

Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

Tuesday, May 23, 2023
9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Patrick Denney, Chair
Kevin Jackson, Vice Chair
Charles DePriest
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Gary Vowell
Dwight Davis, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Dan Garcia
Bill Jones
Paul Shailendra

Guests

Mark Woodall, Sierra Club
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Ag Council
Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition
Lindsay McVicar, GA Senate Budget and Evaluation Office
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance
Reaganne Hart, Office of the Governor

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Donald Kirkland
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Ted Will
Mark Patterson
Mike England
Stephen Adams
Tina Johannsen

Richard Dunn, Director
James Boylan
Chuck Mueller
Anna Truszczynski
Laura Williams
DeAnna Oser
Sarah Visser

The May 23, 2023 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dwight Davis.

Chairman Davis called on Patrick Denney, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee. Mr. Denney called on Dr. Tina Johannsen, Assistant Chief, to present a briefing on Proposed Amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2 and Sale of Alligator Meat and Products, 391-4-13.

Dr. Johannsen stated the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Services had no recommended changes to the migratory birds hunting regulations for the upcoming season, so everything will be the same as last year except for calendar shifts.

Dr. Johannsen stated the board was briefed in March about the upcoming changes to hunting regulations, including bear regulations and deer either-sex days. She further stated that the proposed changes went out for public comment with three public meetings and one virtual meeting and over 175 comments were received. She added that the overwhelming majority of the comments were relative to changes in the deer season, the either-sex days proposals, and the comments were favorable. She added that if there were no questions, she would like to request favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Lambert, and carried unanimously that the Board approve the Proposed Amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2 and Sale of Alligator Meat and Products, 391-4-13.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.