

AGENDA
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
MEETING OF
AUGUST 24, 1965

1. Approval of minutes of meetings - July 26 and 27, 1965. (3)
2. ✓ Comments of Mr. A.C. Glassell on duck season (2) 9
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5. ✓ Opening of Bay Gardene Oyster Reservation - 9/1/65 (6)
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and guys in Saline Wildlife Management Area (8)
8. ✓ Ratification of approval of Contract No. 5636 - boat
ramp on Lake Vernon in Vernon Parish, Morrison Engr. (9)
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10. ✓ Pass-a-Loutre - Ratification of permit to Cities
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11. ✓ Fox hunting permits to individuals - Mr. Walter Needham (12)
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PROCEEDINGS OF MEETINGS
OF THE
LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION
AUGUST 23 and 24, 1965

The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans on Monday and Tuesday, August 23 and 24, 1965.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with Division Chiefs on Department matters, on the setting of the migratory waterfowl season, and the preparation of the Agenda for the Public Meeting.

The Public Meeting was held on Tuesday, August 24, 1965, at 10:00 A.M., in Room 226, Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, La.

Members present at both meetings were:

John Edwin Kyle Jr., Chairman
H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman
A. J. Buquet
John Paul Crain
Hobson Norris
Jimmie Thompson
H. Clay Wright

Absent:

None

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 A.M., And Chairman Kyle stated that before starting any order of business, he wanted to recognize Mr. A.C. "Pops " Glassell of Shreveport, and to ask him if he had any comments to make at this time.

Mr. Glassell stated the only comments he had to make was a request for an early duck season, because all ducks come down in October and November, and if the season is late, one will sit out in the duck blind and only kill one duck. He stated he had records on duck flights for the past 20 years, and it was unfortunate his records were burned last year when there was a fire at his camp, but the records showed that when a hunting season was opened around November 1st, no blind ever missed getting a limit. He said all this talk about a late season being set so that the youngsters from school could participate in the hunts was not true because he knew he could never get any of his grandchildren to hunt, and that was before the days of TV and other amusements of the present day. Mr. Glassell stated that if we did not have an early season, all the ducks would pass through our State and go to Mexico, Haiti and South America, and we would lose them. He said all he asked was for an early duck season.

Mr. Glassell also stated that he had brought a film from Ducks Unlimited for the Board to view; that it was a fine film, and he knew they would enjoy it, and it featured our

"great duck man" - - Dick Yancey.

Chairman Kyle then recognized Mayor Brownell of Morgan City, who stood up and was introduced to the Board.

Chairman Kyle then stated the first order of business was the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Crain, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the regular meetings, held on July 26 and 27, 1965, was dispensed with and the minutes were approved as submitted to the Commission Members.

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor for the next item on the Agenda.

Dr. St. Amant read the following request for permit from Berwick Marine Contractors, dated June 26, 1965, to dredge fill material from Six Mile Lake.

"Enclosed please find plat designating location, which we would kindly ask for permission to dredge sand.

"We wish to furnish the following information requested:

Office: North Front St., Berwick, La. (P.O. Box 138)
Location of Unloading Sites: Different locations
Dredges: 4 yd Draglines, Three
Transportation: 2 Tugs, 9 Barges
Estimate: No estimate
Dredging work: Work will be done by ourselves
Type Material: Fill Sand.

Sincerely yours,

BERWICK MARINE CONTRACTORS INC.

BY: Sam Carline"

Dr. St. Amant stated that the application was from Berwick Contractors, Inc., whose President is Mr. Sam Carline Sr. He stated it appears that Mr. Carline is now operating this dredging concern, and at present has no permit, but is now applying for one. Mr. Carline recognizes that he owes the Commission certain royalties for the fill material dredged to date and Dr. St. Amant stated the application was investigated and, in his opinion, was in order and met all the requirements of the Commission. He recommended that a permit be granted Berwick Contractors Inc., on the consideration that Mr. Carline meets his present obligations with this Commission.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the request of Berwick Marine Contractors, Inc. for permit to dredge fill material in Six Mile Lake, in St. Mary and St. Martin Parishes, be granted, provided Mr. Carline meets his present obligations with this Commission.

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

Dr. St. Amant was called to the floor relative to report on use of inside waters for menhaden fishing.

Dr. St. Amant stated that several discussions were had with representatives of the menhaden companies and with other people protesting the use of the area by the menhaden industry. It was determined that at this time no law or regulation exists which would prevent menhaden fishing in the inside waters, except when those areas are closed to Shrimping. He stated that this matter came up at the July meeting and was held in abeyance until now, and an investigation was made of the problems by the Oysters, Water Bottoms and Seafood Division. He stated the last communication from the Menhaden Industry was from Mr. Jack Styron, in which comments were made on the responses from the industry, and generally this group proposed to refrain from fishing in the inside waters, but they requested that no regulations be devised to control this matter.

Dr. St. Amant stated it would be rather difficult to control this problem if we allowed fishing in inside waters at certain times of the year and not allow them to fish when the season is closed. He said most of the boats and equipment do not lend themselves to such fishing.

Dr. St. Amant stated he believed that the Commission should consider a regulation that the menhaden fishing be carried out only in outside waters, except in Chandeleur and Breton Sound; that a regulation of this nature would give us better control of the situation and would reduce

problems now existing in the area.

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, in regular session convened, that menhaden fishing in inside waters be prohibited, and these operations be carried out only in outside waters, with the exception of Chandeleur Sound and Breton Sound.

Dr. St. Amant was called upon relative to the Opening of Bay Gardene Oyster Reservation.

Dr. St. Amant stated the oyster season legally opens on September 1, 1965. Bay Gardene, an oyster reservation, has been on alternate year management plan for the past four years. Since Bay Gardene was closed to fishing last season, he recommended that it now be opened on September 1st to run concurrently with the regular oyster season, and to close at such time that the regular season might be closed.

On motion of Mr. Buquet, seconded by Mr. Thompson, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that Bay Gardene, a state seed oyster reservation, in Plaquemines Parish, will be opened to the dredging of oysters, effective September 1, 1965 until May 20, 1966, concurrent with the regular oyster season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all boats operating in this

Bay must first secure a permit from the Commission's camp and return to the camp for a cargo check before departing.

The next item on the Agenda was the setting of the trapping season, and Chairman Kyle called upon Mr. Ted O'Neil for his recommendations.

Mr. O'Neil stated that he recommended only a slight change in the trapping season that we had last year. He said that the nutria industry was coming into its own and the land-owners and dealers were beginning to worry about the supply of nutria. He said that last year the season ran through March, to get rid of the animals, but now the supply is getting short and a shorter season was requested. He stated that the Commission has the authority to extend the season if necessary.

Therefore, on motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following trapping season was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following trapping season be set for 1965-66:

MUSKRAT AND
BEAVER:

December 1, 1965 through February 25, 1966

NUTRIA:

November 20, 1965 through February 28, 1966

MINK:

November 15, 1965 through January 10, 1966

ALL OTHER FURBEARERS: November 15, 1965 through February 15, 1966.

A. Areas in Plaquemines Parish, lying south of the Empire Ship Channel and locks are excluded. For this area

(All trapping) December 1, 1965 through February 28, 1966.

B. St. Bernard Parish and portions of Plaquemines Parish lying east of the Mississippi River, bounded on the South by Pointe-a-la-Hache Boat Channel, will be CLOSED to the taking of all furbearers for the 1965-66 season.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to request from Concordia Electric Cooperative Inc.

Mr. Herring stated that the Concordia Electric Cooperative Inc., REA of Ferriday, Louisiana, requested that 9 poles and 9 overhead guys to their existing line on Hunt Road be installed. These lines will cross from the west side of Hunt Oil Road to the East side.

Mr. Herring recommended that we do not issue a right-of-way easement for the purpose of crossing the Hunt Oil Road. The original easement stated that Concordia Electric Cooperative Inc. would keep their facilities west of the Hunt Road. Guy wires across the road may interfere with moving equipment, such as draglines, obstruct view, and distract from the scenic beauty of the area.

Mr. Buquet stated that we should abide by the recommendations of Mr. Herring, but that he would move that the REA be granted a permit to extend their line upon an agreement with the Department, because sooner or later we would have

to grant such permission to reach other portions of the area and also there were other companies in the area too.

Mr. Herring explained to Mr. Buquet that they were not asking for an extension of their present line at this time, but they wanted to cross the road and install 9 poles and 9 guys.

Mr. Buquet stated he was sorry that he misunderstood the request.

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the request of Concordia Electric Cooperative Inc., of Ferriday, Louisiana, for a right-of-way easement for the purpose of installing 9 poles and 9 guys on the east side of Hunt Road, in the Saline Wildlife Management Area, be denied, since the original easement stated that Concordia Cooperative Inc. would keep their facilities west of the Hunt Road.

Mr. Herring was called to the floor relative to the next item on the Agenda.

Mr. Herring stated he requested ratification of approval of Contract for boat launching ramp, in Vernon Parish; that this work was being done under the Accelerated Public Works Program, and under the supervision of the Department of Public Works.

On motion of Mr. Fairchild, seconded by Mr. Crain, the

following resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby formally ratify the approval of Contract No. 5636, between the Morrison Engineering and Contracting Company Inc., and the Commission for the construction of a boat launching ramp, wharf and parking area on Lake Vernon, in Vernon Parish, in the amount of \$13,887.60.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director, in signing the above contract, is hereby ratified and approved.

Mr. Ensminger was called to the floor relative to Pass-a-Loutre regulations.

Mr. Ensminger stated he would recommend the same regulations used last year governing hunting at the public camps and on the open areas at Pass-a-Loutre for the coming season. These regulations have been used for several years and have been found to fill the needs of our public shooting program without placing any unnecessary hardships on hunters using the area.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following hunting regulations at

Pass-a-Loutre for 1965-66 be hereby adopted:

- 1) Hunting to be conducted in the nine public camps each Tuesday-Wednesday and Saturday-Sunday.
- 2) a \$5.00 fee to be charged for each person selected to hunt.
- 3) Hunters to be selected through a system of applications and drawings.
- 4) Morning shooting only until 12 noon to be permitted in public camps and on the Southeast portion of the area. Afternoon shooting will be permitted west of South Pass.
- 5) Camp facilities will be limited to men only (16 years and older). Persons under 18 to be accompanied by father or guardian.
- 6) The general rules and regulations pertaining to the entire hunting program to be the same as last year.

Mr. Ensminger was also called relative to ratification of access canal permit to Cities Service Oil Co.

Mr. Ensminger requested ratification of access canal permits on Pass-a-Loutre to Cities Service Oil Company. The permit was dated July 15th, but through some misdirection reached his office after the July meeting, and since this was of an emergency nature, the Board was polled and permit issued subject to ratification at the August meeting.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify and approve permit to the Cities Service Oil Company for access canals to proposed drilling sites on State Leases 4390 and 4389 on the Pass-a-Loutre Waterfowl Management Area, in Plaquemines Parish

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the action of the Director in signing the above permit is hereby ratified and approved.

At this time, the Chairman asked if there was any other business to come before the Commission, because the Board would recess before taking up the setting of the migratory waterfowl season.

A Mr. Walter Needham, of Baton Rouge and Kentwood, asked for the floor and stated he represented the fox hunters of his area and presented a lengthy petition requesting that the Commission issue no permits to trap fox to individuals in that area. He stated that a certain individual from Kentwood stated he had a permit from the Commission to trap fox on his property and he requested that this permit be revoked and a State Trapper be assigned to this area. He stated if the fox were doing damage to property, a State Trapper was the proper person to do this work.

He also stated that he and his brother owned property in St. Helena Parish where turkeys were being trapped and transplanted to other areas, and that these people resented this action and held a grudge against him for letting the Commission trap the turkeys and move them to other areas. He said he did not hunt turkeys - that he was a fox hunter, and he thought they were trying to get even with him.

Director Hair answered Mr. Needham by telling him that, to his knowledge, the individual did not have a permit to trap fox; that previously he had one which was cancelled; that this man had appeared at the last Commission meeting, and the Board had directed him to send a State Trapper in that area to trap any fox doing damage to property.

Chairman Kyle then stated that the Board would recess in order to discuss the duck season.

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The meeting convened at 11:50 A.M.

Chairman Kyle stated he would like to make this comment - - that we had sent our biologists to Canada and they had come back with a good report on the duck population and we expected to have the finest duck season ever; however, the U.S. Fish and Wild Life Service also sent biologists to Canada and they came back with the worst report ever and gave us a 40 day duck season with one mallard and one pintail and

two other ducks.

Chairman Kyle said he wanted to mention that Director Hair, Dick Yancey and Clark Hoffpauer worked hard to get a good duck season; that they spent much time with the Mississippi Flyway people and also had a Hearing in Washington in an effort to get a better season.

Considering all of the above, on motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Crain, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the following season for 1965-66 for ducks and coots be set:

DUCKS: December 1, 1965 to January 9, 1966

Daily bag limit 4 - possession limit 8

Limit may not include more than 1 mallard and 1 pintail, or 2 in possession; 2 wood ducks daily or possession; 2 canvasbacks daily or possession.

Bonus ducks - Additional to above limits -

Scaup - (bluebill, dosgris):

South of U.S. Hwy. 190 only

Daily bag limit 2 - possession 4.

American, red breaster, and hooded mergansers:

Daily bag limit 5, possession 10 in the aggregate of these species. Limit may not include more than 1 hooded merganser daily or 2 in possession.

COOTS: December 1, 1965 - January 9, 1966

Daily bag limit 10, possession 20.

Shooting hours for all waterfowl shall be sunrise to sunset each day of the open season.

All other regulations governing the hunting of migratory waterfowl as promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior are also hereby adopted.

Vote upon roll call:

Yeas: Buquet, Fairchild, Norris, Thompson, Wright.

Nays: Crain.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following goose season be set for 1965-66:

GEESE: November 6, 1965 - January 14, 1966.

Daily bag and possession limit 5

Limit may not include more than 2 white-fronted geese (speckle-bellies).

CLOSED SEASON ON CANADA GEESE

Shooting hours for all waterfowl shall be sunrise to sunset each day of the open season.

All other regulations governing the hunting of migratory waterfowl as promulgated by the U.S. Department of the Interior are also hereby adopted.

Mr. Herring announced that 42,000 teal permits were issued when last counted and it looked like the teal season would be a huge success.

Mr. Thompson stated the Board should instruct Director Hair to write a letter to the parties concerned in regard to the Congressional Hearing about the duck situation, protesting the drastically curtailed duck hunting regulations and the way our delegation was treated, and he had direct reference to the way our recommendations were accepted while at the same time the seasons and bag limits were already set up and printed, because the next day, Mr. Hair received printed regulations which were detailed and lengthy.

Mr. Buquet stated that should be in the form of a resolution.

On motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior, apparently gave little consideration to recommendations of the Mississippi Flyway Council, which met in St. Louis during the first week of August, 1965, and were transmitted the following week to the Waterfowl Advisory Committee and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, meeting to discuss regulations for the 1965-66 waterfowl season, and

WHEREAS, the meeting in St. Louis of leading wildlife and fisheries Commission Heads from fourteen States making up this important flyway was over-shadowed by increasingly pessimistic reports from biologists of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife which were diametrically contradictory to those of the President of Ducks Unlimited and members of the Boards of Trustees of that organization, as well as those of a biological team from Louisiana which made a 7,500 mile aerial inspection of the North Central United States and Canadian breeding grounds for waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife opened the meeting of the Waterfowl Advisory Committee annual meeting in Washington with pre-determined opinions and recommendations for curtailment of hunting opportunity for water fowl before members of the Waterfowl Advisory Committee were heard, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife expressed itself in full agreement with the reports of Ducks Unlimited and the Louisiana survey team making the Canadian trip by Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries airplane that the Canadian Prairie Provinces, where the majority of the waterfowl using the Mississippi Flyway nest, were in better shape than in recent years; and that there would be ideal nesting habitat next Spring, and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife has completely reversed its stand that wintering grounds in Louisiana, which winters approximately twenty-five to thirty per cent of the Continental waterfowl population, is secondary in management, in spite of a public statement by the Director of the Bureau in January of this year that preservation of wintering habitat in the Gulf States was one of the three major conservation challenges in the decade ahead, and

WHEREAS, improvement and continued maintenance of waterfowl wintering habitat is contingent upon hunter opportunity in Louisiana by upwards of one million waterfowlers, both at private and at a State level, and

WHEREAS, repeated unreasonable curtailment and restriction of hunter opportunity will certainly convert many large areas of Louisiana, under private management, to other uses then waterfowl habitat and place the State of Louisiana in a position where the Wild Life and Fisheries Commission can no longer expend large sums of money each year for waterfowl habitat preservation, and

WHEREAS, Congressman John D. Dingell, of Michigan, acting chairman of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation, formerly headed by the late Congressman T. A. Thompson of Louisiana, called a special hearing of that committee on August 17 to discuss the drastic changes and hunting regulations proposed by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, inviting Members of Congress and representatives of the States in all four flyways to send delegates to present their views regarding the annual changes in management policy, the value of breeding grounds and wintering grounds, the value of the Mid-Winter Inventory, and other facets of waterfowl management, and

WHEREAS, at the time the hearing before the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation were being held, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife was printing its regulations and placing them in the mail so that they would be received by the States the day after the hearing,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby vigorously protest the disrespect shown by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, Delegations of Congressmen from other States, and the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, all of whom have extended every courtesy to the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and further resolves that copies of this resolution be sent to every member of the Louisiana Congressional Delegation, to every member of the House Subcommittee on Fisheries and Wildlife Conservation, to the Secretary of the Interior, Stewart L. Udall, and to the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife.

John Edwin Kyle, Jr.
John Edwin Kyle, Jr., Chairman

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H. B. Fairchild, Vice-Chairman

Hobson Norris
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A. J. Buquet
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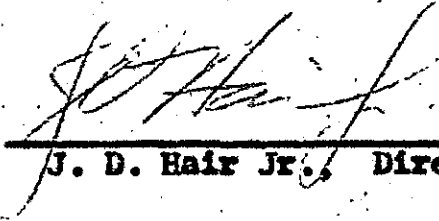
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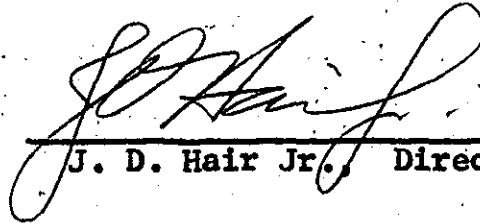
J. D. Hair Jr.
J. D. Hair Jr., Director

There being no further business to come before the Board,
on motion of Mr. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Buquet, the
meeting adjourned.



J. D. Hair Jr., Director and Secretary

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