

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE & FISHERIES COMMISSION

May 17, 1983

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LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, May 17, 1983

James C. Farrelly

Chairman

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of the original document on file in the Office of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

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Secretary

Baton Rouge, Louisiana

MINUTES OF MEETING  
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

May 17, 1983

Chairman James C. Farrelly, presiding:

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel  
Mr. Gary Chouest  
Mr. George Gray  
Mr. Jesse Knowles  
Mr. Charles Riggs

Secretary Jesse J. Guidry was present.

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James Farrelly, on Monday May 16, 1983, at 2:00 p.m.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, that the Commission go into a committee of the whole.

Invocation was offered by Mr. Jesse M. Knowles.

A roll call of members present was taken.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously that the minutes of September 28, 1982, October 26, 1982, November 23, 1982 and April 26, 1983 be approved.

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Don Puckett reported that the Attorney General's Office concurred with him on the latest possible opening date for the shrimp season.

Don Puckett also reported that HCR 124 is now pending before the Legislature. HCR 124 is scheduled to be heard on Wednesday, May 18. If passed, it would suspend that portion of the law relative the opening date for trawling season.

Dr. Ted B. Ford presented the Department's recommendations for the 1983 brown shrimp season as follows:

- I.
  - A. Zone 2 remain as previously fixed to open at 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 23, 1983.
  - B. Zones 1 and 3 to open at 6:00 a.m., Monday, June 13, 1983, when more than fifty percent (50%) of the first segment of the brown shrimp population should achieve a harvestable size according to our growth projections.
  - C. There will be a special white shrimp season in Zone 3 commencing at 6:00 a.m., Monday, May 23, and extending to 12:00 p.m. (midnight or 2400 hrs.) Friday, May 27, if sampling continues to indicate that the white shrimp can be harvested without harming the brown shrimp crop.
  - D. The Secretary be authorized to provide for partial closures or complete closure to protect small white shrimp when significant numbers average of ten percent (10%) by number are found in any well defined area (s) at our established sampling stations.
  - E.
    1. Zone 1 is defined as that part of the statutorily defined "Inside Waters" extending from the Louisiana-Mississippi state line to South Pass of the Mississippi River.
    2. Zone 2 is defined as that part of the statutorily defined "Inside Waters" extending from South Pass of the Mississippi River to the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island.
    3. Zone 3 is defined as that part of the statutorily defined "Inside Waters" extending from the western shore of Vermilion Bay and Southwest Pass at Marsh Island to the Louisiana Texas state line.

The above recommendations are contingent upon the adoption of HCR-124 which would suspend a part of our shrimp law permitting the opening of the brown shrimp season after May 25 and before June 30, 1983.

- II. If HCR-124 is not adopted by the Legislature, we recommend the following:
  - A. Authorizing all the above provisions of I, A through I, E, 3 except I, B and C.

- B. Zones 1 and 3 shall open at 6:00 a.m. Monday, May 23, 1983.
- C. All fishermen be urged to refrain from taking extremely small brown shrimp and wasting them as a good conservation measure.

No action was taken on the recommendations made by the Department pending the outcome of HCR 124.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. George Gray, and passed unanimously, to hold a special meeting on Tuesday May 24 for the purpose of setting the shrimp season in Zones 1 and 3.

(The full text of the resolution is here made part of the record)

WHEREAS, HCR 124, which would suspend that portion of RS 56: 497 which requires opening of the shrimp season on or before May 25, is currently pending before the Louisiana Legislature;

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission desires to allow the Legislature sufficient time to speak to this issue, in the desire that HCR 124 will be approved, thus allowing an opening date later than May 25, as indicated by technical biological data,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission does hereby set a special meeting for Tuesday, May 24, 1983 at 10:00 a.m. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the Department of Wildlife & Fisheries District Office on Quail Drive for the purpose of setting the seasons in Zones one and three.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, to set a special white shrimp season in Zone 3.

WHEREAS, technical, biological data indicates that there will be a marketable white shrimp population in parts of Zone 3,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries Commission does hereby set a special white shrimp season in Zone three commencing at 6:00 a.m., Monday May 23 (and extending to 12:00 p.m. Midnight 2400 hrs.), Friday May 27.

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Harry Schafer gave the monthly survey report for the period April 18 through May 5 as follows:

Total field activity for the year: 201 applications scheduled, 158 applications surveyed, 41 applications unable to survey due to bad weather conditions and low tide, 7 disputes settled.

Office activity consisted of:

\$2,972.00 rental collected for 1983, \$414 survey application fees collected, 35 leases issued, 2 tonnage licenses sold, 1 dredging licenses sold.

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Mr. Gary Chouest reported on items discussed at the Oyster & Shrimp Sub-committee meeting held on May 11 in New Orleans.

1. Proposed shell dredging regulations for Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas were discussed and are presently being revised. They will be reviewed at the next sub-committee meeting prior to the June Board Meeting.
2. Proposed regulations for the oyster survey section are in the process of being revised and will be discussed at the next committee meeting.
3. The agreement to remove fill material is being revised and an increase in royalty rates is being considered.

The progress of these items will be discussed at the June Board Meeting.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously, to have the August 22 & 23 meeting in Lake Charles at the Hilton.

Mr. Jesse Knowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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