

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, May 25, 1981
and
Tuesday, May 26, 1981

J. C. Gilbert
Chairman

Ramada Inn
Alexandria, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA

May 25, 1981
and
May 26, 1981

Chairman J. C. "Sonny" Gilbert, presiding.

Members present:

Mr. J. C. Gilbert, Chairman
Mr. Charles A. Riggs, Vice Chairman
Mr. James C. Farrelly, Member
Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, Member
Mr. George N. Gray, Member
Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, Member
Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, Member

Also present: Mr. Jesse J. Guidry, Secretary

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

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Upon motion of Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, seconded by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, and passed unanimously, the Commission dispensed with the reading of the minutes of the Commission Meeting held on April 27 and 28, 1981, and moved their adoption.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, seconded by Mr. James C. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that a renewal permit be granted to A. Giambelluca Construction, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 124.65 AHP, at Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from May 26, 1981, to May 26, 1982, at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to A. Giambelluca Construction, Inc., to remove fill material from the Mississippi River, right descending bank, at approximately Mile Post 124.65 AHP, at Hahnville, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from May 26, 1981, to May 26, 1982, at a royalty rate of 10¢ per cubic yard.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, and passed unanimously, that the Commission ratifies the use of non-toxic steel shot on the federal refuges during the 1981-82 waterfowl season.

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WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is proposing the same steel shot hunting regulations for the 1981-82 waterfowl hunting season as those prescribed for the 1980-81 season, and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is requesting comment and recommendations on its proposals for the 1980-81 season in the Federal Register as related to the required use of steel shot in certain zones in Louisiana, and now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission does hereby go on record as instructing the Secretary of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries to write a letter to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service which states that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission opposes the requirement that steel shot be used anywhere in Louisiana during the 1981-82 waterfowl hunting season, with the exception of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (refuges) which may use steel shot in Louisiana.

Mr. John D. Newsom proposed a new system of regulating doe deer harvest state-wide. He requested Commission endorsement of the principle of this system. The system provides for owners or lessees of blocks of deer range of 1,000 acres or more to apply to the District Game Division Supervisor in his area to participate in the system. If the district supervisor approves the owner or lessee's area, a certain

number of antlerless deer will be designated to be taken and an equal number of metal self-locking tags will be issued. The deer are to be taken during the last segment of the open season. He further stated that this should not effect the regular doe seasons that have been a part of the regulations for many years.

Motion was made by Mr. James C. Farrelly, seconded by Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, and passed unanimously, that the Commission ratify the proposal of Mr. Newsom for a new system of regulating doe deer harvest statewide.

Mr. Tom Bourland, representing International Paper Company, donated to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries twenty-seven infrared photographs of the Sicily Island Hills Wildlife Management Area.

Motion was made by Mr. James C. Farrelly, seconded by Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, and passed unanimously, that (No. 3) agenda items shall be numbered consecutively and the supporting documents and/or background information shall be numbered to correspond with the numbers on the agenda. If there are more than one supporting paper, they shall be numbered 1A, 1B, etc. Relevant contracts, leases, study and research results, budgets and sources of funds shall be included. If this information is too voluminous then it shall be provided upon request by each individual Commission Member.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, seconded by Mr. James C. Farrelly, and passed unanimously by a roll call vote, that (No. 4) a cover sheet shall be included in the packet which shall contain staff recommendations as to the course of action on each item and to condense the information contained in the supporting documents.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, seconded by Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, and passed unanimously, that (No. 5) a copy of each resolution to be introduced shall be provided in the packet which requires Commission action.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, seconded by Mr. James C. Farrelly, and passed unanimously, that Item No. 4 be amended by deleting the word "shall" and substituting the word "may" in that part of the sentence reading "which shall contain staff recommendations"

The recommendations for Commission Meetings as adopted by the Commission are as follows:

1. Items for the agenda shall be submitted to the person designated by the Secretary no later than 4:30 P.M. on the Monday one week prior to the scheduled Commission Meeting. After this time, the agenda is considered closed and no additional items shall be considered on this month's agenda.
2. A packet containing an agenda and background information on all items to be brought before the Commission shall be received by Commission Members by Thursday prior to the scheduled Commission Meeting.
3. Agenda items shall be numbered consecutively and the supporting documents and/or background information shall be numbered to correspond with the numbers on the agenda. If there are more than one supporting paper, they shall be numbered 1A, 1B, etc. Relevant contracts, leases, study and research results, budgets and sources of funds shall be included. If this information is too voluminous then it shall be provided upon request by each individual Commission Member.
4. A cover sheet shall be included in the packet which may contain staff recommendations as to the course of action on each item and to condense the information contained in the supporting documents.
5. A copy of each resolution to be introduced shall be provided in the packet which requires Commission action.
6. Commission Meetings shall have the following format:
 - A. Opening remarks by Chairman.
 - B. Opening remarks by Secretary.

- C. Reports and announcements on hearings and meetings held during the time span of the last Commission Meeting and the present one.
- D. Motions by Commission Members.
- E. Standing Committee Reports and related motions.
- F. Special Committee Reports and related motions.
- G. Communications--to hear letters or requests to appear before the Commission at a future meeting or to appear before a regular or special committee, and to hear speakers from the audience and public comment. No action is to be taken under communications.
- H. Agenda items not on the printed agenda-- may be heard if the rules are suspended which requires a simple majority vote of Commission Members present.

Mr. Jesse J. Guidry, Secretary, said for purposes of clarification and information that items for the agenda shall be approved by him before the items can be placed on the agenda. This authority was delegated to him by the Commission.

Mr. Guidry also stated that items on the agenda will be introduced by Commission Members at the Commission Meetings and staff members may be asked to provide technical information and assistance.

Motion was made by Mr. Wayne C. Ducote, seconded by Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, and passed unanimously, that travel expenses be authorized for Commission Members attending the following meetings during the month of May, 1981: Mineral Board Meetings, Outdoor Writers Association Meeting, Joint Legislative Natural Resources Committee Meetings and Meetings with Louisiana State University regarding the alligator season. Also, the National Wild Turkey Federation Meeting in Richmond, Virginia, March 5-8, 1981, was approved and authorized for payment of travel expenses.

Secretary Guidry had requested the Enforcement

Division to patrol the coastline of Louisiana to check the number of out-of-state commercial fishermen fishing three miles offshore and inside waters. He emphasized that this is being done simply to gather information to find out what effect the Texas closure is having on the Louisiana shrimping industry. Colonel Ray Montet, Chief, Enforcement Division, gave a report of recent patrols to the Commission on the number of boats sited, the state, and the location of the boats.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. M. Bobby Orgeron, and passed unanimously, that a study be made of possible changes in the license structure to present to the Legislature in 1982.

Motion was made by Mr. Charles A. Riggs, seconded by Mr. Jesse M. Knowles, and passed unanimously, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission write to the Regional Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Atlanta, Georgia, and request that they consider a controlled alligator season on Sabine Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish.

Chairman Sonny Gilbert introduced Mr. Bennie Fontenot the new Chief of the Fish Division. He replaces Mr. Kenneth Smith who retired recently.

Chairman Gilbert announced the June meeting will be held in New Orleans on June 22 and 23, 1981, and the July meeting will also be held in New Orleans on July 27 and 28, 1981.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse M. Knowles that the meeting be adjourned.

Jesse J. Guidry
Secretary

J. C. Gilbert
Chairman