

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

March 23, 2022
10:00 am

Present: Ms. Karen Terwilliger, **Chair**; Mr. Leon Boyd; **Absent:** Dr. Mamie Parker, Mr. John Daniel, **Board Members** in attendance: Mr. G. K. Washington, Ms. Catherine Claiborne; Ms. Tammy Grimes (Virtual), and Mr. Brian Vincent (Virtual); **Executive Director:** Mr. Ryan Brown; **Deputy Directors:** Ms. Becky Gwynn; Mr. Gary Martel; **Director’s Working Group:** Mr. Darin Moore, Dr. Mike Bednarski, Dr. Gray Anderson, Mr. Bob Smet, Colonel John Cobb, Ms. Paige Pearson, Mr. Tom Guess

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 am and noted for the record that a Quorum was present for today’s meeting.

Approval of the January 19, 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes:

The Chair called for a motion to approve the January 19, 2022 Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting minutes. Mr. Boyd made a motion to approve the minutes of the January 19, 2022 committee meeting. Ms. Terwilliger seconded the motion.

The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Terwilliger and Boyd

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

Mr. Eric Fagerholm spoke regarding elimination of lead in taking of wildlife

Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Bag Limits Proposal: The Chair called on Dr. Gary Costanzo for a presentation.

Dr. Costanzo gave a presentation on the Migratory Game Bird Seasons and Bag Limits Proposal.

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 & Boat Committee approve the 2022-2023 Migratory Game Bird Season and Bag limit recommendations as presented by staff, for consideration by the full Board at the March 24, 2022 meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger.

The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Terwilliger and Boyd

Regulation Amendment for Waterfowl Retriever Field Trial Dates: The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Regulation Amendment for Waterfowl Retriever Field Trial Dates.

Comments from the Public:

- Phyllis Giroux spoke regarding the Retriever Amendment

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

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 the amendment to the “Field Trials: Authorized Dates” regulation as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Terwilliger and Boyd

Proposed Lands Identification and Naming: The Chair called on Dr. Gray Anderson for a presentation.

Dr. Anderson presented the Proposed Lands Identification and Naming.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Dr. Anderson for his presentation.

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 the proposed property name change as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Terwilliger and Boyd

CWD Update and Proposed Regulations: The Chair called on Mr. Cale Godfrey for a CWD Update.

Mr. Godfrey gave a CWD Update and Proposed Regulation.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Godfrey for his update.

The Chair called for a motion. Mr. Boyd made a motion. Madame Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend the Board of Wildlife Resources propose the amendments to the chronic wasting disease regulations for Disease Management Areas 2 and 3 as presented by staff. It was seconded by Ms. Terwilliger. The board secretary called the roll. Ayes: Terwilliger and Boyd

Aquatic and Boating Scoping Reporting Period Summary: The Chair called on Dr. Bednarski for a summary.

Dr. Bednarski gave an Aquatic and Boating Scoping Reporting Period Summary.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his summary.

Boating Regulations: The Chair called on Mr. Tom Guess for an update.

Mr. Tom Guess gave updates on Current Boating regulations and Boating regulation issues that are being worked on.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Guess for his update on Boating.

No-Net Loss, Net- Gain: enabling tidal wetlands to withstand sea-level rise:

The Chair called on Mr. Clay Ferguson, Virginia Coastal and Marine Policy Fellow for a presentation.

Mr. Ferguson presented a presentation on the No-Net Loss and Net-Gain: On enabling tidal wetlands to withstand sea-level rise.

After comments and questions, The Chair thanked Mr. Ferguson for his presentation.

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

Dr. Anderson reported:

- The new Bear Plan is being working on
- VPA-HIP Agreement is being worked on
- Elk Lottery

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

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

Dr. Bednarski reported:

- Parasites has been found on Rainbow Trout

After comments and questions, the Chair thanked Dr. Bednarski for his update.

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

The Director reported:

- Heritage Day is April 2, 2022
- One Shot Turkey Hunt is April 23, 2022
- Annual Free Fishing Days are June 3-5, 2022
- Attended the North America conference where Relevancy Roadmap was discussed

- Falcon Cam is live and there is the first egg
- Annual HRBT efforts are beginning
- RAWA

Chair's Report: The Chair thanked everyone for attending the Wildlife and Boat Committee meeting. The employees at DWR are such stewards of Fish and Wildlife and the dedication from the staff is wonderful. The importance of RAWA and all of the work that is being done is appreciated. All of the updates were helpful and informative and the No-Net Loss, Net-Gain on the tidal wetlands presentation was excellent information.

The Chair asked if anyone had any further comments or questions, hearing none, she announced that the next meeting will be May 18, 2022 and adjourned the meeting at 12:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Boswell

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