

FINAL Meeting Minutes

Wildlife and Boat Committee  
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries  
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room  
Henrico, VA 23228

January 22, 2020  
10:00 am

**Present:** Mr. Leon Boyd, **Chair**; Mr. G. K. Washington; Mr. Frank Adams, Dr. Mamie Parker, Alternate: **Board Members** in attendance: Ms. Karen Terwilliger and Mr. Tom Sadler; **Deputy Executive Director:** Mr. Gary Martel; **Director’s Working Group:** Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore, Dr. Gray Anderson, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Ms. Paige Pearson

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:10 am and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today’s meeting.

**Approval of the October 23, 2019 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

The Chair called for a motion to approve the October 23, 2019 Wildlife, Boat, and Law Enforcement meeting minutes. Mr. Washington made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2019 Committee meeting. Dr. Parker seconded the motion. Ayes: Boyd, Washington, and Parker

**Public Comments – Non-Agenda Items:**

The Chair called for Public Comments – Non-Agenda items. Hearing none the Chair continued with the meeting.

Mr. Frank Adams arrived at 10:25 am.

**Blue Ridge PRISM:** The Chair called on Mr. Jim Hurley and Mr. Rod Walker from The Blue Ridge PRISM for a presentation on the Cooperative Weed Management Area for Virginia.

Director Ryan Brown stepped into the meeting briefly and thanked Mr. Hurley and Mr. Walker for attending and giving their presentation.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Hurley and Mr. Walker for their attendance and presentation.

**Wood Turtle Management Plan:** The Chair called on Mr. J. D. Kloepfer to present the Wood Turtle Management Plan.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Kloepfer for his Wood Turtle Management Plan.

**CWD Program Update:** The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update.

Dr. Anderson gave a CWD Program Update.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his update.

**Fish Habitat Improvements:** The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for a Fish Habitat presentation.

Dr. Bednarski presented his Fish Habitat presentation.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his presentation.

**Wild Trout Management Plan:** The Chair called on Mr. Stephen Reeser for a presentation on Trout.

Mr. Reeser presented the Wild Trout Management Plan.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Mr. Reeser for his presentation.

**Waterfowl Regulation Changes:** The Chair called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for the Waterfowl Regulation Changes.

Dr. Costanzo presented the Waterfowl Regulation Changes.

After discussion and comments, the Chair thanked Dr. Costanzo for his presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Washington made a motion. Mr. Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee approve to the Full Board, the 2020-2021 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag Limit recommendations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. Ayes: Boyd, Washington, Adams, Parker

**Wildlife Division Update:** The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for an update.

Dr. Anderson reported:

- Fall harvest – Preliminary - Bear 2,100 - Deer - 179,000 - Turkey - 1,800
- First year for Electronic Bear check and it worked very well
- Bear Plan is underway and will be presented in the near future

**Fish Division Update:** The Chair called on Dr. Mike Bednarski for an update.

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Regulatory Scoping period is underway for the Fish Regulations
- There will be Expanded Urban Trout Stocking this year

**Director's Report:** The Chair called on Deputy Director Gary Martel for a report.

- In the essence of time there is no report

**Chair's Report:** The Chair thanked everyone for attending the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting and thanked staff for their presentations.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, he announced that next meeting will be Wednesday, March 18, 2020 and adjourned the meeting at 12:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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