

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Monday, June 25, 2012 @ 10:00 AM

MDWFP Main Office, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS



MINUTES OF EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE MEETING

PRESENT: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Ramie Ford; Larry Castle; Rickie Felder; Michael Bolden; Ed Penny; Ron Garavelli; Donnie Tate; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

VIA TELEPHONE: Chairman William “Billy” Deviney, Commissioners Charles Rigdon, Bryan Jones, and John C Stanley IV

ABSENT: Commissioner Jerry Munro

Noted for the Record: Attached to these minutes are copies of the Notices posted on the doors of the MDWFP office building at 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211 and on the doors of the Commission conference room, approximately one and one-half hours prior to the meeting, as per the provisions of the Mississippi Open Meetings Act.

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

WILDLIFE

Public Notice of INTENT W-3819 Canemount

Ed Penny, Wildlife Bureau Director, presented Public Notice of Intent W-3819, which establishes Canemount WMA hunting regulations. Mr. Penny explained that a revised INTENT was emailed to the Commissioners late Friday, June 22, along with a Hunt Management calendar. This revision involved one change to W-3819, namely the deer season closing date for Special Archery – Permit Only to be extended from Jan. 2 to January 13.

He cautioned that there were some hunting titles which may be misleading and staff is discussing whether or not to change the wording of “Special Primitive Weapons – Permit Only” and “Special Archery – Permit Only”. Some may interpret this wording to mean any choice of weapon but the basic intent of “SPECIAL” was to pinpoint the peak deer hunting season. We will allow crossbow in Special Archery and any type of primitive weapon in Special Primitive season.

Mr. Penny stated that deer season would open Oct. 1 with archery season. The intent also includes draw hunts for all species; deer, turkey and small game. We are planning the same draw hunt protocol as scheduled on other WMA’s. During turkey season we will have a youth hunt on the weekend of March 9 and during regular turkey season, March 15 through May 1, two-day and three-day weekend hunts are set. In between we have small game hunts planned. That is a brief summary of how we are structuring the seasons.



W-3819 sets up the framework. Recommendations for Commission consideration concerning the price and rate charges for turkey and deer permits will be emailed to the Commissioners prior to the July meeting.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the above mentioned Public Notice INTENT W-3819 Canemount WMA was unanimously approved as presented.

FISHERIES

Public Notice FINAL F-3818 Boat Limit on Crappie for FCRs

Mr. Ron Garavelli, Fisheries Bureau Director, presented the abovementioned public notice as a final version; noting that there have been no changes from the intent version previously approved at the May 16, 2012 meeting. This FINAL would establish a boat creel limit on crappie for Arkabutla, Sardis, Enid, and Grenada Flood Control Reservoirs in North Mississippi.

Mr. Garavelli stated that comments have been received from Mr. Robert Killen of Oxford and Mr. Nathan Howell of Grenada, both wanting to lower the aggregate limit but allow undersized fish to be taken. A similar idea was actually implemented at Grenada in 2006 but MDWFP found most of the fish caught were undersized fish so the effect of the size limit was nullified. If necessary, further regulation changes will be proposed later this year after our Fisheries staff completes fall sampling. Both Mr. Killen and Mr. Howell received a written response to this effect.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the above mentioned Public Notice FINAL F-3818 was unanimously approved as presented.

WILDLIFE

Emergency Executive Order to Extend Alligator Permit Period

Due to unforeseen technical difficulties and mechanical problems with the Department's internet/online servers, the period for online application for and issuance of permits for the hunting of alligators on public waters prematurely came to a halt six hours before the deadline. An Emergency Executive Order was issued by the Executive Director, Dr. Sam Polles, on the 21st day of June, 2012 to extend the period for submitting applications and receiving permits through the drawing process set forth in Public Notice W7-3758. The Emergency Executive Order stated that the 2012 Public Waters Alligator Hunting Seasons permit applications period shall be conducted as follows:

Applications may be submitted online as soon as service is restored. The drawing for permits shall be conducted on Monday, June 25, 2012 between 10:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. Successful permit applicants will be notified via the process outlined in PN W7-3758, that they have been selected.



Dr. Polles requested Commission ratification of this Executive Order.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Stanley, the above mentioned Emergency Executive Order to Extend Alligator Permit Period was unanimously approved as presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further items on the agenda, Chairman Deviney gaveled the meeting into adjournment.

William “Billy” Deviney, CHAIRMAN

Date

Jerry Munro, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Date



