

**Minutes**  
**Wildlife Resources Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**August 30, 2016**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Aaron McWhorter, Chairman  
Dwight Davis (via conference call)  
Dwight Evans  
Mike Phelps  
Philip Watt  
Philp Wilheit  
William Bagwell, Board Chair, ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison  
Duncan Johnson, Jr.  
Bill Jones  
Ray Lambert, Jr.  
Rob Leebern  
Matt Sawhill  
Paul Shailendra  
Bodine Sinyard  
Miki Thomaston

Guests

Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble  
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner and Associates  
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition  
Ronny Just, Georgia Power  
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network  
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund  
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy  
Robert Ramsay, Georgia Conservancy  
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council  
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau  
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance  
Carolyn Pait, Oglethorpe Power Corporation

Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Walter Rabon  
Terry West  
Kyle Pearson  
Melanie Johnson  
Wes Robinson  
Cathy Barnette  
Amber Carter  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Rusty Garrison  
Col. Eddie Henderson  
Becky Kelley  
Spud Woodward  
John Biagi  
John Bowers  
Karl Burgess  
Lt. Wayne Hubbard  
Capt. Johnny Johnson  
Capt. Bob Lynn  
Jan McKinnon  
Maj. Stephen Adams  
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver  
Antoinette Norfleet  
Mark Walker  
Richard Dunn  
Lauren Curry  
Jac Capp  
Jeff Cown  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Dika Kuoh  
Chuck Mueller

The August 30, 2016 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.

Chairman Bagwell called on Aaron McWhorter, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee.

Mr. McWhorter called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management of the Wildlife Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Other State Lands, Chapter 391-4-2-.70.

Mr. Bowers stated that he has one action item to bring before the Board today, concerning the Alapaha River WMA. He further stated that this is a newly acquired property consisting of 6,780 acres located in Irwin County. He added that it is also bordered on one side by the Alapaha River.

Mr. Bowers stated the Board was briefed in detail at the June meeting. He further stated that a public hearing was held on July 28 in Tifton, Georgia. He added that comments were also submitted electronically.

Mr. Bowers stated that the comments were supportive. He requested favorable consideration of the proposed regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for WMAs and Other State Lands, Chapter 391-4-2-.70, as presented.

Mr. McWhorter called on John Biagi, Chief of Fisheries Management of the Wildlife Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3-.05, Creel and Possession Limits.

Mr. Biagi stated that the Board was briefed in June about the walleye creel limit change for Lake Blue Ridge. He further stated that a public hearing was held on July 14 and 13 comments were received. He added that the public comments were strongly supportive.

Mr. Biagi stated that the comments mirrored the survey done earlier in the year. He further stated that he requests favorable consideration of the proposed regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3-.05, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.