

LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

BOARD MEETING

Monday, December 5, 1983

and

Tuesday, December 6, 1983

GEORGE GRAY
CHAIRMAN

New Orleans, Louisiana

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MINUTES OF MEETING OF
LOUISIANA WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA
December 6, 1984

Chairman George N. Gray, presiding

Members present:

Dr. Jack Cappel
Mr. Gary Chouest
Mr. Wayne Ducote
Mr. James Farrelly
Mr. Jesse Knowles
Mr. Charles Riggs
Mr. George Gray

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The regular monthly meeting of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. George Gray, on Monday December 5, at 2:00 p.m. at the Monteleone Hotel New Orleans, Louisiana.

Invocation was given by Mr. Jesse Knowles.

A roll call of members present was taken.

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

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. Jesse Knowles, and passed unanimously, to approve the minutes of October 24, 1983.

Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously to approve the correction to the Chandeleur-Breton Sound shrimp closure line.

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

WHEREAS, at the July 26, 1983 Commission meeting, the Commission established the western limits of Chandeleur and Breton Sounds as it relates to shrimp fisheries, and

WHEREAS, both Martin and Mitchel Islands were inadvertently left out of the verbal description thus causing the line to cross these two islands.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that as it relates to the shrimp fisheries the western boundaries of Chandeleur and Breton Sounds should read:

"The Western limits of Chandeleur and Breton Sounds as being that area extending generally east of a line running south from the Louisiana-Mississippi boundary to the east end of Isle Aux Pitre to Door Point, easternmost point of Brush Island, easternmost point of Martin Island, easternmost point of Mitchell Island, Point Comfort, Point Chico, Grace Point (Break-in-the-Rocks, MR-GO), Mozambique Point, Telegraph Point, California Point, Sable Island Light, Raccoon Point, Coquille Point, Deep Water Point, and the northeastern point of land at Taylor Pass."

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Motion was made by Mr. Charles Riggs, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously to enter into a reciprocal agreement with the State of Arkansas.

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

WHEREAS, the neighboring States of Louisiana and Arkansas each hold fishery resources which are enjoyed by citizens of these States; and

WHEREAS, the wildlife agencies of these two States desire to enter into a reciprocal agreement whereby citizens of Louisiana 65 years of age or older may fish in Arkansas at no charge with only proof of age required, and citizens of Arkansas 65 years of age or older may fish in Louisiana at no charge with only proof of age required;

NOW THEREFORE, it is agreed by the State of Louisiana acting by and through the Secretary of its Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and the State of Arkansas, acting by and through the Director of its Game and Fish Commission with the consent of its Board of Commissioners, as follows:

1. Louisiana residents 65 years of age or older may fish in Arkansas without a license, but proof of age is required.
2. Arkansas residents 65 years of age or older may fish in Louisiana without a license, but proof of age is required.
3. Proof of age must be in the form of a (or photostatic copy of a) birth certificate, drivers license, voter registration or military records which state age.
4. It is agreed that the fishing regulations of the state being fished shall apply to the non-resident fishing in that state.
5. Either party to this agreement may abrogate and cancel the same upon sixty (60) days written notice.
6. The parties hereto agree that this Agreement shall become effective as of the 1st day of January, 1984.

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Motion was made by Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Charles Riggs, and passed unanimously that the Commission opposes mandatory shrimp data reporting.

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

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration has published in the Federal Register, Vol. 48 No. 183, a proposed rule for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, this proposed action would make the National Marine Fisheries Service statistical reporting system for shrimp data collection system mandatory, in state waters as well as federal waters, and

WHEREAS, the existing voluntary shrimp statistical reporting system which has been in effect since 1956, has provided the necessary data needed for management purposes, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission meeting in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 6, 1983 unanimously opposes the mandatory aspects of the shrimp data reporting requirements in Louisiana state waters as well as the preemption of the states rights to obtain data on fishing in state waters, and requests that the present voluntary data reporting program that has been in place since 1956 be retained.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles, seconded by Mr. Wayne Ducote, and passed unanimously to have the February 27 and 28 meeting in Baton Rouge.

A resolution was presented to Mr. Farrelly for his tenure as Chairman of the Commission.

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

WHEREAS, James C. Farrelly has served the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission since his appointment by Governor Edwin Edwards February 2, 1979, and will continue to serve the Commission and people of Louisiana as Commissioner until December 10, 1984, and

WHEREAS, during the period from November 24, 1981 until November 23, 1982, he served admirably as Vice Chairman of this Commission, and

WHEREAS, James Farrelly was elected Chairman of this Commission November 23, 1982 and served as Chairman until November 22, 1983, and

WHEREAS, as Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, he performed the duties and responsibilities of Chairman in such a manner as to earn the respect and admiration of the Commission and staff of the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure on the Commission and particularly during his term as Chairman, James Farrelly has demonstrated a deep interest and understanding of the many phases of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries resource management, and

WHEREAS, his leadership of this Commission during regular meetings and special public hearings on hunting and shrimp seasons has positively influenced the public image of this Commission and resulted in a greater public appreciation and respect for its accomplishments, and

WHEREAS, James Farrelly continues to serve the Louisiana sportsman and those persons whose economic livelihood is dependent on Louisiana's vast wildlife and fisheries resources as a member of this Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does this date congratulate James C. Farrelly for his outstanding leadership as Chairman of this Commission and express to him their appreciation for the opportunity of sharing in the accomplishments of the Commission and department during his tenure as Chairman.

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A resolution was presented to Mr. Charles Riggs in appreciation of his service to the Commission.

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

WHEREAS, Charles A. Riggs has served on the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission since his appointment by Governor Edwin Edwards January 11, 1978, and

WHEREAS, during the almost six years of service to the Commission and the people of Louisiana Charles Riggs served as Vice Chairman of the Commission from February 27, 1980 until November 23, 1981, and

WHEREAS, due to his untiring efforts toward the wise and prudent management of Louisiana's vast wildlife and fisheries resources he won the respect and gratitude of sportsmen and commercial interests alike, and

WHEREAS, his love of waterfowling and his advocacy of proper waterfowl management and protection of waterfowl habitat has earned him the reputation of champion of Louisiana waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure as a member and Vice Chairman of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission Charles Riggs was a staunch supporter of the Commission's land acquisition program dedicated to the expansion and preservation of lands open to the public for wholesome outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS, he always listened attentively and with an open mind and heart to the concerns of commercial fishermen, shrimpers and trappers whose livelihoods depend on the proper management and utilization of Louisiana wildlife and fisheries resources, and

WHEREAS, Charles Riggs played a valuable role on many Commission committees throughout his tenure as Commissioner, most recently as a member of the oyster and Shrimp Committee, the Wildlife and Fisheries General Committee, and as Chairman of the Sport and Commercial Fishing Committee.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission and the staff of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries does this date express to Charles A. Riggs their deep appreciation for his many years of friendship and dedicated service to the Commission, department and the people of Louisiana.

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Motion was made by Mr. Jesse Knowles and seconded by Mr. James Farrelly that the meeting be adjourned.

Minutes transcribed by
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