

Draft Meeting Minutes  
Wildlife and Boat Committee  
Board of Wildlife Resources  
7870 Villa Park Drive – Board Room  
Henrico, VA 23228

March 16, 2021  
2:00 pm

**Present:** Ms. Catherine Claiborne, **Chair;** Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Frank Adams, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Alternate, **Absent:** Mr. Tom Sadler, Alternate. **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. Tammy Jo Grimes, Mr. John Daniel, **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan J. Brown; **Director's Working Group:** Mr. Gary Martel, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Darin Moore, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Tom Guess, Ms. Paige Pearson, Colonel John Cobb.

The Chair called the Virtual meeting to order at 2:00 pm and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today's meeting.

The Chair welcomed new Board members, Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes and Mr. Rovelle Brown to the board.

The Chair read the meeting procedure, This meeting is proceeding under Item 4-0.01, subsection G of the Appropriation Act and section 2.2-3708.2 of the Code of Virginia. It is being held by electronic communication, as the COVID-19 virus has made a physical meeting of the Committee impracticable. This emergency imposed by COVID-19 is observed by Executive Orders issued by the Governor of Virginia. The Committee's actions today shall be solely limited to those matters included on the agenda; all of these proposed actions are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and discharge lawful purposes, duties and responsibilities of this Committee.

The Chair called on the Board secretary for a roll call vote of Board members present: Ms. Catherine Claiborne, Mr. Leon Boyd, Mr. Frank Adams, Ms. Karen Terwilliger, Mr. John Daniel, and Ms. Tammy Jo Grimes

**Approval of the January 20, 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes:**

The Chair called for a motion to approve the January 20, 2021 Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2021 Committee meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion.

The Board secretary called a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Public Comment - Non Agenda Item:** The Chair called for Public Comment – Non-Agenda Items.

- Mr. Eric Gregory spoke regarding Deer Hound Hunting

The Chair thanked Mr. Gregory for his comments.

**Proposed Regulation to Permit the Incidental Take of Migratory Birds:**

The Chair called on Ms. Becky Gwynn for a Presentation.

Ms. Gwynn presented the Proposed Regulation to Permit the Incidental Take of Migratory Birds.

**Virtual Speakers on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds:**

- Stephanie Taillon spoke on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds
- Evan Branosky spoke on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds
- Phil Abraham spoke on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds
- Andrea Wortzel spoke on Incidental Take of Migratory Birds

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Ms. Gwynn for her presentation.

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources the adoption of the amendments made to the proposed incidental take of migratory bird regulation, following public comment, as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams, The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

The Chair called for a second motion, Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources to hear the updated information and engage in the discussion for further action on the incidental take of migratory birds regulations, as amended and presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**2021-2022 Proposed Migratory Game Bird Harvest Regulations:** The Chair called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for a presentation.

Dr. Costanzo presented the 2021-2022 Proposed Migratory Game Bird Harvest Regulations.

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

The Chair called for a motion, Mr. Boyd made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee approve to the Board the 2021-2022 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag limit. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Proposal of 2021-2022 Wildlife Regulation Recommendations:** The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the 2021-2022 Wildlife Regulation Recommendations and outlined by species or regulatory topic the staff recommendations.

**Public Comments:**

- Individual comment Forms Received: 1,722
- Online submissions: 1,562
- Email/hand-written submissions: 160
- Number of Comments Contained Within comment Forms: 2,038

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation on staff recommendations.

After each staff recommendation, the Chair called for a motion and vote on each species or regulatory topic:

**Virtual Speaker on Elk:**

- Stephanie Taillon spoke regarding Elk.

**Elk:** 4VAC15-20-65; 4VAC15-20-250; 4VAC15-90-500; 4VAC15-90-510; 4VAC15-90-520; 4VAC15-90-530; 4VAC15-90-540; 4VAC15-90-550; 4VAC15-270-10

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to the elk regulations as present by staff. It was seconded Mr. Adams.

The Chair called for a roll call vote: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Chronic Wasting Disease:** 4VAC15-90-10; 4VAC15-90-89; 4VAC15-90-260; 4VAC15-50-110; 4VAC15-90-293

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the

amendments to chronic wasting disease regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Deer & Muzzleloader Hunting:** 4VAC15-90-70; 4VAC15-90-80; 4VAC15-50-71; 4VAC15-90-90; 4VAC15-90-91

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Adams made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to deer & muzzleloader hunting regulations as present by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Harvest Reporting:** 4VAC15-90-231; 4VAC15-50-81; 4VAC15-240-81; 4VAC15-90-241; 4VAC15-50-91; 4VAC15-240-91

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Adams made a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to harvest reporting regulations as presented by staff. It was second by Mr. Boyd. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Virtual Speakers on Bears:**

- Stephanie Taillon spoke regarding Bears

**Bear & Wild Turkey:** 4VAC15-50-120; 4VAC15-240-20; 4VAC15-240-32; 4VAC15-240-40; 4VAC15-240-60;

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to bear and wild turkey regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Rabbits:** 4VAC15-200-30; 4VAC15-200-11; 4VAC15-200-12

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made for a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to rabbit regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Boyd. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Wildlife Diversity:** 4VAC15-20-130; 4VAC15-30-40; 4VAC15-360-60; 4VAC15-360-10

The Chair called for a motion. Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the

amendments to wildlife diversity regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Lands and Access:** 4VAC15-20-100; 4VAC15-20-150; 4VAC15-20-151; 4VAC15-20-152

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to lands & access regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded by Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**Virtual Speakers on Definitions and Miscellaneous:**

- Stephanie Taillon spoke regarding the Coyote and furbearer hunting contest
- Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding the Coyote and furbearer hunting contest
- Molly Armus spoke regarding the Coyote and furbearer hunting contest
- Michele Lute spoke regarding the Coyote and furbearer hunting contest

**Definitions & Miscellaneous:** 4VAC15-20-240; 4VAC15-20-260

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Adams made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to Definitions and Miscellaneous Regulations as present by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

**General:** 4VAC15-40-220; 4VAC15-40-240

The Chair called for a motion, Ms. Terwilliger made a motion, Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee recommend to the Board of Wildlife Resources proposing the amendments to general regulations as presented by staff. It was seconded Mr. Adams. The Chair called for a roll call vote: Ayes: Claiborne, Adams, Boyd, Terwilliger

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

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Governor Northam recently visited the Aquatic Wildlife Conservation Center and the Buller Fish Cultural Station in Marion, VA
- Gave an update on the Alabama Bass

- Gave an update on current problem with Zebra Mussels and how it was solved working through partnerships

**Director's Report:** The Chair called on Executive Director Ryan Brown for a report.

The Director reported:

- Thanked the Wildlife Division staff for all the work on the Regulation to Permit the Incident Take of Migratory Birds, and 2021-2022 Migratory Bird Harvest Regulations and the 2021-2022 Wildlife Regulations Recommendations, appreciates all the hours that went into these presentations.
- Hugh thanks to Dr. Mike Bednarski for all of his efforts taking care of the Zebra Mussel problem that arose recently and handled very efficiently and quickly.

**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, she announced that next meeting will be determined and adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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