

Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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May 20, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Mark Mobley, Chairman
Dee Yancey, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
Dwight Evans
Phyllis Johnson
Bill Jones
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt
Philip Wilheit, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra

Visitors

Brant Lane, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry and Tribble
Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry and Tribble
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Leah Barnett, Georgia Conservancy
Michael Snipes, Georgia SWANA
David Word, Joe Tanner and Associates
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner and Associates
Jeffrey Harvey, Georgia Farm Bureau
Sally Kilpatrick, Georgia Chamber
Allie Kelly, Georgia Conservancy
Abby Goldsmith, Goldsmith Resources
Gloria Hardegree, Georgia Recycling Coalition
Lauren Curry, Georgia Emergency Management Agency
Lonice Barrett

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Zachary Harris
Mary Walker
Doralyn Kirkland
Russ Pennington
Keith Bentley
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
John Bowers
Doug Haymans
Mark Whitney
Wally Woods
Audra Dickson
Jennifer Welte
John Martin
John Biagi
Michael Chadwell

The May 20, 2014 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Wilheit.

Chairman Wilheit called on Mark Mobley, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, who called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management.

Mr. Bowers stated the first item for the Committee's consideration would be an action on the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2.

Mr. Bowers stated the Committee was briefed on this item in March 2014. He further stated the proposals being presented for the Board's consideration include establishing hunting seasons on several tracts of the Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA and the Spirit Creek Tract. He added that additionally, there is a housekeeping change to correct the inadvertent omission of either-sex firearms deer hunting opportunity in Gwinnett County.

Mr. Bowers stated two public hearings were held in April and all comments received during the public notice period supported the proposed changes.

Mr. Bowers stated he would request that the Committee recommend that the Board approved the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Mobley, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution of approve the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, as presented.

Mr. Bowers gave an informational presentation on Georgia's Quota Hunt System, including general information on the quota hunts, selection odds and number of applicants. He also included the pros and cons of introducing a "stand-by" system into quota hunts and charging an application fee.

Discussion ensued.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.