

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

May 23, 2018

Attendees:

Committee Members

Dee Yancey, Chairman
Mike Phelps, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Mark Mobley
Miki Thomaston
Philip Wilheit
Aaron McWhorter, Board Chairman, Ex-Officio

Board Members

Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Bodine Sinyard
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart

Guests

Mike Worley, GA Wildlife Federation
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
Ryan Gesser, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition
John Jolly, GEI Consultants, Inc.
Bill Hodges, Hodges, Harbin, Newberry & Tribble
Rosa Chi, Georgia Power
Tim Earl, Georgia Power
John Eberhart, GA Earth Alliance
Jennett Gayer, Environment Georgia
Alex Bradford, Georgia Farm Bureau
Blake Raulerson, Georgia Farm Bureau
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Todd Holbrook
David Waller

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Matthew Smith
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Doug Haymans
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Jeff Weaver
Thomas Barnard
Kevin Dyer
Adam Loudermilk
Doyte Chaffin
Matt Thomas
John Bowers

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams
Sydney Brogden
Erin Ruoff
Dika Kuoh
Jim Cooley
Sarah Vesser

The May 23, 2018 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dee Yancey.

Chairman Yancey called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management.

Mr. Bowers stated that Item A was an action item pertaining to proposed amendments to hunting regulations in regards to migratory bird regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Hatfield, seconded by Mr. Mobley, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to hunting regulations, chapter 391-4-2, pertaining to migratory bird regulations, as presented.

Mr. Bowers stated that Item B was an action item pertaining to proposed amendments to hunting regulations for WMAs and other state lands.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Ms. Thomaston, and carried unanimously that the Board adopt the proposed amendments to hunting regulations for WMAs and Other State Lands, Chapter 391-4-2-.70, as presented.

Mr. Bowers provided the Board with a briefing on proposed amendments to hunting regulations, chapter 391-4-2-.24, general regulations for hunting deer. He stated that the public comment period was open and that the Board will be briefed on the results at the conclusion of the comment period.

Mr. Mike Worley of the Georgia Wildlife Fund spoke against the proposed amendments.

Mr. Todd Holbrook spoke against the proposed amendments.

Mr. David Waller spoke against the proposed amendments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.