

LOUISIANA WILD LIFE AND FISHERIES COMMISSION

NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

AGENDA

JANUARY 28, 1969

1. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of October 28 and 29, 1968. (2)
2. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of November 18 and 19, 1968. (2)
3. Approval of the minutes of the meetings of December 16 and 17, 1968. (2)
4. Approval of the minutes of the Special meeting of January 6, 1969. (2)
5. Approval of renewal of option on lease for dredging of shell in ^{revised} Lake Pontchartrain by Ayers Materials, Co., Inc.; Radcliff Materials, Inc.; Jahncke Service, Inc. and La. Materials Company, Inc. (2)
6. Approval of permit for J. A. Bel Estate to dredge on their property on the lake shore in Lake Charles. (4)
7. Approval of renewal of permit for T. L. James and Company for pumping fill material from the Mississippi River at Hahnville, La. (5)
8. Approval of permit for Athena, Inc. to dredge for fill material from the Atchafalaya Floodway in the vicinity of T-14-S; R-11-E. (6)
9. Approval to expand the area in permit for Marciante's Tandem Truck Service to dredge for fill material in Mississippi River. (7)
10. Approval of permit for Braswell Sand and Gravel Co., Inc. to dredge for sand and gravel in Dorcheat Bayou, Webster Parish, La. (8)
11. Approval of permit for Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to dredge sand material from the Mississippi River. (9)
12. Approval of permit to use special sorting shrimp trawl for Deep Delta Fisheries of Venice, La. (10)
13. Appointment of Committee to study Lafourche Parish Police Jury request for right-of-way across Pointe-au-Chien W.M.A. *Y.M.A.* (11)
14. Acceptance of completion of Contract No. 5874 with Delta Iron Works for construction of 3 pumping stations at Rockefeller Refuge. (12)

15. Approval of Servitude agreement with Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System, Inc. across front of property of District VI Opelousas Office. (13)
16. Acceptance of completion of addition to District VI Opelousas Office as constructed by M. D. Descant under architect, Wm. Baker. (14)
17. Ratification of action of Director on acceptance of bids on Cotton allotment on Red River W.M.A., awarded to D.A. Biglane, Natchez, Mississippi. bma (15)
18. Approval of completion of construction of Muddy Bayou road on Saline W.M.A. by La. Highway Dept. bma (16)
19. Approval of Shell Oil Co. request for extension of permit for seismic operations on Russell Sage W.M.A. bma (17)
20. Approval of Bonnet Carre Spillway Public Shooting Area being used for military maneuvers on March 15 and 16, 1969. bma (18)
21. Approval of Avoyelles Parish Police Jury request for Spring Bayou W.M.A. to be opened to Commercial Fishing, (and will be done annually) bma (19)
22. Approval of issuance of fish farming seine permits to be used on catfish farms in La. (1st request made by Ralston-Purina) bma (21)
23. Approval of right-of-way request for Concordia Electric Cooperative across a portion of Saline W.M.A. bma (22)
24. OTHER BUSINESS
 - Appointment of Commission Committee to investigate the future of the Waddill W.M.A. bma (23)
 - Director reported on waterfowl meeting held in Washington. (23)
 - Ed Lennox made presentation to H.B. Fairchild. (25)

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The regular monthly meetings of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission were held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on Monday and Tuesday, January 27 and 28, 1969.

Monday's meeting consisted of conferences with the Division Chiefs and the preparation of the agenda for the Tuesday meeting. Monday's meeting was an informal session, open to the public and held in the Director's Office, at 2:00 P. M.

The formal meeting was held on Tuesday, January 27th, at 10:00 A. M., in Room 226 of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Members present at both meetings were:

Jerry G. Jones, Chairman

H. Clay Wright, Vice-Chairman

Clarence A. Guidry

JOHN E. KYLE -
Hobson Norris

James L. Winfree

ABSENT: Jimmie Thompson was present for the Monday meeting, January 27th, however, he was absent for the Tuesday meeting, January 28th.

Chairman Jones called the meeting to order at 10:00 A. M. and recognized three former Commission Members in the audience: Mr. Ray Whatley, Mr. H. B. Fairchild, and Mr. A. J. Buquet. Chairman Jones then stated the first four items on the agenda are the approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Wright, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of October 28 and 29, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of November 18 and 19, 1968 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meetings of December 16 and 17, 1969 were dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

On motion of Mr. Guidry, seconded by Mr. Kyle, and unanimously adopted, the reading of the minutes of the meeting of January 6, 1969 was dispensed with and approved as previously submitted to the Commission.

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. Lyle St. Amant for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. St. Amant explained a request was received from Ayers Materials Co., Inc., Radcliff Materials, Inc., Jahncke Service, Inc.,

and Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. for the exercise of an option for renewal of their shell dredging lease as stated in Paragraph 23 of the original lease. Dr. St. Amant stated that the lease grants to said mentioned companies the right to dredge for shell in Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas and the renewal option must be exercised before the terminal date of the original lease which is May 28, 1969. Dr. St. Amant said he had the Commission attorney check the legality of the matter who passed the request legally in order. He therefore recommended the Commission's approval on the extension of this lease.

On motion of Mr. Winfree, seconded by Mr. Norris, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1959, Ayers Materials Company, Inc., Radcliff Materials, Inc., Jahncke Service, Inc. and Louisiana Materials, Company, Inc. entered into a lease agreement with the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, for a period of ten (10) years, receiving exclusive rights and privileges to take shell and shell deposits from Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas, and

WHEREAS, Paragraph 23 of said lease contains an option for said companies to renew the lease with a written notice being forwarded to the Commission at any time within one (1) year before the 28th day of May, 1969, for which said companies have complied, and

WHEREAS, the Commission's attorney has examined the proposal for renewal and recommended an extension be granted as stated in

the lease.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Ayers Materials Company, Inc., Radcliff Materials, Inc., Jahncke Service, Inc., and Louisiana Materials Company, Inc. the right to renew their lease granting said companies the exclusive right and privilege of taking shell and shell deposits from Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas. Said option for renewal shall be for a period of five years, May 28, 1969 to May 28, 1974, and the royalty price to be paid during such time shall be fifteen (15) cents per cubic yard for all shells or shell deposits removed from Lakes Pontchartrain and Maurepas.

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

Dr. St. Amant explained the Commission received letters and has sent letters to certain parties concerned with dredging for fill material in Lake Charles, Louisiana. At the December Commission Meeting, the Commission received requests from the J. A. Bel Estate for permission to dredge some 65,000 yards of material to improve their property on the Lakeshore; however, the City of Lake Charles objected as they too dredged the lake and it was their opinion that there was not enough fill material for all parties concerned. On the strength of the two requests received, the Commission postponed the issue until the January meeting, by which time the Commission will have had time to study the subject. Dr. St. Amant explained

that the matter had been checked into and found that J. A. Bel Estate request for 65,000 yards of fill material would not effect future dredging in Lake Charles. On the basis of this fact, as well as the J. A. Bel estate having met all of the requirements as set forth by the Commission, Dr. St. Amant requested Commission approval on the issuance of a permit to the J. A. Bel Estate.

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

WHEREAS a request was received from the J. A. Bel Estate to dredge for fill material on the shore of their property on Lake Charles, and

WHEREAS, objections were also received and investigated, whereby it was found the J. A. Bel Estate permit, if granted, would not interfere in any way with other dredgings in the same lake.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the J. A. Bel Estate to dredge approximately 65,000 cubic yards of fill material to improve their property on the shoreline of Lake Charles. Said permission is hereby granted provided permittee adhere to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement.

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

Dr. St. Amant continued by telling the Commission of the renewal request received from T. L. James and Company on a permit

they hold for dredging fill material in the Mississippi River, at Hahnville, Louisiana. The renewal request is for a period of five additional years. Dr. St. Amant said the proposal has been examined and found to be in order; therefore, he recommended the renewal be granted.

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

WHEREAS, on June 28, 1963, a permit was issued to T. L. James and Company to pump sand fill material from the Mississippi River, with permit being for a period of five (5) years, and

WHEREAS, said company has requested the renewal of the above mentioned permit on the same terms and conditions for a period of five additional years.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the T. L. James and Company to dredge for fill material from the Mississippi River, at Hahnville, Louisiana. Said permit shall be for a period of five (5) years, January 28, 1969 to January 28, 1974 and the same terms and conditions as agreed upon in the original permit shall be incorporated in the renewal permit.

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

Dr. St. Amant then told the Commission of the application received from Athena, Inc. for a permit to dredge for fill material

from the Atchafalaya Floodway in the vicinity of T-14-S; R-11-E, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. Dr. St. Amant said the proposal has been examined and found to be in order; therefore, he recommended Commission approval be granted on the issuance of this permit.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received an application from Athena, Inc. for a permit to dredge for fill in the Atchafalaya Floodway.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Athena, Inc. to dredge for fill material in the Atchafalaya Floodway in the vicinity of T-14-S, R-11-E, St. Martin Parish, Louisiana. Said permit is hereby granted provided Athena, Inc. shall be in agreement to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement for the protection of wildlife and fisheries in the area.

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

Dr. St. Amant continued by telling the Commission of the request received from Marciante's Tandem Truck Service to establish a new operating pit and to expand the area of the present permit they now hold which would allow them to continue to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River. Dr. St. Amant explained they would like to enlarge their facilities so that a second pit may

be activated approximately one mile from the present permit location. Dr. St. Amant said the proposal has been examined and found to meet all of the requirements as set forth by the Commission. He then recommended Commission approval on the issuance of the modification of this permit.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from Marciante's Tandem Truck Service for a modification of their existing permit in the Mississippi River.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Marciante's Tandem Truck Service to modify their existing permit to dredge for fill material in the Mississippi River. Said permit shall be enlarged to include a second pit which may be activated approximately one mile from the present location, which is near mile 85 and 86 in the Mississippi River.

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

Dr. St. Amant then told the Commission an application has been received from Braswell Sand and Gravel Company, Inc. to dredge for sand and gravel on their private property in Webster Parish, Louisiana. Dr. St. Amant said this request is to temporarily alter the flow of Dorcheat Bayou by strip mining a temporary channel

on their land. In this event he said it was not necessary for Commission action, nor was it necessary for a permit to be issued. Dr. St. Amant said a letter of no objection will be issued in lieu of a permit.

The next item on the agenda Dr. St. Amant said was an application received from Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to dredge for sand material from the Mississippi River. Dr. St. Amant said all of the requirements as set forth by the Commission have been met and he therefore, recommended Commission approval on the issuance of a permit to this company.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application from the Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to dredge for sand material from the Mississippi River and found said application to meet all Commission requirements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Mississippi River Materials, Inc. to dredge for sand material from the Mississippi River in the vicinity of Cedar Cove, at approximately Mile 71.0. Said permit is hereby granted provided certain terms and conditions are agreed upon by the applicant in order to protect the interest of the fish and wildlife in the area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby authorized and directed to sign any and all documents in connection

therewith.

Chairman Jones then called on Dr. Ted Ford for the next item on the agenda.

Dr. Ford stated a request was received from Mr. Vernon Cabbage, of the Deep Delta Fisheries of Venice, Louisiana, for the issuance of a permit to fish a new style trawl. This particular trawl, Dr. Ford said, is in the experimental stage of development and is presently being tested by the Gear Research Section of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries. The trawl will sort the shrimp from the fish and other animals normally taken in a trawl. Dr. Ford said this method appears to be promising. Dr. Ford said the proposal has been studied by Commission personnel and found to be in order, providing the 63 foot wing trawl is used in accordance with the laws of Louisiana and any regulations pertaining to same.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did receive a request for a permit to use a special shorting shrimp trawl, and

WHEREAS, this particular trawl is being used in the experimental stage of development and is being tested by units of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to Mr. Vernon Cabbage of the Deep Delta Fisheries of Venice, Louisiana, to use

the specially designed 63 foot wing trawl in Louisiana waters. Permission is hereby granted provided said trawl is used in accordance with the laws of Louisiana and any regulations adopted by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission pertaining thereto.

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

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Allan Ensminger for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Ensminger explained that the Lafourche Parish Police Jury has made application to the Commission for a right-of-way across the Pointe-au-Chien Wildlife Management Area which in turn would also in the final completion be a portion of the Lafourche Auxiliary Navigation Channel. Mr. Ensminger explained that approximately 2,000 acres of the area will be involved in the channel and adjacent spoil areas. It is suggested that a Committee of Commission Members be appointed to meet and discuss this matter and report back to the Commission at the next regular meeting.

Chairman Jones then asked if there was any objection to the appointment of a Committee. There being none, he appointed Mr. Ed Kyle, Mr. Clarence Guidry, and Mr. James Winfree to the Committee. Mr. Kyle would also be the Chairman of the Committee which will meet with the various representatives of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Lafourche Parish Police Jury and the Department of Public Works. A report will be made to the Commission

at the next regular monthly Commission meeting.

Mr. Ensminger then continued with the next item on the agenda. He explained that the Commission had received notification from the Department of Public Works that Delta Iron Works had completed all the necessary work called for under Contract No. 5874 for the construction of three pumping stations on the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. It was then recommended by Mr. Ensminger that the Commission accept the completion of this contract and that an extension of time be granted to the date of acceptance.

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

WHEREAS, the Chief Engineer of the Department of Public Works, State of Louisiana, has certified to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Contractor has completed Contract No. 5874, between the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission and Delta Iron Works, Inc., contractor for the construction of three (3) pile supported concrete pumping stations in the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge, Cameron Parish, Louisiana and has recommended that same be accepted.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the work done by Delta Iron Works, Inc., Contractor, under Contract No. 5874, with said Commission, dated June 29, 1967, be and the same is hereby accepted and extension of time granted to the date of this acceptance.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director be and he is hereby

authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this resolution in the mortgage records of the Parish of Cameron, Louisiana.

Chairman Jones then called on Mr. Joe L. Herring for the next item on the agenda.

Mr. Herring explained the Commission has received a request for a right-of-way servitude agreement for a waterline to be laid across the front of the Commission's property located at the District VI Office in Opelousas. Commission personnel have examined this proposal and found it to be advantageous to the Commission as in the event the deep well at that office should become faulty, the Commission will then be allowed to tap into the water line on the right-of-way.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received an application for a right-of-way agreement across a portion of the Commission owned property, presently being used as the District VI Office in Opelousas, and

WHEREAS, the proposal had been examined and found to be advantageous to the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, since this servitude agreement is for a proposed water line.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby agree and grant permission to Lewisburg-Bellevue Water System, Inc. for a right-of-way agreement for a water line to be laid across the front of the Commission

property in Opelousas, known as the District VI Office. Said permission is hereby granted provided said company agrees to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement.

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

Mr. Herring then said the next item for consideration was the acceptance of completion of the addition to the District VI Headquarters Building in Opelousas as constructed by M. D. Descant, contractor. Mr. Herring stated that the addition was inspected by Commission Personnel, the architect and the contractor on January 23, 1969 and found to be completed in accordance with the plans and specifications.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission was notified by the designated architect, William R. Baker - Associates that the construction of the addition to the Commission's District VI Headquarters Building in Opelousas has been completed by the contractor, M. D. Descant of Bunkie, Louisiana and recommended the acceptance of same by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby approve the acceptance of completion of the construction of the addition to the District VI Opelousas Office of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission as

constructed by M. D. Descant, contractor.

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

Mr. Herring continued by explaining at the Commission meeting held on December 17, 1968, the Director was granted the authority to accept the highest bid, if within reason, to sell an eighty-five acre cotton allotment. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the ASC, U. S. Department of Agriculture, the cotton allotment had to be sold prior to December 31, 1968. The Louisiana Division of Administration opened bids on December 23, 1968 and received a tabulation of seven (7) bids. D. A. Biglane of Natchez, Mississippi was the highest bidder in the amount of \$11,263.35. Mr. Herring therefore recommended the Commission's ratification of the Director's action on accepting the highest bid.

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

WHEREAS, at the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission meeting held on December 17, 1968, the Director was granted the authority to accept the highest bid, if satisfactorily submitted, on the sale of an eighty-five (85) acre cotton allotment on the Commission owned Red River Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Division of Administration did advertise the sale of same on December 23, 1968, receiving a total of seven (7) bids, and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the ASC, U. S. Department of Agriculture rules and regulations the cotton allotment had to be disposed of prior to December 31, 1968.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby ratify the action of the Director, Dr. Leslie L. Glasgow, in notifying the Louisiana Division of Administration by letter dated December 30, 1968, to sell the eighty-five (85) acre cotton allotment to the highest bidder, D. A. Biglane in the amount of \$11,263.35. Said cotton allotment is located on the Commission owned Red River Wildlife Management Area, Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

Mr. Herring then said the Louisiana Highway Department has notified the Commission of the completion of the road constructed along Muddy Bayou leading to the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said the Commission personnel of the District IV Office have inspected this construction and concur with the Highway Department in their inspection.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission did request the Louisiana Department of Highways to construct a road along Muddy Bayou which would give the public another access route leading into the Saline Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission received notification of the completion of the project from the

Project Control Engineer of the Louisiana Department of Highways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby concur and accept the completion of the construction of the Muddy Bayou Road, permitting access into the Saline Wildlife Management Area. It is further understood that future maintenance of this project shall be the responsibility of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

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

Mr. Herring then told the Commission the next item on the agenda was a request from the Shell Oil Company for an extension to their permit which they presently hold in order to conduct seismic operations on the Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area in Ouachita and Morehouse Parishes. Mr. Herring explained the Shell Oil Company had been unable to obtain permission from the neighboring property owners to conduct these operations until recently. Therefore, Mr. Herring requested Commission approval on extending this permit.

On motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mrs. Winfree, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, in October, 1967, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission granted permission to the Shell Oil Company to conduct seismograph surveys across certain portions of the Commission's Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area, and

WHEREAS, the Shell Oil Company has requested an extension

of their permit as said company had been unable to obtain permits from landowners on either side of the wildlife management area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that an extension of the seismograph permit is hereby granted to the Shell Oil Company to conduct seismograph surveys across the Commission's Russell Sage Wildlife Management Area. Said land being more properly described as follows:

SECTIONS 11, 14, 13, 23, 24 Ouachita Parish, Louisiana,
and SECTION 13 (East of Boeuf River) Morehouse Parish,
Louisiana, T-18-N, R-5-E.

Said permit is hereby extended provided the Shell Oil Company shall agree to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the agreement which shall be binding upon the Shell Oil Company for the duration of the permit, October 24, 1969.

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

Mr. Herring then said the next item for consideration was a request received from the Naval and Marine Reserve Training Center for permission to use the Bonnet Carre Spillway area between U. S. Highway 61 and Lake Pontchartrain for military maneuvers on March 15 and 16, 1969. Mr. Herring said this land is leased by the Commission from the U. S. Corps of Engineers. He said military maneuvers had been conducted on the same area successfully last year and therefore, Mr. Herring recommended Commission approval on

allowing the military to use the area on March 15 and 16, 1969.

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Naval and Marine Corps Reserve Training Center to use the Bonnet Carre Spillway Public Shooting Area on March 15 and 16, 1969 in order to conduct field exercises and other military maneuvers. There shall be no live firing during said exercises. Blank 7.62 rounds will be the only type ordinance expended. Military vehicles will be parked so as not to impede regular civilian movement on said area. The military shall assume the responsibility of restoration of any damage to the areas used and, upon completion of the maneuvers, the area shall be policed and cleared of all debris.

Mr. Herring then told the Commission of the Avoyelles Parish Police Jury resolution requesting the Commission to open the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area to commercial fishing. Mr. Herring explained this request had been examined and Commission biologists have made the recommendation that the area be open for commercial fishing annually, January 1st through March 15th. Mr. Herring said that since January 1st has passed he requested this year only, the opening date of February 1st. He then read the suggested rules and regulations to be applied for commercial fishing in the area.

On motion of Mr. Wright, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the following

resolution was unanimously adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED by the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission that the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area shall be open January 1st through March 15th, annually, for the controlled removal of commercial fish from the area; however, the season for 1969 shall be February 1 through March 15. The following rules and regulations shall apply during the commercial fishing season on the Spring Bayou Wildlife Management Area:

1. Legal gear shall be limited to:
 - a. Trammel and gill nets of 3 inch mesh (square measure or larger)
 - b. Seines and hoop nets of 2 inch mesh (square measure or larger)
2. All legal size commercial fish should be removed from the lake when caught and all trash fish regardless of size shall be removed.
3. Nets, boats and other hauling devices will be opened for inspection on request by Commission personnel.
4. Permits may be obtained from the District VI office in Opelousas (in person or by mail) or from the biologist area supervisor on the site of the wildlife management area.
5. Weekly reports as to catch will be filed at the District VI Office.
6. All nets will be legally licensed.
7. Fish can only be removed from nets and gear and the lake from sunrise to sunset.

8. Failure to comply with any of the above regulations will result in forfeiture of permits.

Mr. Herring continued by telling the Commission of the request received from the Ralston Purina Company for a permit or license to bring their seine into Louisiana for the purpose of assisting fish farmers in harvesting their catfish. Mr. Herring explained that harvesting aids of this type are definitely needed by most fish farmers in the state. The cost of equipment and knowledge required is prohibitive for most fish farmers. He further explained that the state has made no provisions for non-residents to obtain any type of commercial gear license. Therefore, Mr. Herring recommended a permit be issued to the Ralston Purina Company. He also recommended the permit be issued for one location only and that a new permit be issued each time the equipment is brought into the state.

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

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission has received a request from the Ralston Purina Company for permission to bring their seine into the state to assist fish farmers in harvesting catfish, and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has made no provisions for non-residents to provide a commercial gear license of any type.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Chief of

Fish and Game Division to issue permits, on a one location basis, to those processing companies desiring to haul their equipment in the State of Louisiana to aid the catfish farmers in the harvesting of their pond raised channel catfish. A new permit must be issued each time said harvesting equipment is brought into the State of Louisiana.

Mr. Herring explained the next item for consideration is a proposal received from Concordia Electric Cooperative for a right-of-way to run an electric line across the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Mr. Herring said Commission personnel have examined the proposal and found it to be in order provided Concordia Electric Cooperative agrees to certain terms and conditions for the protection and benefit of the wildlife in the area. Said terms and conditions shall be stated in the right-of-way agreement.

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

WHEREAS, the Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. has requested permission for a right-of-way across a portion of the Commission's Saline Wildlife Management Area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission does hereby grant permission to the Concordia Electric Cooperative for a right-of-way for an electric line crossing on R-4-E, T-4-N, Section 2; T-5-N, Section 35 and 36, located on the Saline Wildlife Management Area. Said right-of-way is hereby approved provided the Concordia Electric Cooperative, Inc. shall agree to certain terms and conditions as stipulated in the

agreement which shall be binding upon said company in order to protect the wildlife and fisheries resources in the area.

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

Chairman Jones then spoke about the Waddill tract. He said that during the past several years the Commission has spent a considerable amount of money to improve this area for the public; however, vandals have appeared each time and destroyed any and all improvements to the area. During the last session of the legislature House Resolution 54 was approved which called for the area to be developed and improved immediately. Therefore, Chairman Jones recommended a committee be appointed to meet and discuss the matter. He appointed Mr. Winfree, Mr. Norris and Mr. Hoffpauer to study the matter and come up with some suggestions as to what could be done about the area to improve it.

Mr. Winfree suggested that Mr. Charlie Bosch also be appointed to the committee as he was just as familiar with the area.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Clark Hoffpauer, the new Director of the Commission for comments.

Mr. Hoffpauer reported to the Commission on the trip recently made to Washington to enlist the aid of the Louisiana Congressional delegation. He said the meeting was called by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to discuss the forth coming waterfowl season. Immediately, the first subject discussed was the teal season,

Mr. Hoffpauer said, and for about three hours thereafter. Mr. Hoffpauer explained one point was clearly understood, they said they had not given up the possibility of granting an early teal season to Louisiana. Mr. Hoffpauer then stated that the meeting in Washington was a success. He was accompanied by Assistant Director Richard Yancey and Waterfowl Biologists Larry Soileau and Butch Bateman. Mr. Hoffpauer stated, "I have high hopes of a teal season next year" and requested the Commission to continue to fight for the teal season.

Mr. Hoffpauer also discussed the possibility of purchasing more land for wildlife management area purposes. He explained there was plenty of land, but the funds were not available. Mr. Hoffpauer stated that when and if the money becomes available, possibly more land can be purchased for wildlife management area purposes.

Chairman Jones assured Mr. Hoffpauer that if the land is available, the money will be found.

Mr. Wright then stated that if the Commission is going to strive to find the money to purchase more land, that the Commission also strive to the best of its ability to fight for another early teal season for next year.

Chairman Jones suggested that a resolution be adopted by the Commission requesting the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to grant an early teal season to Louisiana.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Ed Lennox to the floor.

Mr. Lennox explained that since Mr. H. B. Fairchild recently resigned as Commission member of the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission, it is only fitting that Mr. Fairchild be presented a certificate of commendation and a key to the City of New Orleans.

Mr. Fairchild thanked Mr. Lennox and everyone who had presented the honors to him and stated that it was a pleasure to have served on the Louisiana Wild Life and Fisheries Commission.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Ray Whatley in the audience. Mr. Whatley requested the Commission to continue to strive to improve the waterfowl season for the future.

Chairman Jones then recognized Mr. Charles Bosch who asked a budgetary question.

There being no other business to come before the Commission, on motion of Mr. Norris, seconded by Mr. Kyle, the meeting was adjourned.

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