

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

**Tuesday, August 22, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members**

Patrick Denney, Chair  
Kevin Jackson, Vice Chair  
Charles DePriest  
Randy Dellinger  
Joe Hatfield  
Mark Hennessy  
Duncan Johnson  
Ray Lambert  
Gary Vowell  
Dwight Davis, Board Chair, Ex-officio

**Board Members**

Nancy Addison  
Dan Garcia  
Penn Hodge  
Bill Jones  
Tim Lowe  
Paul Shailendra  
Harley Yancey

**Guests**

Debbie Phillips, GA Industry Environmental Coalition  
Josh Purdy, Georgia State Parks  
Melanie Reed, GA DNR  
Mark Woodall, Sierra Club  
Chris Manganiello, Chattahoochee Riverkeepers  
Brooks Varnell, DNR Law Enforcement  
Nic Matthew, Office of Planning and Budget  
David Anderson, Office of Planning and Budget  
Rick Dunn, Office of Planning and Budget  
Meris Lutz, Atlanta Journal and Constitution  
Anna Edmondson, Robbins Government Relations

**Staff Members**

Walter Rabon, Commissioner  
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Donald Kirkland  
Cathy Barnette  
Thomas Barnard  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Angie Johnson  
Ted Will  
Jill Andrews  
Antoinette Norfleet  
Scott Robinson  
  
Jeff Cown, Director  
James Boylan  
Chuck Mueller  
Anna Truszczynski

The August 22, 2023 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman Dwight Davis.

Chairman Davis called on Patrick Denney, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee. Mr. Denney called on Scott Robinson, Chief of Fisheries Management, for an update on the Proposed Amendment to Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3. Mr. Robinson stated that proposed changes to trout fishing regulations were presented to the Board at the June board meeting, primarily addressing comments from anglers and surveys regarding delayed harvest program. He further stated that delayed harvest is implemented in the winter and currently begins on November 1. He added the program implements catch and release regulations and artificial lure only regulations on trout streams. He further added that currently there are five (5) streams designated to the program, and anglers want to see more streams added. Mr. Robinson stated the proposal would add more streams, along with some date changes and adjustments on the beginning and end dates of the delayed harvest. He further stated there were many comments received during the public comment period and generally the majority were in favor of the proposed amendments. He added there were also many requests for different dates and more specialized regulations than what were proposed, so at this time he would like to withdraw the proposal and continue working with their partners to develop regulations that would likely be recommended next year for the delayed harvest program.

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned.