



There will be a Special Meeting of the  
Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks  
MONDAY, AUGUST 2, 2010 @ 3:00 p.m.

MDWFP Main Office  
1505 Eastover Drive  
Jackson, MS 39211

### Commission Conference Room

Agenda includes an oral proceeding and final vote on the following  
Public Notices:

W16-3451 (Leaf River); W16 3453 (Little Biloxi); W10 3685 (Mason  
Creek); W16 3459 (Old River); W16 3460 (Pascagoula River); W16 3462;  
(Red Creek); W16 3472 (Wolf River ); W15 3434 (White-tailed Deer);  
W4 3788 (Howard Miller); WL6-2280 (Primitive Weapons).

**These will be the only topics discussed during the  
special meeting.**

The Commission will be participating via telephonic communication.

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES AND PARKS**  
**MDWFP Main Office, Jackson, MS**  
**3:00 p.m.; Monday, August 2, 2010**  
**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Present:** Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General; Sally Sutherland, Administrative Assistant; Larry Castle; Chad Dacus; Ramie Ford; Ron Garavelli

**Via Telephone:** Commissioner Charles Rigdon; Commissioner Jerry Munro; Commissioner Bryan Jones; Commissioner William "Billy" Deviney

**Guests:** Patrick Taylor and Max Thomas, MS Bow Hunter Association  
Bobby Cleveland, Clarion Ledger Newspaper

There being a quorum present, the Chairman opened the floor to the business on the agenda.

**Wildlife Public Notices**

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Chief Larry Castle presented the abovementioned public notices as final versions; noting there have been no changes from the intent versions previously approved.

Attorney Doug Mann asked if there were any public comments and Mr. Max Thomas, representing the Mississippi Bow Hunter's Association, stated the Association did not want to see any further intrusion of firearm hunting opportunities into the dedicated archery season.

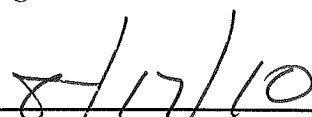
Chairman Rigdon advised that Public Notice WL6-2280 (Primitive Weapons) is for one year only, and after this upcoming season, the Commission could consider recommendations for future public notices, if needed.

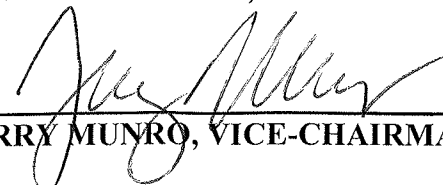
**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the abovementioned final public notices were unanimously approved as presented.

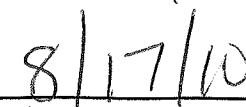
**ADJOURNMENT**

**ACTION:** There being no further business, Commissioner Munro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Deviney to adjourn the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

  
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**CHARLES RIGDON, CHAIRMAN**

  
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**JERRY MUNRO, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

  
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**Date**

**MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES & PARKS**  
**1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS**  
**Tuesday, August 17, 2010 - 2:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Charles Rigdon; Vice-Chair Jerry Munro; Commissioner William "Billy" Deviney; Commissioner Bryan Jones; and Commissioner John C Stanley IV. Among MDWFP staff attending were: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Robert Cook, Deputy Director; Don Brazil, Deputy Administrator; Michael Bolden; Ramie Ford; Paul Collins; Jim Walker; Noel Hughes; Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General; and Sally Sutherland, Administrative Assistant.

**WELCOME**

Chairman Rigdon welcomed everyone to the meeting and Deputy Director Robert Cook opened the meeting with prayer.

**MINUTES**

Minutes of July 22, 2010:

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Stanley and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Minutes of July 22, 2010 were unanimously approved as presented.

Minutes of August 2, 2010 (Special Meeting):

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the Minutes of the August 2, 2010 special meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**TODAY'S AGENDA**

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the August 17, 2010 Agenda was unanimously approved as presented.

**LICENSE SALES REPORT**

Mr. Michael Bolden presented the License Sales Report for the month of July, 2010. He reported that license sales continue to be on the down side; however the month of July is historically a low sales month. The Louisiana sales are lower this month and saltwater fishing sales are down by 61%. The downward trend in saltwater fishing licenses is

thought to be due to the oil spill disaster in the Gulf and the slow economy. New marketing efforts continue to be a strong priority in helping to increase sales.

There was discussion that MDWFP license sales should not be impacted by the oil spill disaster. Dr. Polles stated that the Sportsman License can be affected by salt water sales. Also since licenses can be purchased at anytime during the year people generally wait until the hunting season arrives before buying a license. The months of November and December are usually the "peak" months for license sales while July sales are primarily for fishing licenses.

Dr. Polles also mentioned that the Senior Exempt License has increased in sales; however the USFW Service has challenged counting these sales as part of our report. MDWFP is responding to their inquiry.

Commissioner Munro asked if grant money will be available for marketing license sales just like last year, and Mr. Bolden replied that there will be some grant money available. Also, Mr. Bolden added that contacting previous customers to remind them to renew their licenses is part of the marketing strategy.

### **FISHERIES**

Chief Ron Garavelli presented Public Notice F3a-3798 (Paddlefish) (Intent) for approval. He explained that the previous intent version of this notice presented at the July meeting will be withdrawn. In response to public comments received, substantive changes were made so a revised intent version is being presented for approval today. The main change was moving the November date to December at Moon Lake. This was suggested and discussed with Paddlefish fisherman and staff agreed with the change.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Munro and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, Public Notice of Intent F3a-3798 (Paddlefish) was unanimously approved as presented.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

Request for License Reinstatement:

- ☐ Forest Makvanney
- ☐ Land Smathers
- ☐ Bryan Leber

All three of the above were together in January 2010 and were guilty of head-lighting a deer in Monroe County. The deer was killed and they were ticketed. They have paid a \$2500 fine.

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Deviney all three abovementioned individuals were approved for license reinstatement contingent upon completion of Hunter Education and paying the \$250 reinstatement fee.

### **WILDLIFE**

Mr. Ed Penny provided a hand out of the overview and update of the waterfowl program and then presented the Late Season Migratory Selections Framework. Calendars were provided showing the proposed dates as follows:

Open/Close: November 26-28  
Open/Close: December 3-6  
Reopen: December 9 – January 30

**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the late season migratory selections were unanimously approved as presented.

### **PARKS**

Mr. Ramie Ford presented a brief overview of park operations as of June 30, 2010.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business to discuss.

### **NEXT MEETING DATES**

(Confirmed) Wednesday, September 22, 2010 – Time and Location TBA

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

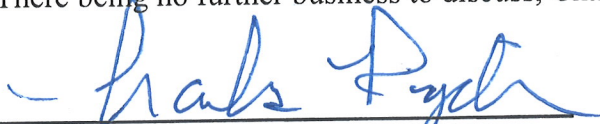
**ACTION:** Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Munro, the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for an Executive Session. It was determined that discussions were needed regarding transactions in land; and budget line items that could affect the continued employment of specific individuals. Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the Commission voted unanimously to enter Executive Session.

Mr. Art Kennard updated the Commission regarding negotiations for the purchase of lands in Sunflower County. No action was required of the Commission.

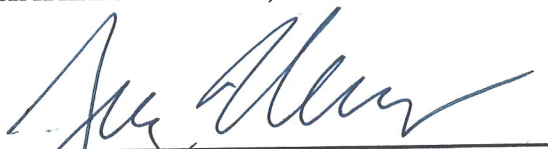
Staff updated the Commission on various contingency plans to deal with anticipated revenue shortfalls and possible budget cuts. No action was required of the Commission.

**ACTION:** There being no further business for Executive Session, Commissioner Munro made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Deviney, to come out of Executive Session and re-open the meeting. The vote was unanimous. The meeting was re-opened.

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Rigdon gaveled the meeting into adjournment.

  
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CHARLES RIGDON, CHAIRMAN

9/22/10  
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JERRY MUNRO, VICE-CHAIRMAN

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