

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS
EMERGENCY/SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

Monday, June 22, 2015

3:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Robert Cook, Deputy Executive Director; Larry Pugh, Fisheries Bureau Director; Larry Castle, Director of Technical Support; and Drew Malone and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorneys General.

VIA TELEPHONE: Chairman Bryan Jones, Commissioners William “Billy” Deviney, Clay Wagner, and Bill Cossar. Commissioner Charles Rigdon was unavailable.

Noted for the Record: Attached to these minutes is a copy of the Notice posted on the doorways of the MDWFP office building at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211, and on the Commission Conference Room door, approximately three (3) hours prior to the meeting, as per the provisions of the Mississippi Open Meetings Act.

The Executive Director called for a quorum count. There being a quorum present, Chairman Bryan Jones opened the meeting and deferred to Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director, to present the matter for consideration.

40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE, Part 3, Rule 1.4 (FINAL)

Dr. Polles asked Larry Pugh to present the matter of 40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE, Part 3, Rule 1.4 (FINAL), for consideration by the Commission.

At the regular June Commission Meeting, held on June 10, 2015, the Staff recommendation for the number of crappie fishing poles-per-angler at the large flood control reservoirs (FCRs) was presented for final adoption without any changes. The Commission adopted the staff recommendation, contingent upon staff not receiving any further negative comment regarding the number of poles (for crappie) or other provisions in the rule. Mr. Pugh informed the Commission that since that meeting staff had received approximately 44 additional comments, 41 of which opposed the numbers of poles allowed, per fisherman, for crappie fishing at the FCRs. Staff had since re-visited the matter and wished to amend the rule for final adoption. The Commission had been provided a draft of the new proposed final rule which would allow the use of four (4) poles per fisherman at all of the FCRs. This change makes all of the FCRs uniform, and will make enforcement much simpler.

Discussion followed. Mr. Pugh answered all questions. It was noted that there were no other negative comments about other provisions of the rule. Only the number of poles per (crappie) fisherman was being amended.

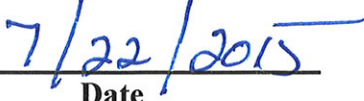
ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Wagner, 40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE, Part 3, Rule 1.4 (FINAL with Changes) was unanimously approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

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



Charles Rigdon, CHAIRMAN



Date



Clay Wagner, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Date


PUBLIC NOTICE

Special Meeting of the MS Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

PURSUANT TO Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-5 and §25-41-13, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks hereby issues this notice to the public of a special meeting to be held on Monday, June 22, 2015, in Jackson, Mississippi, no earlier than 11:55 A.M. At this special meeting, the Commission will only consider public comments on 40 MISS. ADMIN. CODE Part 3, Rule 1.4 – Sportfishing Regulations. At the time of the regular meeting on June 10th, the comment period for the proposed rule had not yet lapsed. The Commission will consider any new comments and any new recommendations of staff regarding this rule. No other items will be discussed.

The meeting will be held in the Commission Meeting Room of the Department's offices at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211. The meeting is open to the public and the Commissioners will be attending electronically from remote locations.

This the **22nd** day of **June, 2015**.

3:00 P.M.



Sam Polles, Executive Director
Mississippi Department of Wildlife,
Fisheries and Parks