

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Wednesday, July 17, 2013 @ 2:30 p.m.
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS



MINUTES OF THE MEETING

PRESENT: Chairman John C Stanley IV, Commissioners Bryan Jones, William "Billy" Deviney, Charles Rigdon, and Clay Wagner.

Among the MDWFP staff attending were: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Mr. Robert Cook, Deputy Executive Director; Ramie Ford; Larry Castle; Libby Hartfield; Michael Bolden; Jason Thompson; Chad Dacus, Larry Pugh, Col. Steve Adcock; Jim Walker; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

Chairman Stanley welcomed the following visitor: Representative Scott Bounds, Chairman of the House Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks Committee.

OATH OF OFFICE

Clay Wagoner, having been appointed by Governor Phil Bryant to serve a five year term beginning July 1, 2013 and ending June 30, 2018, was sworn into office by Notary Sharon Polzin.

MINUTES

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

TODAY'S AGENDA

No additions or changes were made to the agenda.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, today's agenda was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Stanley recognized Tom Brooks from North Mississippi.

Tom Brooks: Mr. Brooks requested permission to address the Commission concerning dove season dates in the Delta. He stated that December 31st was the end of the third season last year and he and his friends were requesting Commission consideration to extend the third season into

January, preferably until January 15. He informed the Commission that doves did not appear in the Delta until January last year.

Commissioner Jones explained that the season dates have been moved around by the Commission the past few years trying to find the best time to hunt doves and ducks.

Dr. Sam Polles, Director of MDWFP, advised the Commission that Mr. Ed Penny, Special Staff, Chief-Director of Conservation Programs, would be presenting a revised North Region Dove Season calendar later in the meeting which extends hunting season dates in January.

Mr. Brooks thanked the Commission and staff, especially Mr. James Callicutt, Waterfowl Program Biologist, for being open and receptive to his comments and suggestions.

LICENSE SALES REPORT

License Report

Mr. Jason Thompson, License/Boat Registration Division Director, presented the License Sales Report for the month of June, 2013. He stated that FY 2013 ended on a positive note with \$157,000 increase in sales from the previous year.

He reported the following cumulative sales (comparing June, 2013 to June, 2012):

- Resident License slightly down by .5 percent
- Sportsman's License up \$54,000
- WMA Permit up \$37,000
- Non-resident License sales up \$65,000
- Other License up \$31,000; Alligator Licenses up by 746 licenses
- Lifetime up \$35,000
- Overall license sales are still trending upward

FINAL License Rules:

- **40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 1, Rule 8.4 – Non-Resident Hunting and Fishing License & Fee Program**

Mr. Thompson stated that this additional language corrected the omission of the Non-resident Waterfowl Stamp. There have been no changes or comments since the last meeting.

- **40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 1, Rule 8.9 - Crossbows**

Mr. Thompson advised the Commission that there have been no changes or comments concerning this change.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the two FINAL Rules above were unanimously approved as presented.

PARKS

Buccaneer State Park Update

Mr. Ramie Ford, Director of State Parks, presented a handout to the Commission on revenues at Buccaneer State Park. Buccaneer has been under renovation since Hurricane Katrina and recently opened its doors for business on June 13, 2013. The first 30 days the park collected receipts in the amount of \$216,403 with 877 season passes sold. On July 4th 933 guests entered the park with \$14,000 in receipts. The park's normal season is for 109 days (Memorial Day Weekend – Labor Day Weekend).

Percy Quin State Park Update

Mr. Ford informed the Commission that Percy Quin State Park's spillway and two bridges are still under renovation. There was never any breach in the dam or damage to personal property. The water was drained from the lake in order to work on these projects. February, 2014 is the projected date to return water to the lake. Fishing will not be back for two more years after restocking. The park had two months of revenue before it was shut down this past year, generating \$473,206 of revenue for the months of July and August, 2012.

Mr. Ford presented a handout to the Commission providing further details on past and present revenue at the park.

No action was needed by the Commission.

FISHERIES

Paddlefish Discussion

Mr. Larry Pugh, Fisheries Bureau Director, advised the Commission that they are currently reviewing and revising Paddlefish rules. He requested authorization to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) whereby Fisheries would select one processor/vendor to handle the distribution and sale of paddlefish and paddlefish roe during the harvest season. This change would provide more protection for the resource and easier facilitation. In prior years three processors and 16 fishermen were selected.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, authorization to develop a RFP to select one processor/vendor through a bidding process to handle the distribution and sale of paddlefish and paddlefish roe during harvest season was unanimously approved. Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director, stated that a work session by the Commission would be necessary when the rule is changed.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Citation Report

Col. Steve Adcock, Chief of Law Enforcement, stated that 632 citations were issued in June, with 179 being license-related.

Boating Officer of the Year Award

Major Jerry Carter presented a plaque to each of the following regional officers for outstanding performance in the line of duty as a boating law enforcement officer:

- MSgt. David Holiday (North Region)
- Cpl. Steven Westerfield (Central Region)
- MSgt. Keith Bond (South Region)

MSgt. David Holiday was selected to receive the overall Mississippi Boating Officer of the Year Award and will vie for the regional and national title.

Reinstatement Requests

Col. Adcock brought before the Commission two requests for reinstatement.

- Hershell Presley II, Nettleton, MS
Mr. Presley was charged in 2008 with headlighting. He was charged with killing a deer while spotlighting with a handheld light in West Point, MS.
- Hershell Presley III, Nettleton, MS
In 2007 Mr. Presley III was charged with headlighting and in 2008, before being reinstated, he was charged with a second headlighting citation. In 2009 he tried to buy a license without coming before the Commission to be reinstated. Col. Adcock added that it will be necessary for him to pay two reinstatement fees if approved.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the requests to reinstate hunting privileges to Mr. Hershell Presley II and Mr. Hershell Presley III were unanimously approved with the added comment that their licenses will not be reinstated if charges are made against them in the future.

WILDLIFE

TEMPORARY Rule:

- 40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Rule 5.3 Alligator Season Public Waters
Mr. Chad Dacus, Wildlife Bureau Director, stated that this change was to fix an error in the description of the Pearl River hunting area. This temporary rule will be in effect through the end of Alligator Season.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the TEMPORARY Rule 5.3 was unanimously approved.

PROPOSED Rules:

- 40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Rule 2.5 – Special Hunts: Youth and Disabled
Mr. Dacus explained that this rule was changed to open opportunities for other nonprofits to partner with MDWFP for youth hunting events.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the PROPOSED Rule 2.5 was unanimously approved as presented.

- 40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt. 2, Rule 7.1 – Nuisance Animal
Mr. Dacus gave the Commission a handout explaining all the changes made to this rule. A copy of this document has been appended to the July minutes. Mr. Dacus stated that there was one more change not noted on the handout which was: “A hunter no longer has to call a regional office if hunting nuisance animals at night.” The purpose for this change was to make it easier for someone to manage a problem with nuisance animals. Comments were made that this change may present a problem with the spotlighting deer regulation. Another remark was made as to why permits are granted to transport wild hogs. It was noted that hog transportation is allowed because it is in the state code.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Jones and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the PROPOSED Rule 7.1 was unanimously approved as presented.

Revised Dove Season Calendar

Mr. Ed Penny, Special Staff, Director of Conservation Programs, presented the Commission with a handout displaying two Dove Season calendars. The first was the original 2013-14 Dove Season calendar which was approved at the April Commission meeting. The second was a revised calendar for Commission consideration with seven days moved from the first week in October to the first week in November for the North Dove Season. Mr. Penny stated that there can only be three splits and that Dove Season cannot extend past January 15 according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services’ mandates. Dr. Polles, Executive Director, stated that the revised calendar is a good compromise.

The revised calendar would allow Mississippi hunters a 70-day, 15-bird daily bag limit for mourning and white-winged doves for the 2013-14 season. The possession limit would be three times the daily bag limit. The proposed two Mississippi hunting zone season dates would be:

- North Dove Zone (defined as areas north of U.S. Hwy. 84, plus areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and west of MS Hwy. 35) Sept. 1 - 22, 2013; Oct. 12 - Nov. 4, 2013; and Dec. 20, 2013 - Jan.12, 2014. Opening Day begins at 2:00 p.m. on September 1.
- South Dove Zone (defined as areas south of U.S. Hwy. 84 and east of MS Hwy. 35) Sept. 1 - 9, 2013; Oct. 5 - Nov. 4, 2013; and Dec. 14, 2013 - Jan.12, 2014. Opening Day begins at 2:00 p.m. on September 1.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the Revised Dove Season Calendar was unanimously approved as presented.

Early Migratory Bird Seasons and Bag Limits

Mr. Penny presented the following recommendations for the Early Migratory Game Bird Season calendar, which included Resident Canada Geese, Teal, Snipe, Rails, Moorhens, Gallinules, and Woodcocks.

- Teal - (Sept. 14 - 29, 2013) with a bag limit for September teal at 6 per day with no more than 18 in possession.
- Resident Canada geese - (Sept. 1 - 15, 2013) with a daily bag limit of 5 and a possession limit of 15.
- Rails, Moorhens, and Gallinules - (Sept. 14 - Nov. 22, 2013) with a daily bag limit for Clapper and King Rails, Moorhens and Gallinules of 15 singly or in aggregate, and a possession limit of 45 singly or in aggregate. Daily bag limit for Virginia rails and Sora rails is 25 singly or in aggregate, and the possession limit of 75 singly or in aggregate.
- Snipe - (Nov. 14, 2013 - Feb. 28, 2014) with a daily bag limit of 8 snipe with a possession limit of 24 birds.
- Woodcock - (Dec. 18, 2013 - Jan. 31, 2014) with a daily bag limit of 3 and possession limit of 9 birds.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Early Migratory Bird Season and Bag Limit calendar recommendations were unanimously approved as presented.

Late Migratory Bird Seasons and Bag Limits

Mr. Penny presented the Late Migratory Game Bird Season recommendations. He explained that the biggest change was to split the season to organize one youth hunt before the season opening and one late season opportunity.

- Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots – (Nov. 22 – Nov. 24, 2013; Nov. 29 – Dec. 1, 2013; Dec. 4, 2013 – Jan. 26, 2014). Bag limits – total of 6 ducks, including no more than 4 mallards and no more than 2 of which may be females; 3 wood ducks; 2 redheads; 2 scaup; 2 pintail; 2 canvasback; 1 mottled duck; and 1 black duck. Merganser daily bag limit is a total of 5 mergansers, only 2 of which may be hooded mergansers. Coots – 15-bird daily bag limit. Possession limit: three times the daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, and coots.
- Youth Waterfowl Days – (Nov. 16, 2013 and February 1, 2014). Bag limits and restrictions are the same as above for Ducks, Mergansers, and Coots.
- Geese: Canada, Snow, Blue, Ross', White-fronted, and Brant (Nov. 14, 2013 – Jan. 26, 2014). Canada Goose bag limit 3 and possession 9; Snow, Blue and Ross' bag limit 20 and no possession limit; white-fronted goose bag limit 2 and possession 6; Brant bag limit 1 and possession 3. As in past years, there will again be a conservation order for snow, blue, and Ross's geese during the following dates: October 1 – November 13, 2013; January 27 – 31, 2014; and February 2 – March 31, 2014.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the Late Migratory Bird Season and Bag Limit calendar was unanimously approved as presented.

The Problem with Pigs

Dr. Bronson Strickland, MSU Extension, presented a PowerPoint presentation on the serious economic and ecological threat of wild pigs. Pig populations now exist in 45 states and have become a global wildlife management challenge. He emphasized that the only way wild pigs have spread nationwide is by illegal transportation by humans.

Dr. Strickland stated that 50-70% of the wild hog population would have to be removed annually just to maintain the current population level. Currently the most practical method for management of wild pig population includes trapping, shooting and hunting with dogs. Dr. Strickland suggested that hunters need to focus on hunting sows instead of boars, even though hunters prefer to have pictures taken with boars. Also recreational hunting will never maintain a 70% harvest rate because pigs get smart when pursued and harassed. If landowners are engaged in trapping activities, his advice is to stop shooting. In order to capture them, pigs need to be calm and not skittish as a truck drives by. They will soon equate the truck as their food source and not run away.

An unintended consequence of feral pig laws was brought to light in the neighboring State of Tennessee. They had two established populations of pigs in Tennessee in the 1950s. Over the next 40 years the pig population expanded so the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency decided to give hunters unlimited authority to hunt pigs at any and every opportunity. Surprisingly, instead of populations decreasing they started expanding, because once the law was liberalized people trapped them in one place and transported them to another location to hunt them. In some states, like Kansas and Nebraska, with only a few pockets of pigs, hunting pigs was made illegal and actually this was more successful because there were no incentives for people to turn pigs loose. This would not work in Texas and Mississippi due to the vast area of existing pig populations.

Dr. Strickland encouraged the Commission to petition policy makers and legislative committees to strengthen current laws, restrictions, and penalties regarding translocation of wild pigs. He also requested Commission assistance in educating landowners of the economic impacts of pig damage and to promote cooperatives among adjoining landowners to reduce pig populations on larger blocks of land.

For more information, Dr. Strickland suggested going to his website, www.wildpiginfo.com.

Chairman Stanley thanked Dr. Strickland for his detailed presentation and vital information on Feral Hogs.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented to the Commission; however, Dr. Polles took the opportunity to remind the Commission of a meeting with members of the House and Senate Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks committees, to be held August 14, 2013, and encouraged the Commission to attend.

TENTATIVE MEETING DATE

AUGUST - TELECONFERENCE MEETING - Dr. Polles reminded the Commission that it had considered not meeting in August. He also mentioned that final Commission approval of the FY 2015 Budget Request would be needed prior to its submission to the Legislative Budget Office. Chairman Stanley asked if a special meeting for that purpose could be held by teleconference. Counsel advised that a special meeting could be held for limited and specific reasons. The Commission indicated that they would defer to Dr. Polles on when and if a Special Meeting would be needed.

SEPTEMBER MEETINGS

Special Meeting hosted by Miss. State University on Feral Hogs:

Date: Monday, September 9, 2013

Time: 10:00 AM

Place: New Capitol, Jackson, MS

Commission Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 10, 2013

Time: 8:30 AM

Place: Commission Room, 1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to close the meeting to determine the need for Executive Session. The Commission determined that Executive Session was needed for discussions regarding the relocation of a business or industry, budget line items affecting the continued employment of specific individuals, and transactions in land. Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Deviney, the Commission voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session.

- **Quail Hollow Golf Course:** Ramie Ford updated the Commissioners on Quail Hollow golf operations at Percy Quin State Park. Rounds of golf played have suffered due to the conditions of the greens which are being treated and repaired due to a nematode infestation. In addition, the work on the dam which required the draw-down of the lake has destroyed the main source of water for irrigation. Several tournament opportunities have been lost, and new courses have opened across the state line in Louisiana, cutting into Quail Hollow's customer base. Still, the greens are almost finished and the lake project should be finished this winter.

No action was required of the Commission.

- **Lake Lowndes:** Ramie Ford and Dr. Polles presented a request from a neighboring landowner at Lake Lowndes to swap some parcels of land to improve the neighbor's access to his property. Discussion followed.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission voted unanimously to authorize staff to proceed with appraisals to effect an exchange of lands with the neighboring landowner at Lake Lowndes State Park.

- **Dusky Gopher Frog Refuge:** Dr. Polles and Charles Knight, Director of the Miss. Museum of Natural Science, presented a request from a developer in south Mississippi for Commission support of a Dusky Gopher Frog refuge on a designated portion of the development. Charles Knight pointed out that this unique area was home to the only significant gopher frog population which the museum staff had been able to catalog. The developer's only request was for favorable support.

ACTION: The Commission voiced its support for the designation of the Dusky Gopher Frog refuge, by acclamation.

- **FY 2015 Budget Request:** Dr. Polles and staff presented the FY 2015 Budget Request to the Commission for its review and approval. Much discussion followed with many suggestions from the Commission. Since several items were yet to be finalized, Dr. Polles suggested that staff incorporate some of the suggestions and verify certain items of information in order to complete the request. At such time as the request is finalized, Dr. Polles will contact the Chairman to call a special meeting.

No action was required of the Commission.

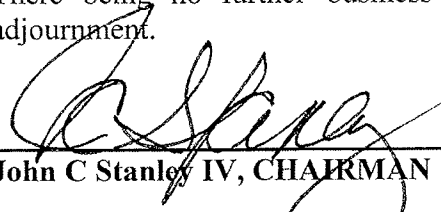
- **McHenry Shooting Facility:** Colonel Steve Adcock, Chief of Law Enforcement, updated the Commission on construction activities at the McHenry shooting facility and some problems that had been encountered. No action was required of the Commission.
- **Criminal Investigation:** Colonel Steve Adcock informed the Commission of a pending criminal investigation involving the procurement of a resident license and related charges. The report was for informational purposes only.

There was no further business for Executive Session.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Rigdon and seconded by Commissioner Wagoner, the Commission voted unanimously to exit Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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



John C Stanley IV, CHAIRMAN

Date

Bryan Jones, VICE-CHAIRMAN

Date



MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, AND PARKS
Jackson Office
1505 Eastover Drive
Jackson, MS 39211 – 6322



WILDLIFE BUREAU MEMORANDUM

TO: Commission of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks

FROM: Wildlife Bureau Staff

DATE: July 17, 2013

SUBJECT: Nuisance Animal Rules

The Nuisance Animal Rules (40 Miss. Admin. Code Pt 2 Rule 7.1) were reorganized and sectioned reworded for clarity following comments and suggestions from the public, Wildlife Bureau, and Law Enforcement Bureau staff.

Changes are underlined:

- Added trapped and removed the daylight hours only restriction.
- Removed the nighttime firearms restrictions.
- Landowners and any leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon/caliber restrictions on property titled in their name or otherwise owned, or leased by them.
- Designated agents of the landowners / leaseholders may hunt nuisance animals year-round at any time of day or night with no weapon/caliber restrictions
 - Designated agents must have written permission in their possession
 - Letters must be signed and dated and contain:
 - the contact information of the landowner or leaseholder;
 - the contact information of the permitted person; and
 - a specific a date of expiration. (*removed 30-day maximum*)
- On public lands, the governmental entity charged with the management of said lands may allow the taking of nuisance animals subject to applicable laws, rules, or regulations.
- Live nuisance animals may not be possessed except:
 - Coyotes in permitted coyote enclosures;
 - Fox in permitted fox enclosures, or
 - Hogs for the purpose of slaughter in an enclosure no larger than 500 square feet in size and constructed in a manner that prevents the escape of any wild hog.
- Anyone transporting a live wild hog within the State of Mississippi must first obtain a Live Wild Hog Transportation Permit for each wild hog being transported.
 - A violation of this section is a Class III violation, punishable as provided in MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-101 with a fine of not less than Twenty-five Dollars (\$ 25.00) nor more than One Hundred Dollars (\$ 100.00).
- Wild hogs may not be caught or trapped and released into the wild at a location different from the location where the wild hog was caught or trapped. A violation of this section, upon conviction, is punishable as a Class I violation. MISS. CODE ANN. §49-7-141 states, any person who has been convicted of a Class I violation shall be fined not less than Two Thousand Dollars (\$ 2,000.00) nor more than Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 5,000.00) and shall be imprisoned in the county jail for five (5) days. The person shall also forfeit all hunting, trapping and fishing

privileges for a period of not less than twelve (12) consecutive months from the date of conviction.

- A wild hog live-cage-type trap is described as a permanent or mobile containment system made of any type material capable of confining the mobility of a wild hog until otherwise removed. The trap must consist of a trap door, slide gate, or similar mechanism. These traps must be constructed in a manner with ample opening in have at least 50% of the roof open to allow non-targeted deer, turkey, or bear the ability to escape.
- License Needed:
 - *Removed crossbow permits*
 - Added lifetime license to the section on hunting with archery or primitive weapons.

MISSISSIPPI COMMISSION ON WILDLIFE, FISHERIES, & PARKS

Wednesday, July 30, 2013 @ 4:00 p.m.
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS



MINUTES OF SPECIAL TELECONFERENCE MEETING

PRESENT: Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director; Robert Cook, Deputy Executive Director; Ramie Ford; Larry Castle; Michael Bolden; Jennifer Head; and Doug Mann, Special Assistant Attorney General.

VIA TELEPHONE: Chairman John C Stanley IV, Commissioners Bryan Jones, William "Billy" Deviney, Charles Rigdon, and Clay Wagoner.

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

There being a quorum present, the Chairman opened the floor to Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director.

FY 2015 BUDGET

The Commission requested that staff make certain adjustments to the FY 2015 MDWFP budget request at the July 17, 2013 Commission meeting. A special meeting was called by Chairman Stanley in order to review and approve the revised budget prior to submission to LBO. Dr. Polles brought forward Jennifer Head, Director of Support Services, to provide details. The Commissioners were e-mailed a copy of the budget request prior to the meeting.

Discussion followed.

ACTION: Upon motion made by Commissioner Wagner and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon, the FY 2015 MDWFP budget request was unanimously approved as presented.

NEXT MEETING

Dr. Sam Polles, Executive Director, advised the Commission that it would not be necessary to have a Meeting in August. Dr. Polles then reminded the Commissioners of the following events in September, prior to the regular September meeting:

Sept. 09, 2013 10:00 a.m.

Miss. State University Feral Hog Meeting,
Capitol

Sept. 09, 2013 2:00 p.m.

Educational Session on MDWFP Human Resources;
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson

Sept. 10, 2013 8:30 a.m.

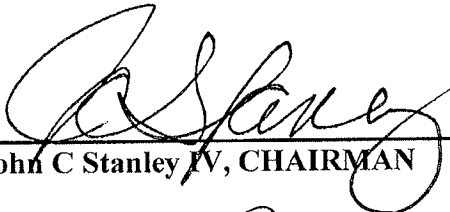
September Commission Meeting;
1505 Eastover Drive, Jackson

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Stanley gaveled the meeting into adjournment by motion of Commissioner Deviney and seconded by Commissioner Rigdon. The vote was unanimous.



John C Stanley IV, CHAIRMAN

9-10-13
Date



Bryan Jones, VICE-CHAIRMAN

9/10/13
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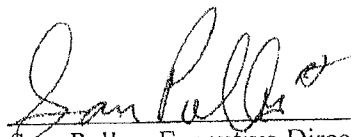
PUBLIC NOTICE

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

PURSUANT TO Mississippi Code Annotated §25-41-5 and §25-41-13, and as discussed at the meeting of July 17, 2013, the Mississippi Commission on Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks hereby issues this notice to the public of a special meeting to be held on Tuesday, July 30, 2013, in Jackson, Mississippi, at 4:00 P.M. At this special meeting, the Commission will take up only the review and approval of the FY 2015 budget request to be submitted to the Legislative Budget Office, by the Executive Director. The Commission may discuss matters necessary for the Department's administrative needs, such as consideration and approval of certain regulations for final adoption and/or filing with the appropriate authorities for public comment.

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 29th day of July, 2013.



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