few deer. The river passes were clogged with alligator weed, etc. Our installations at Shell Beach, Bayou Caddy, Bay Gardene, and Grand Pass are gone.

Chairman Jones suggested to the Commission that this inspection report on the damages of Hurricane Camille be transmitted to our Congressional delegation in Washington. In this way, they can be kept informed as to the Louisiana situation and furthermore, we owe this to them if we are going to solicit their assistance.

Mr. Yancey then gave the framework received from the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Charles Buckley, of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. Mr. Buckley explained that the Wildlife Federation met in Alexandria

on the preceeding Sunday in order to formulate their recommendations for the forthcoming waterfowl season. He then gave their recommendations with the request that the Commission take them into consideration when deciding on the dates of the new season.

Mr. Kyle made the motion for a forty (40) consecutive day season, in order to take advantage of the greater number of days offered in the framework, with the opening date of November 15 and continued through December 24th. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wright.

Mr. Yancey then gave the biologists' recommendations for the duck and coot season of thirty-six (36) day split season with the first period to open on November 8 and continue to November 23 and the second period to open December 27 and continue through January 15.

Therefore, in view of this fact, Mr. Norris made a substitute motion for the season to open on November 8 continuing through November 23 and have the second period to begin on December 27th and continue through January 15th. This motion was seconded by Mr. Thompson.

There was considerable discussion among the members. A vote was taken on the substitute motion of Mr. Norris. Those in favor were Mr. Thompson and Mr. Norris. Those opposed were Mr. Kyle, Mr. Winfree and Mr. Wright.

Mr. Charles Bosch, Executive Director of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation, made a statement relative to the dates of the Duck and Coot season being November 15th through December 24th explaining that it would be too late for early hunting and also too early for late hunting.

Chairman Jones then asked for a show of hands of those members who were in favor of the duck and coot season to begin November 15th to December 24th. Those in favor were Mr. Kyle, Mr. Wright and Mr. Winfree. Those opposed were Mr. Norris and Mr. Thompson.

Therefore, on motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Wright, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the 1969-70 duck and coot season for the State of Louisiana to open for 40 consecutive days beginning on November 15 and closing on December 24, 1969. Those rules and regulations applying to aforementioned season, issued by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, are hereby accepted.

Mr. Yancey then explained that the framework for the scaup season is either 16 consecutive days between October 1, 1969 and January 31, 1970 or a bonus scaup season during the regular duck hunting season.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare a bonus scaup season for the State of Louisiana, to run concurrent with the regular duck hunting season, November 15 to December 24, 1969.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said bonus scaup season shall apply only in that part of Louisiana, South of Intracoastal Waterway from Texas line to Morgan City, South of U. S. Highway 90 from Morgan City to U. S. Highway 61, Northeast of U. S. Highway 61 from New Orleans to LaPlace, East of U. S. Highway 51 from LaPlace to Hammond, South of U. S. Highway 190 from Hammond to Mississippi State line only.

Chairman Jones announced that the Teal Season would be the same as decided previously September 13 to September 21, 1969 for 9 consecutive days. The next species to be considered was the goose season. The framework for the white-fronted geese is September 27, 1969 to January 11, 1970 for a period of 70 consecutive days or a two (2) part period totaling 70 days. The framework for the blue and snow geese is September 27, 1969 to February 15, 1970, to comprise either a 70 consecutive day period or for two (2) periods totaling 70 days.

After some discussion Chairman Jones asked for a show of hands in voting for the geese season. All were in favor of the motion made by Mr. Thompson.

Therefore, on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare the white fronted goose season to begin on November 13, 1969 and to continue for 70 consecutive days until January 11, 1970; the Blue and Snow goose season shall be divided into a split season with the first portion beginning on November 15 to December 24, 1969 and the second portion beginning on January 17, 1970 until February 15, 1970.

Therebeing no further business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Winfree, the meeting was adjourned.

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION

  
Clark M. Hoffpauer,  
Director