

**Board of Game and Inland Fisheries
Meeting Minutes
4000 West Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

April 20, 2010

Present: Mr. Charles S. Yates, Chairman, Mr. James W. Hazel, Vice Chairman, Ms. Sherry Crumley, Mr. F. Scott Reed, Mr. Brent Clarke, Dr. William T. Greer, Jr., Mr. Richard Railey, Jr, Mr. Randy Kozuch; **Absent:** Mr. John Montgomery, Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard and Mr. Ward Burton; **Present:** Mr. Robert “Bob” W. Duncan; **Legal Counsel:** Ms. Elizabeth Andrews; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. Ray Davis, Mr. Charlie Sledd and Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts and Dr. Joice Conyers.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00am and also noted for the record that a quorum was present for today’s meeting. A closed session will be held during the meeting today.

The Chairman called on Mr. James Hazel to read the Mission Statement read into the record and recognized Peer Group 3 of the Agency’s Leadership Development Program to lead the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fellows of this group are: Thom Tears, Tom Guess, Steve Ferguson, Gary Costanzo and Dave Morton.

The Chairman recognized Mr. Mark Duda of the Responsive Management group. Mr. Duda will present the 2009 Lapsed Hunter Survey Results later in the meeting today. The Chairman also recognized Mr. Vernie Kennedy, President of the Virginia Hunter Education Association.

The Chairman moved forward with the agenda and called for Public Comments, Non Agenda Items.

Public Comments Non-Agenda Items: The Chairman called everyone’s attention to the need to limit individual comment to 3 minutes and comments supporting a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman will remind everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium so all comments can be made a part of the record and to please start with their name and city.

All persons requesting to make public comment on agenda items are requested to complete the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries Board Meeting Comment Form. This form requests the following information: Date; Topic of Discussion; Name and address; Telephone number; Whether or not you are representing a group and, if so, the name of the group represented; Are your comments for or against the proposals; other.

Mr. Floyd Smith, Goochland, Virginia, spoke regarding habitat. The Chairman thanked Mr. Smith for his remarks.

Mr. David Steger, Catawba, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Bear Hunters Association, spoke regarding bear. The Chairman thanked Mr. Steger for his remarks.

Mr. Este Fisher, Mount Crawford, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Bear Hunters Association, spoke regarding bear hunting. The Chairman thanked Mr. Fisher for his remarks.

The Chairman called for question or comments from the Board regarding non-agenda items. Hearing none, the Chairman made the following comments: The Chairman said he appreciated the Bear Hunters sharing what he believes is some really good information. Perhaps at the next meeting, we could take just a few minutes to review and get the staff's suggestions in reference to their recommendations. I know we will be developing and working on a new bear plan and he would like to think there could be some general consensus on bear hunting which seem rather difficult to get. The fact that we continue to talk and discuss means there is some potential for an agreement on some of these issues. The Board relies on staff and we take a pledge to make a decision on science information. The Chairman stated he was a "boots on the ground" hunter himself and he believes that "boots on the ground" hunters have a lot to bring to the table when it comes to game management. He also believes that the staff of this organization takes that into consideration and he encourages them to do so in reference to the bear hunter's situation.

Once Again, I appreciate the bear hunter's information and sharing that information with us this morning. The Chairman stated they would follow-up on it.

Recognition of Employees and others: The Chairman called upon the Director, Mr. Bob Duncan for staff recognitions.

The Director called on Colonel Dee Watts to present the Boating Officer of the Year Award to Officer John Koloda.

Colonel Watts called on Sgt. David Dodson, State Hunter Education Program Coordinator to introduce the year's recipients of the Director's Volunteer Service Award. The Director presented the Award to Mr. Paul Siple and Mr. Vernie Kennedy for their contributions to the Department for 5000 Volunteer Hours each as a Hunter Education Instructor.

Mr. Vernie Kennedy presented Officers Chris Weidman and Kris Dougherty a plaque in recognition of their service to the Virginia Hunter Education Program.

The Chairman and Director congratulated everyone on their awards and thanked them for their service to the Agency.

DGIF/NSSF(National Shooting Sports Foundation)2009 Lapsed Hunter Survey: The Chairman called on the Director to introduce Mr. Mark Duda of the Responsive Management Group.

The Director gave the following introduction: Mark Damian Duda is Executive Director of Responsive Management. He has directed more than 500 quantitative surveys and hundreds of focus groups on natural resource and outdoor recreation issues, and is the author of three books about wildlife. His research has been featured in numerous journals, magazines, and major media, including CNN, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and the front pages of both *The Washington Post* and *USA Today*. Mark has been named Conservation Educator of the Year by both the Florida Wildlife Federation and National Wildlife Federation, was a recipient of the Conservation Achievement Award from the Western Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, and was named the Wildlife Professional of the Year by the Virginia Wildlife Society. He also received the Conservation Achievement Award in Communications from Ducks Unlimited, as well as an award from the Potomac Ducks Unlimited Chapter for his contributions as a researcher and writer. Mark holds a Master's degree from Yale University in natural resource policy and

planning.

Mr. Duda gave the following presentation:

DGIF and the Lapsed Hunter survey partners learned that nearly half (46%) of the “lapsed” hunters in the survey sample hadn’t stopped hunting. Instead, they were hunting on private land in Virginia during the 2008-2009 season, thus did not require a license.

Mr. Duda gave an overview of the Executive Summary of the Situation Analysis for VDGIF.

Hunter Numbers/License Buying Trends

- While Virginia’s population has increased 45% from 5.3 million to 7.7 million since 1980, the number of Virginia hunters decreased 38%. Hunters represent a smaller segment of the population. 6.7% of Virginians purchased a license in 1980, 2.9% did in 2006.
- In Virginia in 1980 about 374,000 individuals bought hunting licenses. In 1991, 309,000 individuals bought hunting licenses. In 2008, 242,434 people bought hunting licenses. (Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries 1992).

Lapsed Hunter Information

- A telephone survey of Virginia’s lapsed hunters revealed nearly half of the “lapsed” hunters in the sample (46%) had hunted on private land in Virginia during the 2008-2009 season and thus did not require a license. A third of those who said they were not at all likely to buy a hunting license in 2009/2010 said it was because they planned to hunt private land.
- Other reasons Virginia hunters did not buy a license were lack of time, work obligations, family obligations and personal health.

Hunting License Promotion/Marketing Efforts

- The VDGIF has worked on many fronts to inform hunters about opportunities in Virginia and make licenses readily available. License availability is promoted through annual regulation booklets, VVDGIF website, the customer service phone bank, bi-weekly newsletter, monthly four-color wildlife magazine, more than 650 VDGIF license agents located statewide, VDGIF headquarters, and various trade shows, fairs, county and state tourism centers, educational and outdoor events.

Factors Affecting License Sales

- According to the Future of Hunting and Shooting Sports Phase 1 Literature Review (2006), one important reason that hunters increasingly report as a cause of dissatisfaction is poor hunting access.
- 2009 telephone survey results support that not having enough places to hunt and not having enough access to places to hunt were among the top four factors that strongly took away from lapsed hunters’ enjoyment of hunting in Virginia.
- While there are several polarizing issues in Virginia including Sunday hunting and deer hunting with dogs, it is not expected they will dramatically affect 2010 license sales. The results of the recent discovery of CWD in Virginia are unknown.

Results from Other Lapsed Hunter Campaigns

- Other lapsed hunter marketing communications campaigns were conducted in Tennessee, Indiana and Florida with mixed results. Telephone surveys were not conducted in any of these efforts, which may have affected their success. The quantitative information gained from random telephone surveys is critical in testing information obtained in focus groups and through other means.

Recommendations

- A telephone survey of Virginia's lapsed hunters suggested using messages and outreach materials that appeal to passing on the hunting heritage, connecting, making memories, and bonding with someone special.
- It was also recommended that VDGIF should address availability and quality of hunting opportunities on public land in messages and outreach materials. Also consider focusing some Department resources, if necessary, on improving hunting opportunities on public lands (e.g., acquiring more land, adjusting regulations, attempting to reduce crowding).

The final report can be found in the April Meeting Materials located on the Agency Website: (http://www.dgif.virginia.gov/meetings/agendas/packages/042010Board_of_Game_and_Inland_Fisheries_Package.pdf). A discussion was held by Mr. Duda, Chairman and Members of the Board and the Director.

The Director thanked Mr. Duda for the copies of the book titled that has been distributed during the meeting today.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Duda for his presentation and called for a short break following the approval of the March 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes.

Approval of March 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes: The Chairman stated the minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting were distributed for review and posted to the Web site. He called for discussion and approval of the March 2, 2010 meeting minutes. **Mr. Hazel made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes of the March 2, 2010 meeting be approved as presented. Motion Seconded by Mr. Railey. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.**

At 10:16 am, the Chairman called for a 5 minute recess. The meeting was reconvened at 10:23am.

Nominations Committee Presentation of 2010-2011 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. The Chairman called on Ms. Crumley to present the Nominations Committee Report of 2010-2011 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Ms. Crumley gave the following report on behalf of Ms. Pollard, Committee Chair. The Committee submits the name of Mr. James Hazel as Chairman and Mr. Ward Burton as Vice-Chairman for 2010-2011.

The Chairman called for a motion and second to accept the Nominations Committee Slate of Officers and will call for a vote on this motion. Ms. Crumley made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board accept the Slate of Officers as presented for 2010-2011. Motion Seconded by Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

The Chairman then called for any additional nominations or discussion on the Slate of Officers as presented. There being no further nominations, Mr. Railey moved that the nominations be closed. Motion Seconded by Ms. Crumley. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

The Chairman called for a motion and vote to accept the nomination of Mr. Ward Burton as Vice-Chairman for 2010-2011. Ms. Crumley made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board accept the nomination of Mr. Burton as Vice Chairman for 2010-2010: Seconded by Dr. Greer. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

The Chairman called for a motion and vote to accept the nomination of Mr. James W. Hazel as Chairman for 2010-2011. Ms. Crumley made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board accept the nomination of Mr. Hazel as Chairman for 2010-2011. Motion Seconded by Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Yates, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

Wildlife Violator Compact: The Chairman called on the Director to introduce Colonel Dee Watts from Law Enforcement to present the Wildlife Violator Compact Regulation Amendment for Final Action. Colonel Watts presented the following regulation amendment to the Wildlife Violator Compact for final action by the Board:

**Amendment to proposed regulation 4VAC15-20-75.
Definitions and Miscellaneous: In General.
Wildlife Violator Compact.**

F. In accordance with Article V of the compact, upon receipt from a participating state of a report of the suspension of license privileges of a resident of the Commonwealth issued by that state, which is in accordance with suspension of license pursuant to the Code of Virginia, the department shall notify such person of that report in accordance with the procedures set forth below and shall initiate a proceeding to suspend any applicable licenses issued to such person by the board until the department has received satisfactory evidence that such suspension has been terminated.

I. An informal fact finding proceeding shall be completed within 60 days of receipt by the department of the request described in subsection H of this section. Upon such completion the designated representative of the department shall make a recommended ~~final~~ decision to the director or to such person designated by the director to make such ~~final~~ decision. The ~~final~~ decision maker shall promptly issue a written decision to the person who requested the proceeding. ~~Such decision shall constitute the final and non appealable decision of the department.~~ If the affected party is not satisfied by this decision it may be appealed to a three member panel as appointed by the agency director.

The staff recommends the regulation amendment be adopted as presented today.

The Director thanked Colonel Watts for his presentation. The Director stated he has spoken with all of the Board members regarding this Proposed Amendment to the regulation.

The Chairman thanked the Colonel for his report. The Chairman called for a motion to approve the proposed regulation amendment as presented by Colonel Watts. Mr. Hazel made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board adopt the Wildlife Violator Compact Regulation as presented and amended today. Motion Seconded: Railey. Ayes: Yates, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

CWD Response Plan Update – Recommended Management Actions: The Chairman called on the Director to introduce Mr. Bob Ellis of the Wildlife Division to present the CWD Response Plan Update-Recommended Management Actions.

Before beginning his presentation, Mr. Ellis stated he and his staff looked forward to working with the Bear Hunters Association with regards to their presentation on bear hunting given earlier in the meeting.

Mr. Ellis thanked and recognized the many CWD Response Team Members assigned to work on the CWD Response Plan Update-Recommended Management Actions.

The actions presented this morning are in accordance with the Director's Authority in **4VAC15-20-220. Disease prevention, control and eradication in Wildlife which states:**

A. Whenever a disease threatens wildlife in the Commonwealth, the director is authorized to undertake measures to prevent, control or eradicate the spread of such disease including, but not limited to, the delineation of wildlife disease management, surveillance, and quarantine areas, the reduction of selected wildlife populations, the restriction in the movement of wildlife or parts thereof, the prohibition of feeding of wildlife or use of animal-based products such as attractants, the prohibition of rehabilitation and release of selected wildlife species and the manipulation or modification of environmental conditions. Further, the director is authorized to require mandatory checking and disease testing of selected wildlife species and to modify or establish hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits, as necessary, to prevent, control or eradicate the spread of disease in wildlife.

The measures addressed by the Response Team were:

1. Designate a CWD Containment Area (CA)
2. Require mandatory testing of deer harvested in the CA
3. Prohibit feeding of deer year-round in/near the CA
4. Restrict transport/disposal of deer carcasses from CA
5. Prohibit rehabilitation of deer from the CA
6. Reduce the deer population in/near the CA

In addition to these measures the team will implement a Communications Plan for diverse publics.

The Team used the following format for developing recommended management action:

- Measure
- Importance of Measure to CWD Response
- Specific Management Actions – Considered
- Recommended Management Action
- Rationale for Recommended Management Action

- Communication Needs
- Cost of Implementation
- Additional Considerations

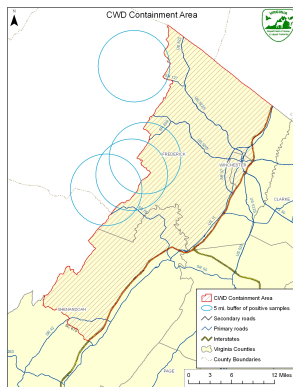
Mr. Ellis presented the Recommended Management Actions:

Measure: Delineation of CWD Containment Area

Recommended Action

Designate CA as:

- west of I-81 in Frederick County, and
- west of I-81 and north of state route 675 in Shenandoah County
- 492 square mile



Measure: Mandatory Disease Testing

Recommended Action

Require mandatory CWD testing of deer harvested in the Containment Area:

- at designated stations (probably 7)
- on the first 3 Saturdays of the general firearms season (i.e., November 13, 20, 27 in 2010).
- Phone checking option will continue
- Sample size: 200-500 animals

DGIF staff will continue to conduct targeted surveillance of clinical suspect deer as well as active surveillance of road-killed, hunter-killed deer, and deer killed on kill permits within and beyond the CWD Containment Area as necessary and as time and resources permit.

Measure: Prohibit feeding of deer

Recommended Action

- Prohibit feeding of deer year-round in Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, and Warren counties.
- Consider a year-round prohibition on the feeding of deer statewide during the 2011 regulation cycle.
- NOTE: 8 states ban feeding of all wildlife and/or cervids specifically (3 of which have CWD*) – Rhode Island, Vermont, New York*, Illinois*, Colorado*, Montana, California, Alaska

Measure: Restrict transport of deer carcasses or carcass parts

Recommended Action

- Prohibit transport of any deer carcass or part that originates within the CA out of the CA, except:
 - parts currently allowed under the carcass importation regulation (4VAC15-90-293)
 - carcasses or parts being transported to meat processors, taxidermists, and lined landfills within Frederick or Shenandoah counties
 - carcasses or parts transported by government agency staff working in an official disease investigation capacity

Measure: Restrict disposal of carcass and carcass parts

Recommended Action

- *Require* meat processors, taxidermists, road-kill pickup crews, and waste management service contractors to dispose of all deer wastes from the CA in a lined landfill in Frederick or Shenandoah counties.
- *Encourage* disposal of all unused portions of hunter-killed and permit-killed deer carcasses from the CA in a lined landfill within Frederick or Shenandoah counties or in dumpsters provided by VDGIF.
- *Encourage* commercial meat processors in Frederick and Shenandoah counties to process deer individually and keep accurate records.

Measure: Prohibit rehabilitation of deer

Recommended Action

- Prohibit rehabilitation, commingling, and/or release of any deer that originates in the CA.
- Rehabilitated deer in Frederick or Shenandoah counties from outside the CA can only be released in the county of origin.

Measure: Reduce deer populations

Recommended Action

Attempt to reduce the deer population within, and near, the CA:

- Increase daily bag limit to 2 either-sex deer during all seasons on private lands in Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, and Warren counties (maintain antlered buck limit of 2 per season).

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- Employ the Earn-A-Buck requirement (as currently used in 8 Virginia counties) on private lands in Frederick, Shenandoah, Clarke, and Warren counties.
- Establish all muzzleloading deer seasons as full season either-sex on private lands in Shenandoah and Warren counties (as is the case in Frederick and Clarke counties).

The Communication plan will be implemented to help key stakeholders and the public to:

- Understand basic elements of CWD,
- Support the VDGIF's efforts to contain it,
- Remain calm,
- Continue to hunt, and
- Help with surveillance and population reduction.

Mr. Ellis emphasized that communication, education, and outreach are probably the most critical components of a successful, sustained CWD management effort.

Mr. Ellis reviewed the plans going forward:

- Hold a public meeting in western Frederick Co., early to mid-May
- Hold additional public meetings in eastern Frederick Co
- Place CWD info/seasons in digest
- Conduct a Core team operational planning meeting
- Revise annual surveillance Plan
- Timely implementation of CWD management actions
- Staff demands will necessitate prioritization during a busy year.

A discussion was held by the Chairman, Board members, Director and staff.. The Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

Ms. Andrews indicated these actions are in accordance with **4VAC15-20-220. Disease prevention, control and eradication in wildlife.**

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the CWD Response Plan-Recommended Management Actions. The Chairman made the following motion: The Board approve the recommended CWD plan as presented today for adoption. Mr. Reed moved the Board approved the recommended CWD Plan as presented today for adoption. Motion Seconded by Mr. Clarke. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Greer, Clarke, Crumley, Railey, Kozuch, Reed

The Chairman noted for the record the new Chairman and Vice Chairman have been elected and apologized for getting ahead of schedule.

Committee Reports: The Chairman called on Mr. Brent Clarke to present the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Report. Mr. Clarke gave the following presentation: The Committee met on April 14, 2010 and reviewed the third quarter financial statements. The Committee received the Small Purchase Charge Card report and noted for the month of February a 100% compliance with the guidelines. Mr. Lee Walker presented the Media Services Report. The Director gave a report on the final actions of the 2010 General Assembly.

Mr. Hazel announced the next meeting of the Education, Planning and Outreach Committee will be held on May 6, 2010 at 1:00pm. All Board members are encouraged to contact Mr. Hazel prior to this meeting regarding possible legislation for 2011 General Assembly.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their reports.

Director's Report: The Chairman called on the Director for his report. The Director called on Mr. Charlie Sledd to give the final report on the 2010 General Assembly:

12 bills passed-25 bills were actively tracked on the agency web list;

Of the 12, 5 were agency bills;

Of the 12, 11 have been signed by the Governor and are part of the 2010 Acts of Assembly;

5 remain for the Governor to sign (1 is SB 289 on the lifetime license for under age 2);

Two of the 12 bills have an impact on the Board – HB 487 (agency bill) gives the Board regulatory authority on feeding and HB488 requires the Board to adopt regulations establishing model bow hunting ordinances for use by localities with an overabundance of deer;

The Caboose Bill has been approved and the agency now has some flexibility with the Atlee property.

The Agency will meet the Sportmans's Caucus to discuss possible legislation for next year.

The Director thanked Mr. Sledd for his 13+years as Legislative Liaison for the Agency.

The Director also addressed HB 487 with gives the Board regulatory authority on feeding does not require any additional work by the Board. On HB488 regarding bow hunting in sub divisions. This continues to be a big challenge in suburbia. The agency will begin drafting model ordinances.

The Director noted Mr. Gary Martel's attendance at the Fly Fishing Event in Waynesboro on April 10th. The event was a huge success. There are approximately 100+ trout in the programs school sponsored by Trout Unlimited. The Director thanked Mr. Martel and Mr. Walker for their attendance. Licenses were also sold at this event.

The Director provided an update on the Coursey Springs Hatchery. This was the largest capital project undertaken by the Agency. The Hatchery received a complete renovation. Stocking began in late February. Currently the hatchery has 400,000 fingerling rainbow and brook trout in the facility for grow-out to stocking size. It is expected that an additional 350,000 rainbows and brown trout in the hatchery by early June. The production goal is to produce a half million "stockable" size trout annually from the facility. The Bird and mammalian predation has been reduced from 30% to 0 with the new facility.

The trout will be catchable size in the hatchery by this Fall, and we will be able to go back to pre-construction stocking frequencies which will be good news to the trout anglers across the state.

The Spring Run renovations below the hatchery are nearing completion. Completion of this renovation will not only remove the stream from DEQ's "Impaired Waters" list, but provide a new Special Regulation trout water (our own COO Matt Koch assisted with the stream restoration during his recent visit).

Mr. Koch is not with us today and is working on the strategic planning session in Region III.

Mr. James Adams has been appointed to the Sport Fishing and Boating Partnership Council. The Department of Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced on March 3 that DGIF Facilities Director James Adams was appointed to a 2-year term on the partnership council. The council was created in 1993 to advise the Secretary on nationally significant recreational fishing, boating and aquatic resource conservation issues. James was nominated by the States Organization for Boating Access.

DGIF will celebrate employee Appreciation Day on Wednesday, May 5, 2010. The Board is invited to attend this event. The Senior Leadership Team will cook for the employees. The Director also reminded the Board of the Furlough Day on May 28th. Essential services will be covered.

Mr. Chairman this completes my report. The Chairman thanked Mr. Duncan for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman stated the Agency has signed a cooperative agreement with the Wildlife Foundation. As part of that agreement, the Board will have one representative to serve as a non-voting member. The Chairman has asked Ms. Crumley to represent the Board and thanked her for agreeing to serve on the Foundation Board.

The Chairman noted he had received an invitation from the Governor to attend the Natural Resource Reception on April 22 and has accepted the invitation.

The Chairman encouraged the Director and the Wildlife and Boat committee to find ways to partner with private landowners.

Closed Session: The Chairman called for the motion to go into closed session: Mr. Clarke made the following motion:

At: 11:35 am Mr. Clarke made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman,

I hereby move that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries go into a closed meeting pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.1 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of employment, assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointee, or employees of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

The performance evaluation for the Director.

And

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia for discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property with respect to:

An update on the Headquarters relocation.

Motion seconded by Mr. Hazel. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Greer, Railey, Clarke and Kozuch.

Mr. Railey, Dr. Greer and Mr. Kozuch departed at 11:36am.

At 1:00pm, The Chairman asked Mr. Clarke to make the Certification of the Closed Session. Mr. Clarke gave the following certification:

WHEREAS, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries has convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712.D of the Code requires a certification by this Board that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

The Chairman called for the Affirmation of the Certification as presented: Ms. Crumley seconded the Certification. Ayes: Yates, Hazel, Crumley, Reed, Clarke.

Mr. Clarke thanked the Staff for their assistance in answering his questions regarding the Wildlife Violator Compact.

Additional Business/Comments: The Chairman called for additional comments from the Board and Director. The director recognized the Fellows from Peer Group Three in attendance today. Their capstone project focuses on Volunteers within the Agency.

The Chairman called for any further business of the Board. Hearing no further business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2010 at 9:00am.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth B. Drewery, Board Secretary
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries