

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

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P R O C E E D I N G S

BOARD MEETING

Friday, June 21, 1974

10:00 o'clock a.m.

H. C. LUTTRELL, Chairman

**RAMADA INN HOTEL
Alexandria, Louisiana**

P R O C E E D I N G S

. . . The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was held on Friday, June 21, 1974, at 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the Ramada Inn, Alexandria, Louisiana, H. C. Luttrell, Chairman, presiding.

PRESENT WERE:

H. C. LUTTRELL, Chairman
M. DUPUY, JR., Vice-Chairman
J. B. ANGELLE, Director
J. G. JONES, Member
J. H. LAPEYRE, Member
J. THOMPSON, Member
D. F. WILLE, Member

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Approval of minutes of November 20, 1973.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER

1. Renewal of permit to dredge sand from the Miss. (4)
River in approximate vicinity of 87.9 Mile AHP
in Mereaux, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana - L.
Murphy Trucking Service, Inc.

2. Renewal of permit to dredge sand and/or fill (5)
material from the Mississippi River at Mile 108
AHP in Jefferson Parish, Louisiana - T.L. James
and Company, Inc.
3. Extension of shrimp season east of the Mississippi (7)
River.
4. Discussion of Bayous Boeuf, Black, Chene Study (10)
Report.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY

5. Louisiana Delta Plantation request to pump water (13)
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side of Saline Lake.
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by timber cutting.
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MR. JOE HERRING

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11. Presentation of plaque to Louisiana Wildlife (41)
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13. Presentation to Agent of the Year, Eugene Flynn, (44)
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14. Request Richard Yancey, Hugh Bateman and Jimmie (46)
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15. Set dates for July Meetings. (47)

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THE CHAIRMAN: We are ready for the opening of the annual meeting in Alexandria to consider the hunting dates and to, of course, have our regular monthly but before we get started I want to take note that one member and I want to call his name because I don't think you people know him. He is out of uniform this morning.

MR. JERRY JONES: Well, I'll let the Director have my vote. (laughter)

THE CHAIRMAN: Oh, I see. I see. We have that kind of thing going on around here.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Since I've got mine on, it's grounds for dismissal, isn't it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Well, at least a fine.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: That will be coffee for everybody.

THE CHAIRMAN: Coffee for everybody. That will be a good punishment. Thank you, Jerry.

The first thing we have to do this morning is adopt the minutes of the November 20th meeting. Do I hear a motion?

MR. JERRY JONES: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Jerry.

MR. DON WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Don Wille. If I hear no objections, it is so moved.

(no response)

THE CHAIRMAN: OK. It is so moved.

Mr. Harry Schafer, please.

MR. HARRY SCHAFFER: Mr. Chairman, the first thing on the agenda is a request for a renewal permit to dredge sand from the Mississippi River at approx. 87.9 Mile AHP at Mereaux, St. Bernard Parish, by L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc., and we have examined the proposal and find that it meets all the requirements of the Commission and, therefore, recommend that this permit be granted but limited to one year

and the new royalty rate of 5¢ be honored.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. What is your pleasure?

MR. DON WILLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wille.

MR. JERRY JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Jones. Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(no response)

The motion is carried.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to L. Murphy Trucking Service, Inc., to dredge sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River at a point about 87.9 Miles AHP at Meraux, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, for a period of one year from June 21, 1974, to June 21, 1975, at a royalty of 5¢ per cubic yard.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Mr. Chairman, the second item is another request for a renewal of a permit to dredge sand and

fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 108 AHP on the left bank between the levee stations of 6348 and 6415 near Harahan in Jefferson Parish by T. L. James and Company. We have examined this proposal and find that it meets all the requirements of the Commission and, therefore, recommend that this permit be granted but to include the limitation of one year and the new royalty of 5¢ be honored.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation, gentlemen. Any discussion? Do I have a motion?

MR. MARC DUPUY: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Jimmie Thompson.

If I hear no objections, it will stand as recommended.

(no response)

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to T. L. James and Company, Inc., to dredge sand and/or fill material from the Mississippi River at Mile 108 AHP, along the left bank between Levee Stations 6348 and 6415, near Harahan, Jefferson Parish,

Louisiana, for a period of one year from June 26, 1974, to June 26, 1975, at a royalty of 5¢ per cubic yard.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: We have a House Concurrent Resolution authored by Representatives Patti, Alario, Ullo, Sour, Doucet and Rowley and Senator Sammy Nunez directing the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to extend the spring brown shrimp season beyond the closing date of July 12th, in the waters lying east of the Mississippi River down through South Pass. We also understand that there is another resolution coming out to extend the season on the west side of the River also. Under the authority of Revised Statutes 56, Section 497, the Commission does have the power to extend the season if the technical data indicates a need and since the Commission does not meet between now and the closing date, I would recommend that you authorize the director to extend the season when we can make our samples near the end of the season, authorize him to extend it if the biological data indicates that it can be kept open.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I so move.

FROM THE FLOOR: Do the shrimpers really want this now with the prices as low as it is?

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: We think and they think that this extra time they are going to get at the end of the season

the shrimp will be larger and the prices will be better.

FROM THE FLOOR: What size shrimp are they getting down there?

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: They are getting around 50 now.

MR. JERRY JONES: How far have you talked about going when you say the west side of the River? All the way to Sabine?

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: All the way to Sabine if it indicates that it can be opened there.

MR. JERRY JONES: The resolution you are recommending authorizes the director to do it all the way to Sabine or just east of the River?

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: No, we are recommending that he be authorized to keep the season open across the coast.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: What size do you anticipate, or the count will be at the time the season closes?

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: We would hope that they would be somewhere in between the 20 and 30 count.

MR. JERRY JONES: Harry, you might make some comment about the price differentials of the shrimp this year and last year. The shrimpers are really hurting now.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Right. The shrimpers are hurting now. The shrimpers are getting from 15 to 20¢ a pound. This is

what they sell their shrimp to the processor or the buyer for. This same shrimp last year was running around \$1.00 and \$1.25 a pound. The higher price that they were paying for these shrimp last year, they built up a surplus and there is a backlog of shrimp in the cans and frozen that was bought at the high price and they don't want to lose money on these shrimp so they are trying to move these and not buy any fresh stuff and that's why the prices are so low. There is just nobody buying them.

MR. J. LAPEYRE: Jerry, I might say that the request for an extension came at least from some segment of the industry, you know, or area, it comes from the industry.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have any other discussion?

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Jimmie Thompson that we accept the recommendation.

MR. MARC DUPUY: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Marc Dupuy.

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

Opposed, no.

(no response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is carried.

(Full text of the resolution is
here made a part of the record.)

WHEREAS, in the 1974 Legislative Session, State Representatives Patti and Accardo et als, and Senator Nunez introduced House Concurrent Resolution No. 76, directing the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to extend the spring brown shrimp season beyond the closing date of July 12, 1974, in those waters of Louisiana lying east of the Mississippi River, down through South Pass, and

WHEREAS, Louisiana Revised Statutes 56, Section 497 gives the Commission the power to keep the season open until technical data indicates a need for closure, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby authorize the Director to extend the spring brown shrimp season if biological data indicates said season can remain open without damaging future shrimp populations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and is hereby authorized to close the season, if extended, within a 48 hour notice when biological data indicates it should be closed or if an enforcement problem should develop.

MR. HARRY SCHAFER: Gentlemen, in your April meeting you had requested the field people to do a further study on

the Bayou Chene, Boeuf and Black Rivers, Morgan City, the work that was being done there. The divisions have completed their work and the report is now at the final state.

Mr. Murray Walton from the Environmental Section, put the report together from all the divisions who turned in their reports and consolidated this into one report. With your permission, I would like for him to give the report to you.

MR. MURRAY WALTON: I wasn't going to read this report in its entirety because it is fourteen pages long but basically what this report does is outline the direct damages to fish and wildlife resulting from the construction of this project. This is mainly from excavation and spoiling areas and this annual loss totals 1,600 man-days of sport hunting and possibly 3,000 pelts and 1,600,000 lbs. of commercial fish. This is valued annually at a little over \$100,000.00.

Our evaluations here are in close agreement with the estimates by the Corps of Engineers. The differences in our report with the Corps of Engineers are over the anticipated saltwater intrusion and delta building in the Atchafalaya Bay area.

I do want to stress that in no place in this report do we oppose construction of the Bayou Boeuf, Chene and Black project. However, we do raise serious questions over the

advisability of constructing the project under the present plan. We do raise questions about the inadequacy of the environmental impact statement as far as presenting benefit cost, analysis data, and over the exploration of various alternatives for the project.

Dr. St. Amant has reviewed the report and has made no changes in it. I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have on it.

MR. JERRY JONES: Am I correct, this project is under construction now?

MR. MURRAY WALTON: The lower end of the project across the Atchafalaya Bay is under construction right now. This entails a large and existing navigation project.

MR. JERRY JONES: It is also in litigation.

MR. MURRAY WALTON: This is in litigation right now. The Terrebonne Parish Police Jury and the City of Houma have gone to court. They went to get a temporary injunction against construction. This first suit was denied and they are going back to court for a permanent injunction.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: The first one was denied?

MR. MURRAY WALTON: It was denied.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions? If none, I will entertain a motion to accept the report and authorize its

release to the public.

MR. DON WILLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wille.

MR. JEAN LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Lapeyre. All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is carried.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Harry. Mr. Yancey.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, the first item I have on the agenda pertains to a request from the Louisiana Delta Plantation and there are several people here from the Louisiana Wild Life Federation in the Alexandria area, and I hope that they will listen to this rather carefully and if they have any comments certainly we would want to open the floor to any comments that they would wish to make.

Representatives of the Louisiana Delta Plantation have contacted the Attorney General's Office and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and they have requested that they be granted permission now to pump water from inside the ring

levee. It is located along the south side of Saline Lake over into Saline Lake. This as we all know has been a very controversial issue in this area for some time and finally resulted in litigated and finally resulted into what we all considered to be a favorable working compromise in that they agreed to reconstruct the drainage of four Delta Plantations and run the farm drainage water directly to Red River rather than continue to pump and let it drain into the Saline-Larto complex. Now, as we all know at this time the Mississippi River is at flood stage. The Black River is virtually at flood stage and is expected to go over flood stage probably in the vicinity of two or three feet and this entire Saline-Larto complex is under water now and these people, the Louisiana Delta Plantation people had moved a substantial amount of equipment onto their lands in order to begin constructing the new drainage channels directly to Red River but because of the high water on the outside of the levee, the unseasonably high water, they want to go ahead and get the water out from inside the ring levee in order that they can begin work on doing the things that we all want them to do which is to construct the channels and water control structures necessary to carry this water directly to Red River in the future rather than to allow it to continue to

go into the Saline Lake. Day before yesterday we had Arthur Williams, the Commission's Fishery Biologist, Ferriday, go over to this area and look at it from the air and from the ground and he feels from what he saw that the water on the Saline Lake side of the levee is more turbid than the water is on the inside of the levee on Delta Plantation lands and he feels that it would be advisable at this time to go ahead and give them the permission or give them a letter of no objection to their pumping water into Saline Lake at this time because the water that they would pump over the levee is less turbid than the water they would be pumping into. Should this situation change then certainly we would want this action to stop but we also have a letter here from Mr. Richard Troy, in the Attorney General's Office. He is asking for the Commission's viewpoint on this request and he wanted it yesterday. We told him we had a Commission Meeting going on here. We wanted to bring this thing out so that everyone could know what was going on and then we would be back in touch with him at the conclusion of this meeting.

At this point, we feel that it would be advisable to go ahead and let them pump the water over the levee. We see no objection to it since they have the equipment on hand

it means that they will be able to make an earlier start in the construction of the drainage system. It will allow the conveyance of this farm drainage directly to Red River at an earlier date than it would be otherwise. This is a request that they have and we at this point see no reason why they shouldn't receive this permission and in talking with Dick Troy yesterday he says from a legal standpoint and we all know this is in litigation now that there would be no objection to draining into this lake. It's OK.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

MR. MARC DUPUY, JR.: Yes, I would like to discuss something.

THE CHAIRMAN: All right, Marc.

MR. MARC DUPUY: Mr. Yancey, did the letter from Mr. Norman Haig, representing Louisiana Delta or from Reydon T. Smith, again representing Louisiana Delta, indicate that they were willing to stop the pumping as soon as gravity flow would allow the waters to go back into Saline Lake under its own power.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: They have this in their letter. Yes. Certainly, if they wait until later on after the flood waters recede and then this water goes into this Larto-Saline Bayou complex it would have an adverse effect. Now it won't.

It won't hurt a thing, but if we wait until later on, after these flood waters go down, then it would have an adverse effect so we think now would be the appropriate time for them to do this rather than wait until later.

MR. MARC DUPUY, JR.: I would like to observe that as you well know we are in a substantial flood condition again and that several thousands of acres of their property is underwater along with a lot of other people in the area and the water outside is more turbid than within and certainly a pumping situation now would not in any way be detrimentally effective to the water conditions in Saline Lake and we would in granting such permission be consistent to our previous position in regard to this. Mr. Chairman, I would recommend that we do it. I so move.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I'm pretty sure I understand but just to make it crystal clear in my mind the purpose of pumping this clear water into the turbid water at the present time is so that they can go to work immediately or dry out the area that they want to go to work making this complex of canals to alleviate the situation or to comply with the lawsuit. Am I correct?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: That's right.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: In other words, if they can get that water off their ground now they can go to work digging the canals. If they don't get the water off then they have

got to wait two or three months. Is that right?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: That's right.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: So then it would be to our advantage if we granted this for our own benefit. I'm speaking as a fisherman now.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Right. That's our opinion about it and there may be those here in the audience that may want to comment.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I see Chuck.

THE CHAIRMAN: I recognize Chuck.

MR. CHUCK BUCKLEY: I'm Chuck Buckley, Catahoula Lake Conservation Club. As stipulated by Dick, I don't believe there would be an objection from the Central Louisiana sportsment. This is on the assumption that when the condition is reversed and their water is more turbid at that time you would have to cease this pumping.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I would like to make that a part of the motion that is not included.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: I think that is a good part of it.

THE CHAIRMAN: It's in the agreement of the letter to Jimmie.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: And, we will have Arthur Williams monitor this. The conditions are going to change weekly and

as soon as it looks like it would reverse, as Charlie Buckley pointed out, then we would probably want to rescind this permit and we would so put this in any letter we write.

THE CHAIRMAN: Do you have any further comments?

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I understand, Clay, that they already have an eight yard and a four yard dragline. That's pretty big equipment plus scrapers and they are sitting there ready to go to work but can't. I also understand this is rainwater now. This is not floodwater. All they are trying to get rid of is clear rainwater.

THE CHAIRMAN: I went down yesterday and took a look at that thing and if we don't permit the pumping and the ground becomes soggy, the equipment is so heavy it may be more than two or three months before they can start.

Any other comments from the audience?

MR. MARC DUPUY, JR.: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Thompson that we agree to this request.

MR. DON WILLE: Mr. Luttrell, are we going to amend this motion to include--

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I believe he said it is already in the letter.

MR. DON WILLE: You don't want to put it in the form of a motion.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Yes, I would like to have it in the form of a motion.

MR. DON WILLE: So we will set it back that the Commission made a motion to this effect.

THE CHAIRMAN: As I understood it, we were simply agreeing to the request and it is all in the letter but if you want an amendment, I will accept an amendment.

MR. MARC DUPUY: I don't think we need an amendment. The motion was to grant the request until such time as the turbidity conditions are reversed or until gravity flow will take over.

THE CHAIRMAN: That's the way I understood it. They have agreed to that; haven't they, Dick?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Yes, they have that in the letter.

THE CHAIRMAN: It is very crystal clear. Now, Mr. Wille, do you-- Good. OK.

MR. MARC DUPUY: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: I have a motion by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Thompson that we accept and grant the request of Delta Farms to pump the water.

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

MR. CHAIRMAN: Motion carried.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: This next item on the agenda pertains to the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in Ouachita Parish. This 15,000 acre tract of bottomland hardwoods was purchased by the Commission back in 1960. At this time we have a timber stand in such a condition that we have a closed canopy. We have virtually no deer browse on the ground floor. We need to open this stand up a little bit-- some of the undesirable species for purposes of improving wildlife habitat conditions on the area. Ray Palmero, Forestry Biologist with the Commission, has gone into this area. He has delineated a 390 acre tract and he has submitted to the Division of Administration for proposed advertisement for bid on the sale of certain species below 15 inches of diameter abreast height on this 390 tract. This would be wood of the pulpwood category. The Division of Administration advertised for the sale of this wood for a period of 30 days. We had one company who asked that they be given additional time. They were granted an additional 30 days for the advertisement period. When bids were opened, we still only

received one bid on it. It was in the amount of \$1,200. Because of the fact that we need to have this cutting done from the standpoint of wildlife production on the area and the fact that we are trying to improve the habitat on the area, to develop a better composition in the forest for the production of mast and browse for the various types of forest game on the area, we would recommend the Commission accept this one bid of \$1,200.00 for this wood. It's under 15 inches in diameter. It's rock elm, soft elm, ash, bitter pecan and overcup.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, you have heard the recommendation. Do we have any discussion? Do I have a motion?

MR. DON WILLE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Wille.

MR. JEAN LAPEYRE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Lapeyre that we accept this bid.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: Monroe, Godfrey and Givens Timber Company, Smith and Jewel Streets, West Monroe, Louisiana. The bids were obtained by the Division of Administration in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, upon our request.

THE CHAIRMAN: The next item.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: We've got to vote on this.

THE CHAIRMAN: I'm sorry. I thought we had. I heard no objections.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: No. You did have an objection. I would like to be recorded as saying no.

THE CHAIRMAN: OK. All those in favor, say aye.

Opposed, no.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: No.

THE CHAIRMAN: One opposing vote. Two opposing votes. Three to two. The next item.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: We have with us Mr. Alton Mangum. He's the State Conservationist of the U. S. Soil Conservation Service headquartered here in Alexandria and he would like to be heard at this time, Mr. Chairman.

MR. ALTON MANGUM: I'm Alton Mangum, State Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service in Alexandria, Louisiana. There are many areas that the soil conservation service and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission have worked together on in the past. There are many areas I think that are of mutual interest and concern to both of us. There are just two of these this morning that I want to discuss very briefly. Before I get into the actual discussion of the first item which we have been working with the staff on and that concerns the river basin

studies on the Ouachita River.

I would just like to thank the Commission, the personnel and so forth that worked with us on the Southwest Louisiana Basin Study. We have just completed this study and we had a man out of our Washington office in the River Basin Division yesterday. He said that they had reviewed this plan in the Washington office and they considered this the best treatment of the fish and wildlife resources and the recreational resources of any plan that has come into the Washington office on this. This, of course, is attributed to the fact that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission personnel actually did the studies and helped us. I know that they worked hard and diligently on this because they actually had to fit it into all the other things that they were doing. At that time we didn't have any funds and there was no way that we could reimburse the Commission for this so I want to say that I do appreciate, deeply appreciate, the work and the effort that they put into this to help us with the fish and wildlife studies in the Southwest Louisiana Basin Study.

Now, on the Ouachita Basin Study which we had just started, we have been working with the staff on this and basically asking them if somehow the Commission could provide us with some of the same type data that they did on the Southwest Study and we have, of course, run into problems with

your people in the fact that you are overworked and overloaded. You just don't have the people to do all the things that we would like to see done in all the studies. We have agreed that we could work together and there are some areas in which you have expertise we don't have which would be helpful to us. With this in mind, I am bringing before the Commission the agreements which we would like to enter into with the Commission for making these studies on a reimburseable basis to the extent that the Commission can provide the personnel and the resources to do this with.

In here we have three agreements. The first is a cooperative agreement between the Service and the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission to work together for the Service to reimburse the Commission for special studies. This is a basic type agreement which doesn't obligate the funds per se but it does permit us as we need these services and as you can provide them. Then we can negotiate with you and enter into an agreement to obligate funds to the extent that we have them and the extent that you have personnel for this service. Now, that is the basic cooperative agreement.

The second agreement is an agreement to obligate and which we will reimburse the Commission for \$8,000 of studies in connection with the fisheries resources and studies in

the Ouachita Basin Area.

The third agreement which is nothing more than an extension of the original agreement, end of fiscal year 1975. We have these \$8,000 funds for this year which will have to be obligated by June 30th for us to have the funds; otherwise, we lose them. The other letter then will just extend the agreement on into 1975. If at that time there is a need for continuing with the studies, all we have to do is just by change of letters amend it to carry it on into 1976, etc.

These are the three basic agreements that have been worked up and that will need the approval of the Director. I don't know what your procedure might be on this but we have the agreements worked up. We have provided copies to Kenneth Smith whom we have been working with on them. He hasn't had time to look at all the details of them but if the Commission is in favor of going into this and could authorize the Director to sign it, to approve it. I have already signed them. I could then just turn the documents over to him and they could review them and if he is satisfied, well, you could go ahead and approve them.

This will be the first item, Mr. Chairman. Are there any questions? I would be glad to answer them.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Mangum. Are there any questions?

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I believe. You have got to obligate the \$8,000 by June 30th. Kenneth Smith has not had time to review the papers you have just presented him. You gave them to him this morning.

MR. ALTON MANGUM: Well, he had them a little before but he really hasn't had time to go into all the aspects.

MR. CHAIRMAN: I'm going to ask Mr. Smith to answer to respond to this. Mr. Smith.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I have a question while Mr. Mangum is still at the mike. (not audible)

MR. ALTON MANGUM: Of course, the study is a total comprehensive study of the natural resources in the Ouachita Basin. I am separating this out because when you say comprehensive study you get into some things that is more comprehensive than we get into it but it is a comprehensive study of the conditions and the things that are now in the basin and development of opportunities and proposals for improving these resources and, of course, fish and wildlife resources are one aspect of this. Your recreational resources, etc. What this agreement does it actually provides that the La. Wild Life and Fisheries Commission will make the studies, the inventories and prepare a report on the streams' fisheries.

This specific one will identify down to the point that they will make a study of the streams and inventory the fishery resources and prepare a report of what are the fishery resources conditions in the basin.

MR. MARC DUPUY: When will your report be anticipated completion date?

MR. ALTON MANGUM: The final report completion date is now scheduled for 1976. The information and the agreement that we discussed with Kenneth is that this report would be completed by the end of the fiscal year 1975 for the fishery resources which would then go into a part of the total.

MR. MARC DUPUY: One other question. Perhaps I should be addressing it to our Director, Mr. Angelle. How will the \$8,000 be utilized by the Commission and in what way could we accept the \$8,000.

MR. J. BURTON ANGELLE: I think this will probably be best responded to by Kenneth Smith when he does respond to the proposition.

MR. JEAN LAPEYRE: Is \$8,000 considered adequate to complete the project.

MR. ALTON MANGUM: Well, we really feel like there are more studies that could be made and are actually needed but this is the extent of the personnel resources that the Commission personnel felt they could put into it. It is kind of

based on the fact that it seemed like with all of the resources we have, this is about all we can do.

MR. JEAN LAPEYRE: The third agreement which would carry that thing forward in the succeeding year, would this obligate the Commission to make expenditures which would not be covered by the \$8,000?

MR. ALTON MANGUM: No, sir. In fact, it would not be extended unless there was a need for it and unless the Commission agrees to it. Of course, this would strictly be something that we would have to negotiate out at the time.

THE CHAIRMAN: Mr. Smith.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, we have had two meetings on this matter. Mr. Paul McGallon came down to Baton Rouge a little over a month ago and presented us with their needs. He had a rather extensive project in mind which would entail extensive stream sampling which after a little calculation we figured it would take a whole rotenone crew which we have only one in the state. It is going full time. It would take another crew approximately five months to conduct the some 38 stream samples that they have requested so we told Mr. McGallon that there was no possibility that we could take our district personnel and give it a thorough treatment so he said he would ask some

other personnel to come down and try to work out something with us which Mr. Horris Stalton and Mr. Bittercraft and other members of the staff did come to Baton Rouge and without too much detail, this is the basic way we approached this. We found that in southwestern comprehensive study that Mr. Mangum referred to, we did have one man, particularly, Dudley Carver, who devoted about three months' time to this. We didn't feel like we could spare Dudley this much time because he has other federal aid jobs he is supposed to be doing. We found that a lot of the work that Dudley did could be done by not so thoroughly trained personnel, such as, students and that sort of thing, biological aides, in determining lakes and streams, going to the public works people, and a lot of basic data we had to have to work with. We calculated the amount of student time which would be required. The students' time would be reimbursed the amount we paid these students by the Soil Conservation Service. We would be reimbursed for the amount of travel and we calculated that. Also, the technician's time that would go into it, the secretarial time, and we feel that with the project that we had discussed, \$8,000 is adequate to cover this amount. We have done this in the past as he mentioned without any reimbursement. Of course, a reimbursement is not the major factor involved. We certainly are not

going to come out ahead on this but since we are the agency responsible for the resources, we are responsible to other agencies in this matter, we felt like we had an obligation to comply to the extent that we could, so Mr. Mangum's staff has drawn up the agreement which I received a copy of this morning. They have provided us with a general agreement form earlier. We would like to have the opportunity to review this in detail. I would like to take other members of the fisheries staff to see if we could comply with it as is outlined in the latter part of his agreement as to the technical specifications in the agreement.

If Mr. Mangum has to have this before June 30th as he suggested possibly you may want to authorize the Director to enter into this agreement prior to June 30th if he finds it satisfactory. We think it is a workable agreement. As a matter of fact, we think the information would be beneficial to us. We see no objection to entering into his agreement.

THE CHAIRMAN: With your recommendation then is it that we delay this until you have a chance to study it and authorize the Director and his staff to enter into an agreement if it is found feasible.

MR. KENNETH SMITH: Yes, sir. We will get on it right away. We won't delay it and then discuss it with the Director

and if everything seems to be OK then this may be the approach to get it underway in time.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Do we have anyone who wants to discuss it?

MR. MARC DUPUY: I would like to say something.

THE CHAIRMAN: OK.

MR. MARC DUPUY: I would just like to observe that this is a commendable cooperative effort. I would like to express appreciation to Mr. Alton Mangum for bringing this matter to the Commission and discussing it before the general public and I am very happy and pleased to see that there is cooperative effort between the Soil Conservation Service and the Commission.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other discussion? I have a motion by Mr. Thompson.

MR. JERRY JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Jones that we delay this until Mr. Smith and his staff had time to make a thorough study in it. We grant our Director, Mr. Smith, and the staff the power to sign the agreement.

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

Opposed, no. (no response)

THE CHAIRMAN: So carried.

MR. ALTON MANGUM: The other item, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to take a minute on. Of course, I would be glad to discuss this if you want to at length.

You have a map there in front of you that has been prepared which shows the resource conservation and development projects we have in the State. Now, these are projects that are approved and they are planned and then, of course, they go into operation and they do permit the Soil Conservation Service to participate in various types of activities.

One of the types of activities is that we can and do have authority under this program to participate in fish and wildlife developments and in recreational developments along with some other things but specifically I just wanted to call the Commission's attention that this is a program and I think it's another opportunity that we have where we can work together to develop and to improve some of the fish and wildlife resources within these areas.

Now, for example, in an RC & D Project Area we can provide if funds are available pay up to 50% of the cost of development of fish and wildlife projects in even state-owned lands, wildlife management areas or on state parks and we are working with state parks on some of these activities now. I know that Mr. McGowen who works on this program for us has a

day scheduled to work with Dick to further discuss this matter but I did want to bring it before the Commission the fact that we do have this program and you have this map before you which shows you the projects that have been approved. We have three approved projects--the one in yellow, orange and green on the map. We are in the process of adding Lincoln Parish to the one in blue, Vernon Parish, the one in orange and the yellow area is a new application that has been submitted also but I did want to bring it before to your attention that there are possibilities I think here of us working with the Commission and possibly development of some of your wildlife management areas or other fish and wildlife resources within these areas.

MR. JERRY JONES: I have a question. Do these types of projects provide for grants to--as you do in the normal agricultural improvement programs that maybe your agency put on where it is a cost sharing program with the land owner. For example, if we have a landowner in the coastal marshes who wants to improve his property for muskrat trapping. Do you cost share with him for that?

MR. ALTON MANGUM: Not under this program, Jerry. The cost sharing is handled on individual farms through the Agricultural Stabilization Conservation through the whole ACP Reap type practices. This program and our cost sharing

is limited to public entities like the state or the police juries or public groups.

MR. JERRY JONES: Does the Department of Agriculture have any programs that would be applicable to the coastal marshes; for example, people that have hunting properties or trapping properties that they want to improve for that purpose. Does the Department of Agriculture have any cost sharing programs that you know of?

MR. ALTON MANGUM: Well, they do have a wildlife management practice and, really, I think Joe is probably more familiar with the applicability of it than I am as to whether or not the type thing you are talking about would be eligible under this practice or not. They do have a program and fish and wildlife practices are eligible in some instances here.

MR. MARC DUPUY: Mr. Mangum, the Commission is going to be wanting to talk to you, your agency, with regard to development of upland game habitat, particularly for quail, dove and rabbit and we will want to speak with you with regard to the types of programs you might be able to furnish technical assistance that we might be able to furnish to ultimately develop considerably additional acreage both privately owned on farmer standpoint with voluntary contribution by farmer and also development of our game management areas and possibly

the acquisition of additional lands all with the intent in mind to add additional acreage for upland game. We will be talking with you soon on that.

MR. ALTON MANGUM: I appreciate this and, of course, we will be glad to work with you and we have already been working some on this, Marc, in some areas working with your people and with others. For example, trying to get some of the utilities right of ways into wildlife vegetative. In other words, trying to get them where they can be useful for wildlife vegetation and other things and only-- Well, just recently, I have a letter from Rick Ryan from the Federation expressing an interest in them working on this. Of course, my response was we have been trying to do this and frankly we haven't been successful as we would like to be. I think maybe the Louisiana Wildlife Federation working with us and with the Commission. With all of us working together, I do feel like there are some opportunities to do this. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Any other questions. Thank you, Mr. Mangum.

Mr. Allan Ensminger, please.

MR. ALLAN ENSMINGER: Mr. Commission Chairman, Members of the Commission, we have received a notice from the State Mineral Board that they have^{been} petitioned by a mineral operator to put up two tracts of land on Rockefeller for mineral

leasing. These two areas--one of them comprises 1405 acres and the other area is 520 acres. They are adjacent to existing leases on the refuge which have production on them and consequently I think we will receive a relatively good bonus offer for these two tracts.

The larger tract is just east of Deep Lake and the 520 acre tract is just to the south and east of the area. With this in view, I would like to recommend that the Commission authorize the State Mineral Board to advertise these two tracts for sale for their August lease sale.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Dupuy.

MR. JERRY JONES: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Jones that we accept the recommendation.

Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no. (no response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is carried.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has been notified by the State Mineral Board that two additional

tracts of unleased acreage on Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge in Cameron Parish has been nominated for mineral lease, and

WHEREAS, these two tracts are in close proximity to existing mineral leases, and

WHEREAS, these tracts can be developed under current rules and regulations governing mineral activity on Rockefeller Refuge, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the State Mineral Board advertising for lease two tracts on the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission owned Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that current rules and regulations governing mineral activity on the area be incorporated and made a part of any mineral leases issued on these two tracts, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director is hereby authorized to sign all documents pertaining to these leases.

MR. JOE HERRING: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. At the last Commission meeting, a committee was set up to inspect the facilities at Spring Bayou and Saline Wildlife Management Area complexes. This was done. An inspection was carried out by Members of the Commission and found that the buildings

were acceptable provided the water conditions on Spring Bayou be taken care of.

I recommend at this time that we go ahead and accept the Spring Bayou and Saline Wildlife Management Area headquarters as completed.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any discussion?

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I believe we had better change that. Put in there pending on clearing up this water situation that you have there.

MR. JOE HERRING: I thought I said that Mr. Thompson. I'm sorry. That the water situation on Spring Bayou be taken care of.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: I so move.

MR. JOE HERRING: We have a 10% retainer we are holding back on the architect and the contractor on it to make sure it is done.

MR. DON WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Thompson and seconded by Mr. Wille.

If I hear no objections, I declare the motion carried.

(no response)

MR. JOE HERRING: Mr. Chairman, the bids were received by the State Department of Public Works for the construction of a boat ramp and parking area at Davis Landing on Pearl

River. We have not had a chance to look over these plans with the Department of Public Works. At this time, I would like to request of the Commission to authorize the Director to enter into a contract with the low bid provided it is recommended by the Department of Public Works and monies are available and also authorize the Director to go into an agreement with Poiteviant who is one of the landowners there for spoil area for the construction of this area for us to put our spoil on.

Only two bids were received by the Department of Public Works. On this, one from Hoover Construction Company, Ponchatoula, Louisiana, in the amount of \$45,580.00 and the other one was twice as much. It came from the American Corporated of Metairie, Louisiana, for \$93,952.50. We have been going out on bids for these and it has been real hard getting bids for some reason on the construction of these boat ramps in the state. I recommend Mr. Chairman that this be approved.

THE CHAIRMAN: You have heard the recommendation. Is there any discussion? (no response) Do we have a motion?

MR. JEAN H. LAPEYRE: I so move.

THE CHAIRMAN: It has been moved by Mr. Lapeyre.

MR. DON WILLE: Second.

THE CHAIRMAN: Seconded by Mr. Wille.

All those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no. (No response)

Motion is carried.

THE CHAIRMAN: OK. Now we are down to the other business of our meeting and I would like to state that the Wildlife and Fisheries Commission at the suggestion of Mr. Wille give a little plaque this morning. Since this was Mr. Wille's recommendation, we will ask Mr. Wille to make the presentation.

MR. DON WILLE: Mr. Edgar Veillon, please, and Mr. Dick Stanek. This is a resolution which was passed. I'm not going to read the resolution right now. It was presented to the Wildlife Federation at their convention in Shreveport recently by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission in appreciation for all that the Wildlife Federation has done to help the Commission in the preservation of wildlife and conservation on their part and we do appreciate and we want to give you something as a permanent token of our appreciation.

We have some more copies for people that would like to mount them themselves. We can only afford to mount one but we did make some extra copies.

MR. EDGAR VEILLON: Thank you very much.

MR. DON WILLE: We do appreciate it.

MR. EDGAR VEILLON: Thank you, Mr. Wille. I would like

to accept on behalf of the Federation and assure the Commission that they will continue to receive our support in all phases of sportsmen's interests. Thank you very much.

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, sir.

We are ready for Item No. 11.

MR. J. BURTON ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, as you recall and this is for your information. As you recall on March 26th of this year, the Commission unanimously adopted the resolution opposing E.P.A.'s ocean dumping permit. Since that time, as we read through the newspaper and I am informed by our Water Pollution Division that this location has been changed from 50 miles south of Southwest Pass to somewhere west of the coast of Florida. The Florida officials and the Alabama officials have now been involved and also opposing this new dumping site. There was a 10 day delay for a hearing and as of yesterday, the latest information is that there is a two-months' delay pending a public hearing to be held, I think, on July 19th in Florida. I think it would probably be well that we informed the Commission at this meeting or possibly the July meeting that maybe another resolution just as strong or stronger be provided to the officials of Florida as to our stand as it deals with possible detrimental effects of fish resources in the Gulf of Mexico.

MR. JERRY JONES: Mr. Chairman or Mr. Director, it appears to me that these people in Washington raise so much cain when people in Louisiana go out and dump something out in the Gulf. Whether it's off Florida or off Cameron, to me it doesn't make any difference. We oppose it in the Gulf--it doesn't make any difference where they put it--this is Yankee trash and they ought to keep it up there.

I firmly believe and I will make a motion that we ask the Attorney General of Louisiana to intercede on our behalf, even if he has to go to court, to try to stop it. It doesn't make any difference where it is in the Gulf because if they approve it off Florida it will be floating over here off Grand Isle somewhere. I will make that in a form of a motion.

MR. J. BURTON ANGELLE: As I appreciate it, Mr. Jones, it has been moved from Texas to Louisiana and now to Florida so maybe if we just keep pushing--

MR. JERRY JONES: Let it go to Delaware.

MR. JIMMY THOMPSON: I'll second his motion.

THE CHAIRMAN: Gentlemen, we have a motion by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Thompson. If I were not the Chairman, I would like to second it again. I think the entire Commission

could very easily second this motion. What is your pleasure?
How do you vote?

State the motion again, please.

MR. JERRY JONES: I move that we request the Attorney General of Louisiana to take whatever action is necessary on behalf of the Commission or the State to stop the dumping anywhere in the Gulf of Mexico, even if it involves a lawsuit.

THE CHAIRMAN: Those in favor, say aye.

IN UNISON: Aye.

THE CHAIRMAN: Opposed, no.

(No response)

THE CHAIRMAN: Motion is carried unanimously.

Thank you, Jerry.

Now, Item No. 12. We have, I understand, a new item--
a presentation by our Director.

MR. J. BURTON AGELLE: Agent Gene Flynn, Chief Hogan, please come forward.

MR. J. BURTON ANGELLE: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, others in the audience, it gives me a great deal of honor and privilege to be able to present in behalf of Shikar Safari International a plaque awarded to Mr. Eugene Flynn which says: "As the Wildlife Officer of the Year for the State of Louisiana, this award is presented by the Shikar

Safari Club International in recognition of meritorious service in the field of wildlife conservation and law enforcement."

Along with this is also a \$50.00 check that he can use for the July 4th weekend, if his boss can give him the weekend off.

Gene, we are real proud of you as an agent within the Enforcement Division.

To give you a little background on Gene, he is from District II, East Carroll Parish. He was named Agent of the Year in the year 1973, on the recommendation of Colonel Mike Hogan. Gene has been commended for his consistency and dependability as an enforcement officer. He has been with the Commission for eight years and at the time this was written, he had four children. There may have been some additions since because he is still a young man.

He has been, I will say again, very, very, consistent. During the floodwaters of 1973 and after the floodwaters of 1973, he participated not only in the conservation but also the feeding program that we had. East Carroll Parish was especially hard hit.

Gene also in his spare time enjoys coaching men's ball teams and covers the spectrum, he also coaches the women's softball team. This boy has a lot of talent, apparently.

This is a carryover from his highschool days where he was also captain of the football team.

Colonel Hogan sums it up very nicely and appropriately so. He says this gentlemen is in his all encompassing comments, "Gene Flynn not only looks like a law enforcement officer, he is every bit of one."

We are real proud and in behalf of the Commission and in behalf of the Club to present this to you, Gene, along with the \$50 check. I'm sure that this will maybe just provide a little more emphasis in the years ahead that we all feel that all of us have room for improvement and to this we commend you and congratulate you. (applause)

THE CHAIRMAN: Thank you, Mr. Angelle.

MR. JERRY JONES: Mr. Angelle, I recommend that you give next Sunday off.

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes. That brings us down to something we are all quite interested in. Our annual trip to Canada to have an on-site observation of the duck situation--the breeding grounds. Since we are to have a hearing this year possibly in Lake Charles on the flyway situation, I think it is quite important that we do make the trip. I hereby appoint Mr. Richard Yancey, Mr. Hugh Bateman and Mr. Jimmie Thompson representing the Commission to make the trip and

bring back all the information we need or may need and discussion of the type we anticipate in Lake Charles.

I also set the date of July 30th for our July meeting in New Orleans.

If there is no other business of the Commission--
Mr. Thompson.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: We had better reconsider about that dove situation. Are we going to set a called meeting?

THE CHAIRMAN: Yes.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: We generally get the recommendation from the federal boys on setting the dove season prior to and it is an element of time that we have to act which will be before the meeting of the 31st, as I understand it.

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Ordinarily it is. It generally comes this way.

THE CHAIRMAN: Now, if it is all right with the Commission Members I had intended asking Mr. Herring after he gets his information to call a meeting. Wouldn't it be better to do it publicly?

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Well, the only thing about it, we don't know when we will get the recommendations.

THE CHAIRMAN: Correct.

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: I think the thing to do would be to wait until we get the letter.

THE CHAIRMAN: Right.

MR. JOE HERRING: There is a meeting in Washington on Monday and Tuesday of next week to discuss the dove regulations. Usually after that meeting in Washington, it is about ten days until we get the regulations back--the framework we can set it in.

MR. JERRY JONES: Joe, do you have the dates of the Washington meetings to discuss waterfowl regulations?

MR. JOE HERRING: Yes. Mr. Yancey has that, I think.

MR. JERRY JONES: When is that? Do you know?

MR. RICHARD YANCEY: The first date is around the 26th of July and then they will have another one around August 8th through 10th. We don't have the exact dates yet. That's approximate dates.

MR. JIMMIE THOMPSON: Mr. Chairman, I move that we adjourn this public meeting.

THE CHAIRMAN: Is there any other business? (no response)
We have a motion to adjourn and it is so ordered.

. . . Thereupon, at 11:45 o'clock a.m.,
Friday, June 21, 1974, the regular Board
Meeting of the Louisiana Wild Life and
Fisheries Commission was adjourned . . .