

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

OCTOBER 21, 1966

AGENDA

1. Announcement of dates of next two Commission meetings:
November 14 - Informal meeting (2)
November 15 - Public Meeting

December 19 - Informal meeting
December 20 - Public meeting
2. Commission's stand on duck stamp price increase - opposed (2)
3. Approval of Public Works' request for 2 servitudes and action withheld on 1 land donation. (3)
4. Approval of sale of 13.7 acre tract of land on Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area to highest bidder (5)
5. Approval of Humble Oil & Refining Co. request to extend canal on Marsh Island Refuge. (6)
6. Approval of contract with Starling Lumber Co., Sulphur, La. for construction of resident building at Rockefeller. (7)
7. Approval of Madison Parish request to open deer season on additional lands in Parish. (Sargent's Point & Diamond Island). (8)
8. Approval of completion of Contract No. 5649 and extension of time granted to J.S. Thomas, Contractor for construction of boat launching ramp on Bogue Chitto River. (9)
9. Approval of completion of Contract No. 5641 and extension of time granted to Blocker Bros. Construction Co. for construction of boat ramp on Pearl River, Wash. Par. (10)
10. Other business.
Comments and requests from trappers in St. Bernard Parish requesting that the trapping season be open. (11)

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MEETING HELD IN NEW ORLEANS

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Thursday and Friday, October 20 and 21, 1966.

Thursday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Friday meeting.

The public meeting was held on Friday, October 21, 1966, at 10:30 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at Thursday's meeting were:

Jimmie Thompson, Chairman

H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

A. J. Buquet

Jerry G. Jones

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.

Hobson Norris

H. Clay Wright

The above mentioned members were present for the Friday meeting, with the exception of Mr. Jimmie Thompson and Mr. A. J. Buquet.

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. by Vice-Chairman H. B. Fairchild who announced that Mr. Jimmie Thompson, Chairman and Mr. A. J. Buquet would not be present at the meeting as they were called out of town.

Mr. Fairchild said that the next two regular monthly Commission meetings are scheduled for November 14 and 15, 1966 and December 19 and 20, 1966.

Mr. Fairchild then called Mr. Richard Yancey to the floor for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Yancey said that H. R. 14136 is now pending in the U. S. Senate to increase the price of a duck stamp from \$3.00 to \$5.00. It is our feeling that if this bill is enacted, it will cause many waterfowlers to give up duck hunting and thereby bring about a reduction in public interest in essential waterfowl management programs. Mr. Yancey stated that the bill is being opposed by the International Association of Game and Fish Commissioners and recommended that the Commission establish a position regarding this proposed legislation.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby go on record as opposing H. R. 14136 to increase the price of duck stamps from \$3.00 to \$5.00 as this will prove to be detrimental to waterfowl management programs in Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Louisiana's Congressional Delegation be notified of the Commission's position on this proposed legislation.

Mr. Yancey then said that the Department of Public Works has requested two servitudes and one donation of land on the Saline Wildlife Management Area in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes for the purpose of installing a diversion channel from Catahoula Lake to Black River and a water control structure which can be used for managing water levels on Catahoula Lake. Mr. Yancey said that based upon the information gathered, it is recommended that the Commission approve the two servitudes provided they are amended to specifically state that complete control of all matters relating to fish and game and fishing and hunting will remain with the Commission. Mr. Yancey said that it is further recommended that action be withheld in regard to the proposed donation of 106 acres of land to the Corps of Engineers which would be used for the purpose of constructing the water control structure. He further stated that this also should be handled on a servitude basis, giving the Corps of Engineers, through the Department of Public Works, full right to construct, and maintain this structure on the land rather than by donation. This project is part of an over all plan to save Catahoula Lake for migratory waterfowl while at the same time creating a 9 foot navigational channel on the Ouachita River and build a ring levee for flood protection in parts of LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes. Approximately 13,000 acres of the Saline Game Management Area will be inside the levee thereby offering protection to deer and other

important forms of forest game.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Department of Public Works is requesting right-of-way servitudes for the U. S. Corps of Engineers to construct a channel across the Saline Wildlife Management Area in LaSalle and Catahoula Parishes, and

WHEREAS, this is part of an overall plan to preserve Catahoula Lake for migratory waterfowl and when completed will provide flood protection for 13,000 acres of the Saline Wildlife Management Area, thereby aiding deer and forest game.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant two (2) right-of-way servitudes to the Louisiana Department of Public Works for land on the Saline Wildlife Management Area for the purpose of installing a diversion channel from Catahoula Lake to Black River. The land involved will be approximately 41 acres, more or less, in Catahoula Parish and approximately 1,211 acres, more or less, in LaSalle Parish, all located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. These servitudes shall grant to the Department of Public Works and the Corps of Engineers only the right to construct and maintain a diversion canal and channel improvement works across the Commission's property and to remove any and all timber from the right-of-way necessary in order to complete the project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that action be withheld at this time with regard to the proposed donation of land for the water control structure and that it be clearly stipulated in the servitudes that all rights to manage and control fishing and hunting on the right-of-way remain with the Commission and that plans for spoil disposal, bar pits, roads and other features be reviewed by personnel of the Commission prior to advertisement for bids by the Engineers.

NOW, 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 was also requested to tell the Commission of the bids received on 13.7 acre tract of land on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

Mr. Yancey said that Act.No. 16 adopted in the last session of the legislature directed the Division of Administration to offer 13.7 acres of land on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area for sale. The Division of Administration has advertised for bids and received two bids on the land. The highest bid was \$7,350.00 and the other was for \$6,105.00. The original cost of this land to the Commission was \$29.00 per acre. After this sale has been completed the moneys will be returned to the Russell Sage account since this was the account used originally to purchase the land.

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

WHEREAS, in accordance with Act No. 16 of the 1966 Legislative Session, the Division of Administration was directed to advertise for sale to the highest bidder 13.7 acres of land on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Division of Administration to proceed with the sale of 13.7 acres of land on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area to the Highest bidder which is Unit No. 1 of North Monroe Subdivision Sewerage, District No. 1 of Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, for the sum of \$7,350.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proceeds from this sale be placed in the Commission's Russell Sage account and the Director be and is hereby authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents in connection therewith in order that this sale may be properly executed.

Mr. Fairchild then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger to tell the Commission of the Humble Oil and Refining Company's request.

Mr. Ensminger said that Humble Oil and Refining Company has requested permission for authorization to dredge an access route to proposed drilling site on Marsh Island under State Lease 3498, Well No. 2., Iberia Parish. Mr. Ensminger said that the feasibility of this request has been examined and found that it can be approved provided Humble Oil and Refining Company agrees to certain terms and conditions.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following

resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby give permission to the Humble Oil and Refining Company to dredge an access route to proposed drilling site on Marsh Island, under State Lease No. 3498, Well No. 2, Iberia Parish, Louisiana. This permission is granted to Humble Oil and Refining Company provided they are in agreement with certain stipulations and requirements which are and will be binding, in order to protect the best interests of Marsh Island Wildlife Refuge, and also the clause for the prevention of pollution in the area shall be in agreement.

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 outlined for the Commission the status of the new building proposed for the Rockefeller Refuge. Mr. Ensminger stated that the Division of Administration has received a total of 5 bids on this project, with the lowest bidder being Starling Lumber Company in Sulphur, Louisiana. Mr. Ensminger recommended that the Commission give approval for the Division of Administration to issue a contract on this work.

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

WHEREAS, plans and specifications have been prepared for the construction of an additional building on the Rockefeller Refuge, and

WHEREAS, the Division of Administration has advertised for and received a total of five (5) bids.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby request that the Division of Administration issue a contract to Starling Lumber Company, of Sulphur, Louisiana, the low bidder, for the construction of an additional building on Rockefeller Refuge.

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

Mr. Herring was then requested to tell the Commission about the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring said that the Madison Parish Police Jury has requested that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have an open doe deer season on Sargent's Point and Diamond Island. Mr. Herring said that this request has been examined and it is the biologists recommendations that the Commission act in compliance with the Madison Parish Police Jury's request.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby declare that the following described area in Madison Parish be opened to either sex deer hunting, for a five day period to begin on November 25 and close on November 29, 1966, inclusive after which time legal bucks only can be hunted for the remainder of the season:

The area bounded on the west by Roundaway Bayou, on the north by U. S. Highway 80, on the east by the Mississippi River Levee and on the south by the Mississippi River Levee, all being landside of levee; Madison Parish, Louisiana.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above described area, known as Sargent's Point and Diamond Island be in accordance and adhere to the same rules and regulations as previously stipulated for the Madison Parish either sex deer season for 1966-67.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission that the Louisiana Department of Public Works has sent notice of the completion of Contract No. 5649 which the Commission has with J. S. Thomas, Contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp, access road and parking area on the Bogue Chitto River, south of Franklinton in Washington Parish and recommended that same be accepted by the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, 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. 5649, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and J. S. Thomas, Contractor, for the construction of a boat launching ramp, access road and parking area on the Bogue Chitto River, south of Franklinton in Washington 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 J. S. Thomas, Contractor

under Contract No. 5649 with said Commission, dated September 9, 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 certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage records of Washington Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring stated that the Commission has also received notice from the Department of Public Works for the completion of Contract No. 5641, with Blocker Brothers Construction Company, Contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on the Pearl River at Bogalusa, in Washington Parish, Louisiana and recommended that same be accepted.

On motion of Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Norris, 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. 5641, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Blocker Brothers Construction Company, Contractor for the construction of a boat launching ramp and parking area on the Pearl River at Bogalusa, in Washington 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 Blocker Brothers Construction Company, Contractor under Contract No. 5641 with said

Commission, dated August 30, 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 certified copy of this resolution in the Mortgage Records of Washington Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Fairchild then asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission.

Mr. Lester Hucherson was recognized to the floor. Mr. Hucherson said that he was a trapper from St. Bernard and requested that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission reconsider the closure of the trapping season for St. Bernard Parish and open this season for 1966-67. Other speakers in behalf of this request were Mr. John Alafonso of Yscloskey, Mr. Ivy Landry of Reggio, Mr. Leon Nunez, Mr. Paul Manher of Violet, and Mr. Anthony Sergio of Yscloskey. These trappers came before the Commission to request an open season for the 1966-67 trapping season in St. Bernard, stating the nutria were destroying all of the muskrat nests. Another reason for this request was that they make their living on trapping and there is a tax of 50 ¢ an acre on their property. They stated they could not afford this tax because they did not have the money to pay if they were not allowed to trap which was their livelihood. Vice-Chairman Fairchild said that the Commission would take this matter into consideration and launch a study to try to solve the problem. It was decided that an answer would be given at the next Commission meeting concerning the problem.

Dr. Glasgow then recognized Mr. Bob Singleton, Director of Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, who was seated in the audience along with two other gentlemen. Dr. Glasgow said that these gentlemen were in New Orleans for the purpose of attending the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting.

Mr. Fairchild asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission. On motion of Mr. Kyle, seconded by Mr. Jones, the meeting was adjourned.

Leslie L. Glasgow

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Director