

Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
Middle Georgia State College
Professional Sciences Conference Center
Room 211
100 College Station Drive
Macon, GA 31206

May 20, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members

Dee Yancey, Chairman
Mark Mobley, Vice Chairman
William Bagwell
Dwight Evans
Rob Leebern
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit
Ray Lambert, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Walter Hudson
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart

Visitors

Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund
Matthew Smith, Georgia Farm Bureau
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Trip Addison
Walter Rabon
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Mary Kathryn Yearta
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Zachary Harris
Doralyn Kirkland
Terry West
John Martin
John Bowers
Keith Bentley
Jeff Weaver
Thomas Barnard

The May 20, 2015 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Ray Lambert.

Chairman Lambert called on Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, who called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2.

Mr. Bowers stated the changes include amendments to reflect statutory changes, adopt hunting regulations for the next two years, establish a uniform statewide deer season, expand hunting opportunity for alligators and bears, modify either-sex days to manage white-tailed deer, and regulate hunting and other activities on Wildlife Management Areas, other state lands, and federal areas.

Mr. Bowers stated the proposed amendments were discussed in detail at the March Board meeting. He further stated eight public meetings were held statewide and comments received during the public comment period were generally supportive.

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

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

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.