

Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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June 28, 2017

Attending:

Committee Members

Aaron McWhorter, Chairman
Dwight Evans, Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Ray Lambert
Paul Shailendra
Miki Thomaston
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit
Duncan Johnson, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Mike Phelps
Matt Sawhill
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Dee Yancey

Guests

Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Associates
Andrew Schook, The Conservation Fund
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeeper
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Tommy Tucker, Georgia Power
Hunter Loggins, Georgia Agribusiness
Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Kimberly Anderson, Robbins Firm
Mike Worley, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Shellby Johnson
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
John Bowers
Maj. Thomas Barnard
Eric Bentley
Sgt. Eric Brown
Brittany Calhoun
RFC Quinn Fogle
RFC Patrick Gibbs
Richie Golden
James Hamilton
Thom Litts
Cpl. Adam Loudermilk
John Martin
Sgt. Jason Roberson
Nyleta Wallace
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver
Richard Dunn
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller

Donald Kirkland
Laura Williams
Sydney Brogden
Dika Kuoh
Sarah Visser

The June 28, 2017 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Duncan Johnson.

Chairman Bagwell called on Aaron McWhorter, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee.

Mr. McWhorter called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management of the Wildlife Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3, and General Regulations, Chapter 391-4-9.

Mr. Bowers stated that he is bringing one item before the Board that deals with changes to existing Hunting Regulations, Fishing Regulations, and General Regulations. Mr. Bowers further stated the Board was briefed in April. He added that these proposed amendments reflect changes resulting from the passage of House Bill 208.

Mr. Bowers stated the proposed amendments remove the reference to the WMA license, which now no longer exists. Mr. Bowers further stated that in the General Regulations, the Georgia Outdoor Recreation Pass is changing to a WRD Lands Pass. He added that the references to the WMA license is also removed.

Mr. Bowers stated that the proposed amendments update the pricing to be consistent with House Bill 208. He further stated that no comments were received after the amendments were publicly noticed in May.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, Rules for Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3, and General Regulations, Chapter 391-4-9, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.