

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
SEPTEMBER 27, 1966

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of August 22 and 23, 1966. (2)
2. Approval of permit for Smartcraft Assoc. to dredge for mussel shells in the Ouachita River. (2)
3. Approval of permit for T. L. James & Co. to dredge for fill in East and Middle Pearl Rivers. (3)
4. Approval of Texaco Pipeline permit on Pass-a-loutre Refuge. (4)
5. Approval of three tracts of land on Rockefeller Refuge for lease sale. (5)
6. Approval of drilling location for Pan-American on Rockefeller. (6)
7. Approval to request Dept. Public Works to readvertise for bids on Maintenance work on Rockefeller Refuge Water Control Structures. (7)
8. Approval of grant for vehicles for L. S. U. Cooperative Units. (8)
9. Approval to purchase land in Deer Park for construction of Boat ramp. (9)
10. Approval to purchase land in Claiborne Parish for Boat ramp. (10)
11. Approval of architect contract -Lake Charles Headquarters-Hackett and Bailey, Architects. (12)
12. Approval of architect contract-Saline Area-Baker and Nathys, Architects. (13)
13. Approval of architect contract-Baton Rouge headquarter-Baker & Nathys. (14)
14. Approval of Bullis lands to be removed from Concordia G.M.A. (15)
15. Doe Deer Season - Tensas Parish. (16)
16. Lake Bruin - open for commercial fishing from Oct.3,1966 to Feb.15,1966. (17)
17. Doe Deer Season - Madison Parish. (Diamond Island) (18)
18. Approval of deer hunt on Idlewih. (19)
19. Caldwell Doe Deer Season. (21)
20. Closure of certain areas on Kisatchie National Forest as requested by Fort Polk during military manovers. (22)

21. Approval of rules and regulations for protection of waterfowl refuge on Russell Sage. (23)
22. Closure of deer season - Plaquemine Parish. (24)
comment of Clyde Smith on Plaquemine Parish seasons.
23. Approval of cancellation on portion of Grassy Lake Lease - Southwestern Improvement Company. (25)
24. Acceptance of work completed on Contract No. 5751, Lake Vernon Boat Launching Ramp, Vernon Parish. (27)
25. Closure of trapping season in St. Bernard and parts of Plaquemine Parish. (28)
Comments and questions from Mr. Gerry deBouchel, St. Bernard Sportsmen's League.
26. Acceptance of work completed on Contract No. 5640, Calcasieu Ship Channel Boat Launching ramp, Cameron Parish. (28)
27. Other business.

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

SEPTEMBER 27, 1966

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, September 26 and 27, 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, September 27, 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

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 A.M. by Chairman Thompson who stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the last meeting.

On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Buquet, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of August 22 and 23, 1966, was dispensed with and accepted as submitted to the Commission.

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

Dr. St. Amant said that a request had been received from Smartcraft Associates, Inc. to dredge for live mussel shells in the Ouachita River. This is the introduction of a new industry in which mussel shells are exported to Japan for use in the culturing of pearls in pearl oysters. After a survey of some Louisiana streams it is now believed that the industry can be developed. Mussel shells will be recovered from streams by a mechanical dredge. The dredge to be operated in this instance is very similar to the small dredge commonly used in the harvesting of soft clams and oysters on the East Coast. This type of dredge has been observed in operation with respect to oyster harvesting and it is not believed that it would cause any serious disturbance to the river bottom or the downstream area. If a permit is granted to this company, it would mean the introduction of new industry to the State. It is suggested that a permit be granted carrying the normal clause concerning control of any pollution that might be associated

with the operation. It is believed that it would be worth while to cooperate with this new industry.

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

WHEREAS, in order to promote new industry for the State of Louisiana.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Smartcraft Associates, Inc. to dredge for live mussel shells in the Ouachita River commencing from the Arkansas line to Bosco in Ouachita Parish. It is understood that in order to prevent pollution, there will be no serious disturbance to the river bottom or the downstream area.

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 stated that a request has also been received from T. L. James and Company, Inc. for a permit to dredge in East and Middle Pearl Rivers to obtain fill material for Interstate Highway 10. Dr. St. Amant recommended that this permit be granted for that period of time necessary to complete construction of the highway and that it be terminated upon completion of the project. He also suggested that the permit contain the standard clause controlling pollution of the river from this operation. Dr. St. Amant said this application has been examined and has been found to meet all the requirements set up by this Commission.

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 grant permission to the T. L. James and Company to dredge in East and Middle Pearl Rivers to obtain fill material for Interstate Highway 10. This permit is granted for that period of time necessary to complete construction of the highway and is terminated upon completion of the project. This permit shall also contain the standard clause controlling pollution of the river from this operation.

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

Chairman Thompson then called Mr. Allan Ensminger to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger stated that a request has been received from Texaco, Inc. for permission from this Commission to construct pipeline facilities on the Pass-a-loutre Waterfowl Management Area in Plaquemines Parish. Mr. Ensminger said that this proposal has been examined by personnel of the Commission and found that this work can be approved provided certain terms and conditions be included in the permit which would be binding upon Texaco, Inc. He also said that these terms and conditions will contain the clause for the prevention of pollution in the area and recommended that the Commission approve this request.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Texaco, Inc. to construct pipeline facilities on the Pass-a-loutre Waterfowl Management Area in Plaquemines Parish. This request is granted provided Texaco, Inc. agrees to certain terms and conditions which are for the benefit and protection of wildlife and fisheries resources and also for the prevention of pollution in the area.

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 also stated that the State Mineral Board has received application for three tracts of land for mineral lease on the Rockefeller Refuge. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission met with members of the State Mineral Board and discussed the matter as there were several factors involved. Mr. Ensminger said that these tracts of land can be leased provided certain terms and conditions are made a part of the leases to protect the refuge from damage. One particular stipulation would be necessary in connection with the Commission headquarter facility located on one of the tracts to be leased. Mr. Ensminger then recommended that the Commission approve this lease sale.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission met with the Louisiana State Mineral Board to discuss the possibilities of leasing three tracts of land on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to lease three tracts of land on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge provided rules and regulations for this area are incorporated in the lease. There shall also be an additional stipulation to be included in the regulations for the tract nominated by Pan American Petroleum Corporation in the northwest corner of the refuge which would prohibit any drilling or surface mineral activities within 1,000 feet of the headquarter facilities.

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 the Commission received an application from the Pan American Petroleum Corporation for authorization to extend a road system servicing State Lease 4079 which is approximately 1,000 feet north of the existing bridge on the west edge of the lease to the proposed Well No. 4 location. MR. Ensminger said that Commission personnel have examined this proposal and found that this work can be approved provided certain terms and conditions are agreed to.

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 grant permission to the Pan American Petroleum Corporation to extend their road system servicing State Lease 4079, approximately 1,000 feet north of the bridge on the west edge of their lease to the proposed well No. 4 location which is located on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish, Louisiana. This permission is granted provided the Pan American Petroleum Corporation agrees to certain terms and conditions which are for the benefit and protection of the wildlife and fisheries resources in that area.

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 was asked to inform the Commission about the bids received for repairs to the water control structures on the Rockefeller Refuge.

Mr. Ensminger stated that the water control structures at Rockefeller Refuge are in need of repair and paint. The Louisiana Department of Public Works was requested to prepare plans and specifications for this work and to advertise bids for the repairs. During the first advertisement period, no bids were received. They were then requested to readvertise for bids. There was one bid received from Leo Bowie General Contractors, Inc. of Houma in the amount of \$68,000.00 which was above the estimated price.

Mr. Ensminger requested the approval of the Commission to request

the Department of Public Works to again readvertise for bids for this work.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request the Louisiana Department of Public Works to readvertise for bids for the work of repairing and painting water control structures at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge.

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 was also requested to tell the Commission about vehicles for the L. S. U., Louisiana Cooperative Research Units.

Mr. Ensminger said that the graduate students at L. S. U. working with the Louisiana Cooperative Research Units are in dire need of transportation. They are conducting various projects which takes them to different locations in Louisiana. L. S. U. has a motor pool of vehicles; however, it has been experienced that they are frequently not available when needed for many of the research projects. Mr. Ensminger said that if a grant in the amount of \$6,000.00 were provided for the purchase of three vehicles to be used by students and staff personnel of the Units, the work on these research projects would be enhanced and would also aid in expediting the progress of these experiments and projects.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant that the amount of \$6,000.00 be given to the L. S. U., Louisiana Cooperative Research Units for the purpose of purchasing three (3) vehicles for transportation to and from various project sites in order that these projects may be properly expedited.

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

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Richard Yancey to tell the Commission of the possibility of purchasing land near Deer Park for a Boat Launching ramp.

Mr. Yancey said that the Commission has located 3/4 acres of land near Deer Park in Concordia Parish for the purpose of building a boat launching ramp. Mr. Yancey stated that the Division of Administration has authorized the purchase of this land which has been surveyed by the Department of Public Works and plat prepared by their District Engineer. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission approve this purchase as all requirements have been found to be in order.

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

WHEREAS, Stanton W. Causey has offered to sell to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the price and sum of \$1,950.00 the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land located in Concordia Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: All of Lots 40, 41, and 42 in Section 49, Township 5 North, Range 9 East, containing approximately three-fourths (3/4) acre.

WHEREAS, the Commission is planning to construct a public boat launching ramp at Deer Park in Concordia Parish, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a site be acquired upon which this ramp can be installed, and

WHEREAS, a suitable site has been offered to the Commission by Mr. Stanton W. Causey at a price approved by the Division of Administration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Leslie L. Glasgow, Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be authorized to purchase from Mr. Stanton W. Causey the above described property for the sum of \$1,950.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Leslie L. Glasgow, Director, be authorized to sign any and all acts to put this sale into effect and to pay the purchase price.

Chairman Thompson then asked Mr. Yancey to tell the Commission of the possible purchase of land for the boat launching ramp on Lake Claiborne.

Mr. Yancey said that the Commission has been requested to build a public boat launching ramp on Lake Claiborne. After locating a possible site, the Commission requested the Division of Administration

to check this site and approval of purchase has been given. The Department of Public Works then surveyed this land and it is recommended that the Commission approve the purchase of these three acres of land located in Claiborne Parish on Lake Claiborne.

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

WHEREAS, Mildred Miazza Coleman Rives and Ben E. Coleman, Jr. have offered to sell to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission for the price and sum of \$3,000.00 the following described property, to-wit:

That certain tract or parcel of land located in Claiborne Parish, Louisiana, more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the centerline of the Arizona--Wesley Chapel Road and the south side shoreline (185.0 M. S. L. contour) of Lake Claiborne, Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 6 West, Claiborne Parish, Louisiana; run North 63 degrees 42 minutes West a distance of 232.0 feet along the shoreline of Lake Claiborne; run thence South 69 degrees 40 minutes West, a distance of 69.2 feet along the shoreline of Lake Claiborne; run thence South 38 degrees 07 minutes West, a distance of 199.7 feet along the shoreline of Lake Claiborne; run thence South 07 degrees 21 minutes West a distance of 99.6 feet along the shoreline of Lake Claiborne; run thence South 02 degrees 00 minutes East a distance of 105.3 feet along the shoreline of Lake Claiborne; run thence North 89 degrees 58 minutes East a distance of 402.2 feet to centerline of Arizona--Westley Chapel Road; run thence North 00 degrees 43 minutes East along the centerline of Arizona--Wesley Chapel Road, a distance of 282.5 feet to the point of beginning, containing 3.0 acres, more or less.

WHEREAS, the Commission is planning to construct a public boat launching ramp on Lake Claiborne, and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that a site be acquired upon which this ramp can be installed, and

WHEREAS, a suitable site has been offered to the Commission by Mr. Ben E. Coleman at a price approved by the Division of Administration.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Leslie L. Glasgow, Director of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission be authorized to purchase from Mildred Miazza Coleman Rives and Ben E. Coleman, Jr. the above described property for the sum of \$3,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Leslie L. Glasgow, Director, be authorized to sign any and all acts to put this sale into effect and to pay the purchase price.

Mr. Yancey then recommended that the Commission employ an architect for the construction of the proposed Lake Charles District 5 Headquarter building. Mr. Yancey stated that Hackett and Bailey Architects in Lake Charles had been recommended by the Division of Administration for this project and suggested that the Commission authorize the Director to negotiate an architectural contract with this firm. A building site is now available from the City of Lake Charles on Highway 190 on a 99 year lease basis as approved by the Commission at its last meeting. The proposed contract will be on a standard fee basis of 6 per cent of the job cost to the architect. Under the contract the architect will prepare plans and specifications and supervise the work called for in the contract. Mr. Yancey recommended that the Commission give authorization for this contract.

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

WHEREAS, the Division of Administration recommended that architects Hackett and Bailey of Lake Charles be employed to prepare plans and specifications and supervise the work necessary to build a district headquarter building at Lake Charles, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has entered into a 99 year lease at \$10.00 per year with the City of Lake Charles for a site upon which a district headquarter facility can be constructed.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval for the Director to negotiate a contract with architects Hackett and Bailey of Lake Charles for the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of District 5 headquarter facility in the City of Lake Charles, located on Highway 190. This contract is to be made on a standard 6 percent fee basis.

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

Mr. Yancey then requested authorization of the Commission for the Director to negotiate a contract with Baker and Nathys Architects of Winnsboro for the plans and specifications for building a headquarter facility, including an office, two (2) residences, a workshop and storage building, on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Yancey again said that the Division of Administration has recommended these architects for this work. The fee will also be 6 percent of the

total cost for the building. Funds for this job were appropriated by the legislature for this fiscal year.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give approval to enter into a contract with Architects Baker and Nathys of Winnsboro, La. for the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a headquarter facility on the Saline Game Management Area with in which the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission owns 60,000 acres. The fee of the contract will be the standard 6 percent of the total cost of the project.

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

Mr. Yancey then told the Commission of the need for employing an architect for the construction of the headquarter building in Baton Rouge. Mr. Yancey said that as yet the Commission does not have a definite site for the building, but is now in the process of locating one. This building will house the Fish and Game Division as well as district personnel. The Division of Administration has recommended Baker and Nathys as architects for the preparation of plans and specifications for this building and recommended that the Commission approve a contract with these architects to be negotiated at the standard 6 percent fee basis when a construction site becomes available.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the signing of a contract with architects Baker and Nathys of Winnsboro, Louisiana, for the preparation of plans and specifications for the construction of a headquarter building to house the Fish and Game Division and other Commission personnel in Baton Rouge when a suitable site is acquired. The fee of this contract shall be the standard 6 percent of the total cost of the building.

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

Mr. Yancey said that a request has been received from Mrs. Mary H. Bullis that the Commission cancel the lease that it holds on her land in the Concordia Game Management Area, since she intends to clear this tract of all hardwood timber for Louisiana agricultural purposes. Mr. Yancey said that Mrs. Bullis has for several years leased this land to the Commission at no charge. He then recommended that the lease be cancelled on the land owned by Mrs. Bullis.

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

WHEREAS, the property involved lies in Concordia Parish and is described as follows:

N 3/4 of W 1/2; W 1/2 of NE 1/4; fractional of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 lying West of Black Bayou; NW 1/4 of SE 1/4; NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 lying West of Black Bayou; fractional of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 lying West of Lot 50 and North of Highway 84; 414.78 acres in all of Section 21 T-8-N, R-9-E.

Entire section less a tract of land in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 containing 6.76 acres, being known as the Boger tract, 633.24 acres in all of Section 20 T-8-N, R-9-E.

Entire Section less Lots 143, 143, 144, 145 and the Mulvihill and Price lot West of the Dotey Road, 192.40 acres in all of Section 18, T-8-N, R-9-E.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby cancel the game management area lease that it now holds on land owned by Mrs. Mary H. Bullis located within the Concordia Game Management Area near Ferriday, 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. Yancey said that a request had been received from the Tensas Parish Police Jury for the opening of a 5 day either sex deer season in Ward 5 of Tensas Parish. This ward has an extremely high deer population and it is an area that has been affected by land clearing, crop damage and deer die-offs. Mr. Yancey said that it is recommended that the Commission act in compliance with this request and open the season on November 25 to the hunting of deer of both sexes to run for 5 days concurrently with most of the other wards in the parish.

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

WHEREAS, Ward 5 of Tensas Parish has a large deer population and the Tensas Parish Police Jury has requested the Commission to allow 5 days of either sex hunting during the forthcoming deer season, and

WHEREAS, a number of deer crop damage complaints have been received from Tensas Parish this year.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby open a 5 day either sex deer season in Ward 5 of Tensas Parish to begin on November 25, 1966 and close on November 29, 1966 after which legal bucks only can be taken within the dates previously prescribed by the Commission.

Mr. Yancey said that another request has been received from the Tensas Parish Police Jury in which they request that Lake Bruin be opened to Commercial fishing. This lake is well populated with rough fish and Commission fishery biologists have also recommended that this lake be opened to commercial fishing beginning October 3, 1966 and closing on February 15, 1967. This should help sport fishing as well as allow a controlled harvest of an available resource. Special rules and regulations are recommended for carrying out this program and supervision can be exercised by Enforcement and Fish and Game Division personnel in District 4.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby open Lake Bruin, Tensas Parish, to commercial fishing beginning October 3, 1966 and closing on February 15, 1967, as authorized by R.S. 5.56-412. This lake shall be restricted to commercial fishing by means of gill nets, trammel nets and seines only. Commercial fishing in the lake will be permitted only to those who shall have in possession a permit for same which is obtainable free from the Commission's district office in Ferriday and the fishermen will be responsible for submitting to the Commission a weekly record of the catch by species and poundage taken from Lake Bruin. The fishermen shall be required to remove any and all trash fish from the shoreline of the lake. In cooperation with the Enforcement Division, the commercial fishermen shall man nets only during day light hours which shall be from sunrise to sunset.

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

Mr. Yancey then told the Commission of the request received from the Madison Parish Police Jury which recommends 5 days of either sex deer hunting on Diamond Island during the forthcoming season. Mr. Yancey said that this area has an overpopulation of deer and 5 days of either sex hunting would, in part, help cure this problem as well as allow additional hunting opportunity. He then recommended a five day deer season for Diamond Island to begin on November 25, 1966 to correspond with that of the either sex

hunts previously set by the Commission for Sargents Point and other portions of Madison Parish.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare a five day either sex deer season for all of the area known as Diamond Island in Madison Parish to run concurrently with the seasons already established for Sargents Point and other portions of Madison Parish. The either sex deer season shall begin on November 25 and run for five consecutive days to close on November 29, 1966 after which time legal buck hunting only will be allowed as previously established for this area.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Herring to tell the Commission of the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission has recently been contacted by the L. S. U. School of Agriculture requesting assistance in preventing deer crop damage. Deer are jeopardizing some of the agriculture research work in this area on the Idlewild Wildlife Research Area. The Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has approximately 2,000 acres of land leased from L. S. U., School of Agriculture for wildlife research purposes. This land is also used by L. S. U. Agriculture School for agricultural crop research. Mr. Herring said that in order to alleviate this problem, it is recommended that a deer hunt be permitted on this area.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has approximately 2,000 acres of land leased from L. S. U., School of Agriculture for wildlife research purposes, and

WHEREAS, deer are jeopardizing some of the research work in the area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare a controlled hunt for the Idlewild Wildlife Research Area to begin on November 25 and end on November 29, 1966, for either sex deer. There shall be no more than 75 hunters per day allowed on the hunt. Non-transferable permits are to be issued by mail in advance of the hunts. Louisiana resident hunters only are to be selected at public drawings in Baton Rouge on Tuesday, November 1, 1966. Applicants do not have to be present. Post card applications must be made by United States mail only, to Fish and Game Division, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, Capitol Station, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, being postmarked between Thursday, October 13 and Friday, October 28, 1966 and received at the above address no later than Monday, October 31, 1966. Hunter's failure to include big game license numbers will void his application. Only one application will be considered. State choice with two (2) alternate dates for one (1) of five designated days. More than two names per application will automatically void such application. Duplicate applications by any hunter will void all his applications. No small game hunting permitted.

Mr. Herring said that a request had also been received from the Caldwell Parish Police Jury pertaining to the cancellation of the previously established either sex deer season on the Caldwell Wildlife Management area. The Commission also received a petition from the citizens of Caldwell Parish requesting that the season be cancelled. The Commission field personnel have checked this area and have found no biological reason why this area should be closed. Mr. Herring said that the present deer herd on this area can be harvested by one third and not affect next year's potential herd. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission give approval for this area to remain open for the taking of either sex deer as originally recommended by the Fish and Game Division technical staff.

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

WHEREAS, a resolution from the Caldwell Parish Police Jury and also a petition from some of the citizens of Caldwell Parish was received requesting the closure of deer season on the Caldwell Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission field personnel have checked this area and find no biological reason for the closure as the present deer herd on the area can be harvested by one third and not affect next year's potential herd.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that the Caldwell Wildlife Management Area remain open to the taking of either sex deer for the 1966-67 season as in accordance with the biological recommendations for the area.

Mr. Herring then said that the Commission has received a request from Major General K. L. Reaves, U. S. Army at Fort Polk requesting the closure of hunting in a portion of the Kisatchie National Forest. Mr. Herring stated that Fort Polk is currently conducting a Vietnam-oriented training program and is using a portion of the Kisatchie National Forest as a maneuver area. With the deer season scheduled to open in the near future, they are concerned that deer hunting in the area will pose an extremely serious safety problem for the troops. Mr. Herring said that they would like the consideration of closing the area from noon on Tuesdays until noon on Saturdays of each week. During the remaining portion of the week, it is expected that there will be troops in the area, but not in sufficient numbers to warrant closure.

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

WHEREAS, Fort Polk is currently conducting a Vietnam-oriented training program, using a portion of the Kisatchie National Forest as a maneuver area, and

WHEREAS, if deer hunting is permitted in the area, it may pose an extremely serious safety problem for the troops.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby close the deer hunting season in the Kisatchie National Forest on that portion bounded by Highway 117 on the east, Saddle Branch Road on the north, and extending approximately 1000 meters south of Bayou Road. This area will be closed each week

during the deer hunting season at noon on Tuesday until noon on Saturday.

Mr. Herring then requested that the Commission adopt rules and regulations closing a portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area which is being used for the purpose of a waterfowl refuge.

Mr. Herring said that at the present time if hunters should shoot in this area there are no laws prohibiting this and therefore the Commission is not in a position to arrest and prosecute. Mr. Herring recommended that this area be closed during the waterfowl season.

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 waterfowl refuge on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby close the following described portion of the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of protecting the waterfowl refuge already established on the area:

It consists of approximately 260 acres located in parts of Section 35 and 36, T 18 N, R 5 E.

Beginning at the junction of U. S. Highway 80 and the LaFourche Drainage Canal, this impoundment is bordered on the north and northeast by U. S. Highway 80 and runs northwest along the old roadbed for approximately 4200 feet; thence southwest along constructed dirt levee for approximately 3400 feet; thence southwest along constructed dirt levee for approximately 3300 feet to the LaFourche drainage canal spoil bank; thence northeast along spoil bank for approximately 2600 feet to the junction of U. S. Highway 80.

Entrance markers shall be erected at the main entrances and boundary markers erected around the refuge perimeter, where possible.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following rules and regulations shall apply to the above mentioned area on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area:

- A. That the entire area described above be closed to all types of hunting during the waterfowl season. That entry into the Refuge during the waterfowl season shall be limited to Commission personnel.
- B. The area to be open for other types of game when waterfowl season is closed.
- C. That the area be open for fishing during the whole year, except that period during waterfowl season.
- D. Buffer zone shall be established around the refuge area.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the Plaquemine Parish Council request for the closure of deer season in the Parish.

Mr. Herring said that the Commission personnel have checked the area and can find no reason for the closure. Mr. Herring said that it is recommended that a buck only deer season be opened for Plaquemines Parish.

Chairman Thompson then said the Board has spent much time in discussing this request and he said that it is the feeling that the Commission act in compliance with the Plaquemine Parish request, even though there is a huntable population of deer in the parish. Chairman Thompson said that there were many factors to be considered in this matter and hoped that the Board would vote in favor of the deer season to be closed for Plaquemines Parish, as they feel the parish has not completely recovered from the affects of Hurricane Betsy. Chairman

Thompson said that this ruling would not effect the Pass-a-loutre hunting in any way.

Chairman Thompson recognized Mr. Clyde Smith to the floor relative to this matter.

Clyde Smith, President of the Louisiana Wildlife Federation said that he was at the last meeting held in August and heard the recommendations of Mr. Herring which were in favor of an open season and would like to know the reason for the reversal of this action. Mr. Smith said that this is also the area that he hunts in and it was the reason why he was greatly interested as well as for other hunters.

Mr. Kyle explained that this matter had been thoroughly discussed and the reason for this decision was based upon what the Commission considers to be the best interest of the future of deer management in Plaquemines Parish.

After considerable discussion the Commission members voted on this subject.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that there will be no deer season during the fall and winter of 1966-67 for the Parish of Plaquemines.

Mr. Herring said that a request was received from the Southwestern Improvement Company for the removal of a portion of their lands from the Grassy Lake Game Management Area which the

Commission leased in 1954. The reason for the removal of this portion of land is that the Southwestern Improvement Company would like to have it cleared for agricultural purposes. This area is better known as the Grassy Lake Game Management Area. Mr. Herring recommended that this area or portion of land be released from the agreement upon the Southwestern Improvement Company's request.

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

WHEREAS, on June 18, 1954, an agreement was entered into between the Southwestern Improvement Company and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission leasing land in Avoyelles Parish which was comprised of 26,000 acres and known as the Grassy Lake Game Management Area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby cancel its lease on the following described portions of land in the Grassy Lake Game Management Area as requested by the Southwestern Improvement Company:

All lands lying south of Natchitoches Bayou between the east side of the principal access road running through Sections 27, 22 and 14, in Township 2 North, Range 6 East, and the east line of Sections 18, 19, 30 and 31, Township 2 North, Range 7 East; more particularly described as being part of Sections 12, 13, 14, 22, 23 and 27, and all of Sections 24, 25 and 26, all in Township 2 North, Range 6 East; also part of Sections 7 and 18, all of Sections 19 and 20, and the North 1/2 and the SE 1/4 of Section 31, all in Township 2 North, Range 7 East.

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 that the Department of Public Works has notified the Commission that Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, Inc. has completed repairs and additions on the Lake Vernon Boat Launching Ramp and have met all requirements as called for under Contract 5751. Mr. Herring recommended that the Commission give approval of acceptance of this work as completed.

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5751, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Morrison Engineering and Contracting Co., Inc. for making the repairs and additions to the Lake Vernon Boat Launching Ramp on Lake Vernon in Vernon Parish, Louisiana, and has recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company, Inc., Contractor under Contract No. 5751 with said Commission, dated August 19, 1966, be and is hereby accepted.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of Vernon Parish.

Chairman Thompson then called on Mr. Ted O'Neil to tell the Commission of his findings in connection with the trapping season

for Plaquemines Parish and St. Bernard Parish.

Mr. O'Neil said that at the last Commission meeting permission was given to conduct further investigations on the possibility of the trapping season in St. Bernard and portions of Plaquemines Parish lying East of the Mississippi River bounded on the South by Pointe-a-la-Hache boat channel. Mr. O'Neil said that personnel have checked the areas and surveyed the number of animals and it is recommended that these areas mentioned be closed for the 1966-67 trapping season. The reason is that there are not enough animals to be trapped which is primarily due to the affects of Hurricane Betsy.

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 declare that St. Bernard Parish and portions of Plaquemines Parish lying East of the Mississippi River bounded on the South by Pointe-a-la-Hache boat channel be closed for the 1966-67 trapping season.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Jerry deBouchel, representing the St. Bernard Sportsmen's League who had a few questions concerning Commission authority which were answered by Chairman Thompson.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Herring who told the Commission of the boat launching ramp on Calcasieu Ship Channel. Mr. Herring said that the Department of Public Works has sent notice that Pelican Construction Company of Texas has completed the

construction of the boat launching ramp and wharf on the west bank of the Calcasieu Ship Channel, Cameron Parish, Louisiana, under Contract 5640. Mr. Herring then recommended that the Commission give approval of the acceptance of this job.

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5640, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Pelican Construction Company of Texas for the construction of a boat launching ramp and wharf on the west bank of the Calcasieu Ship Channel at the Cameron, Louisiana, Ferry in Cameron Parish, Louisiana, and has recommended that the same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Pelican Construction Company, of Texas, Contractor under Contract No. 5640 with said Commission, dated August 24, 1965, be and is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to file a certificate copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of Cameron Parish, Louisiana.

Chairman Thompson then recognized Mr. Richard Fleming, a past Board Member of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission. Mr. Fleming said that he had come to pay a visit to the Commission

as an old friend and would like to commend the Commission on the fine work they have done and also compliment them on the Choice of their new Director.

Chairman Thompson also recognized Mr. Joe Colson, another guest in the audience, who is a member of the Mississippi Marine Conservation Commission.

Mr. Jones said that the Commission would also like to commend Mr. John McMillan for the nice article he wrote in the States-Item in the interest of wildlife.

Chairman Thompson asked if there were any other matters to come before the Commission for discussion. There being no further business, on motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting was adjourned.

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