

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

**May 3, 2011
9:00am**

Present: Mr. James W. Hazel, Chairman, Mr. Ward Burton, Vice-Chairman, Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard, Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr., Mr. Randy Kozuch, Mr. F. Scott Reed, Mr. J. Brent Clarke, III, Mr. Charles Yates and Mr. John Montgomery; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matthew "Matt" Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker, Dr. Joice Conyers and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts; **Legal Counsel:** Mr. Ryan Brown.

[\(Listen: Welcome and Call to Order\)](#)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. The Chairman noted for the record that a quorum was present for the meeting. The mission statement was read into the record by Ms. Caruso and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by the Sixth Basic Law Enforcement Academy.

Recognition of Employees and Others: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called on the Director for Employee Recognitions. The Director called on Dr. Joice Conyers and Ms. Estella Randolph to recognize volunteers from the Complementary Workforce who have contributed more than 1,000 hours to the program. Awards were presented to Mr. Roger Brown, Mr. Tim Hall and Mr. John "Bill" Hutchinson. Mr. Hutchinson was also recognized as the Complementary Workforce Volunteer of the Year for Region 4.

The Director called on Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts to present the Conservation Officer of the Year Award for 2010 to CPO Richard Howald of Region II. After a summary of his accomplishments was read, the Chairman and Director thanked Officer Howald for his service.

The Director introduced the members of the Leadership Development Program, Peer Group 2: Mr. Todd Engelmeyer, Mr. Steve Reeser, Mr. J. D. Kleopfer, and Ms. Lenee Pennington, Mr. Chris Dunnivant and Ms. Alicia Ivey. The Director also thanked Mr. James Evins for coordinating the program this year.

The Director presented Mr. Mitchell Norman a Certificate of Valor for providing life saving rescue efforts to two victims of a capsized boat on the Nottoway River in Southampton County.

The Chairman and Director thanked everyone on their accomplishments and dedication to the Agency.

Public Comments - Non Agenda Items: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called for public comments on non-agenda items and called attention to the need to limit individual comment to 3 minutes and comments supporting a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman reminded everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium and to state their name and residence so all comments could be made a part of the record. The Chairman stated those wishing to make comment on the proposed

regulations (Hunting and Trapping and the Proposed License Fee Increases) will be called upon during those presentations.

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Mr. Reg Cook, LaCrosse, Virginia, who represented the Maak Hunting Dog Alliance, spoke on Sunday Hunting.

Mr. Wade M. McClintock, Midlothian, Virginia, who represented the Arvdnia Hunt Club, spoke regarding quail restoration.

Ms. Shelly Aley, Broadway, Virginia, spoke regarding violations reported but not acted on by VDGIF and other agencies.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and attendance at today's meeting.

Approval of October 5, 2010 and March 1, 2011 Meeting Minutes: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 and March 1, 2011 meeting minutes. **Mr. Turner made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the minutes of the October 5, 2010 and the March 1, 2011 meetings be approved as submitted. Motion Seconded: Pollard. Ayes: Hazel, Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates and Clarke.**

Nominations Committee Presentation of 2011-2012 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called on Mr. Montgomery to present the Nominations Committee Report of 2011-2012 Slate of Officers for Chairman and Vice-Chairman. Mr. Montgomery gave the following report: The Committee submits the name of Mr. Brent Clarke as Chairman and Mr. Scott Reed as Vice-Chairman for 2011-2012.

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. Mr. Montgomery made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move the Board accept the Slate of Officers as presented for 2011-2012. Motion Seconded by: Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman thanked the Nominations Committee for their work. During the June 7, 2011, Board Meeting, the Board will elect its new officers for both positions from the candidates nominated.

Committee Reports: ([Listen: Wildlife and Boat Committee](#) | [View Presentation](#)) The Chairman called on Mr. Scott Reed, Committee Chairman of the **Wildlife and Boat Committee**. Mr. Reed reported on the activities of the April 13, 2011 Committee Meeting.

Mr. Reed called on Mr. Bob Ellis of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources to present the staff recommendations for the 2011-2012 Proposed Hunting and Trapping Regulation Amendments for Final Adoption. Mr. Ellis presented the Wildlife Regulation Proposals - Staff Final

Recommendations for Bear, Deer, Elk, Turkey, Small Game, Furbearer and Trapping; Waterfowl and General Regulations.

The Staff did not recommend the following:

Bear

- 4 VAC 15-40-22 Game: In General: Special License for hunting bear.
- 4 VAC 15-80-81 Game: Bear: Validating tags and checking bear by licensee or permittee.
- 4 VAC 15-20-65 Definitions and Miscellaneous: In general: Hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees.

Deer

- 4 VAC 15-40-285 Game: In General: Unauthorized feeding of deer.

The Chairman thanked the Bureau of Wildlife Resources staff for their presentation.

Following a brief question and answer period from the Board, the Chairman called for public comment on the regulations as presented by staff. The Chairman called for public comments and called attention to the need to limit individual comment to 3 minutes and comments supporting a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman reminded everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium so all comments could be made a part of the record and to state their name and city and topic they wish to speak on.

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Public Comments: Proposed Hunting and Trapping Regulations

Mr. Richard Sprinkle, Buchanan, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Bear Hunters Association, spoke regarding the separate bear license.

Ms. Dave Burpee, Springfield, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Bow Hunters Association, spoke regarding Hunting Regulations.

Ms. Victoria Monroe, Fairfax, Virginia, who represented the Fairfax County Police Department Animal Services Division, Wildlife Section, spoke regarding 4 VAC 15-270-95, 4 VAC 15-40-285, 4 VAC 15-40-286 and 4 VAC 15-90-231.

Mr. Keith Wilt, Bergton, Virginia 22811, who represented the Quality Deer Management Association, spoke regarding APR's in Rockingham County.

Mr. Kathy Funk, Greenville, Virginia, who represented Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, spoke regarding the Elk Hunting Regulation.

Mr. J. E. Fugate, Duffield, Virginia, who represented the Scott County Farmer's coalition, deferred his comments.

Mr. Leon Boyd, who represented the Buchanan County Supervisors, RMEF Chapter, NWTF Chapter, spoke regarding elk.

Mr. Jim Cridlin, Jonesville, Virginia, who is the President of the Southwest Virginia Coon Hunters Federation, spoke in favor of year round raccoon chase season.

Mr. Doyle Ritchie, Fulks Run, Virginia, spoke regarding deer, bear and turkey.

Mr. Steve Colvin, Barboursville, Virginia, spoke regarding animal transportation.

Mr. Kevin P. Carroll, Chesterfield, Virginia, who is the Vice President of the Virginia Deer Hunters Associations, spoke regarding deer feeding.

Mr. Steve Fritton, spoke regarding Turkey Season

Mr. Scott Barras, USDA, spoke regarding feeding regulations.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their comments and attendance during today's meeting.

Following the public comment period, the Chairman called for any additional comments from the Board. Additional discussion for clarification issues was conducted by the Board, Director and Staff.

Mr. Burton made the following motion to amend 4VAC15-30-50: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that; Line 19 beginning with "Provided" through line 22 ending with the language "will be accepted" be stricken from the regulation as presented by staff for final adoption. Motion Seconded by: Montgomery: The Chairman called for discussion on the motion. A discussion for clarification of the regulation amendment as currently proposed. The Chairman called for the vote: Ayes: Burton: Opposed: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Bear Regulation Amendments** as presented by staff. Mr. Reed made the following motion for:

Bear

4 VAC 15-50-11	Open seasons; firearms
4 VAC 15-50-71	Muzzleloading gun hunting, statewide 6 day season
4 VAC 15-40-22	(new) Special license hunting bear (Not Recommended)
4 VAC 15-50-81	Validating tags and checking bear (Not Recommended)
4 VAC 15-20-15	Hunting, trapping and fishing licenses (Not Recommended)
4 VAC 15-40-282	Unauthorized feeding of bear, clarify language

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for bear. Motion Seconded by Mr. Colgate. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Deer Regulation Amendments** as presented by staff. Mr. Reed made the following motion for:

Deer

- 4 VAC 15-90-23 Youth deer hunt day
- 4 VAC 15-90-70 Bow and arrow hunting, urban archery criteria
- 4 VAC 15-90-80 Muzzleloading gun hunting, full season in additional counties
- 4 VAC 15-90-91 General firearms either-sex deer hunting days
- 4 VAC 15-90-231 Validating tags and checking (with modifications)
- 4VAC 15-90-241 Validating tags and checking (with modifications)
- 4 VAC 15-90-90 Bag Limit, EAB
- 4VAC 15-90-293 CWD carcass importation (with modifications)
- 4 VAC 15-270-95 Model archery ordinances (with modifications)
- 4 VAC 15-40-285 Unauthorized feeding of deer (Not Recommended)

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for deer. Motion Seconded by: Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Elk Regulation** Amendment as presented by staff. Mr. Yates made the following motion for:

Elk

- 4 VAC 15-90-85 Hunting elk of either sex

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for elk. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Turkey Regulation Amendments** as presented by staff. Mr. Reed made the following motion for

Turkey

- 4 VAC 15-240-10 Open seasons; uniform Dec. season and a January season
- 4 VAC 15-240-20 Open season; reduce certain counties
- 4 VAC 15-240-31 Open season; increase certain counties (with modifications)
- 4 VAC 15-240-81 Validating tag and checking; (with modifications)
- 4 VAC 15-240-91 Checking turkeys by licensed exempt

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for turkey. Motion seconded by Mr. Montgomery. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Small Game Amendments** as presented by staff. Mr. Reed made the following motion for

Small Game

- 4 VAC 15-200-30 Rabbit ; clarify language for transport
- 4 VAC 15-230-31 Squirrel; spring season will be on all lands except NF.
- 4 VAC 15-230-61 Squirrel; spring fox squirrel season on all lands where there is a season

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for small game. Motion Seconded by Ms. Pollard. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **Furbearer and Trapping** as presented by staff. Mr. Burton made the following motion for

Furbearer and Trapping

- 4 VAC 15-40-200 In general; change trap size for trap enclosures**
- 4 VAC 15-40-275 In general; sale of certain furbearer parts**
- 4 VAC 15-170-20 Otter; statewide season , bag limit west of BR**
- 4 VAC 15-170-21 Otter; repeal section**
- 4 VAC 15-210-10 Raccoon; year round chase, limited on public lands**
- 4 VAC 15-210-20 Raccoon; repeal section**

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for furbearer and trapping. Motion Seconded by: Montgomery. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke, Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the Waterfowl Regulation Amendments as presented by staff. Mr. Clarke made the following motion for

Waterfowl

- 4 VAC 15-260-90 Waterfowl; open areas for float blind hunting on Saxis WMA**
- 4 VAC 15-260-180 Waterfowl; establish regulation for tundra swan permit**

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for waterfowl. Motion Seconded by: Yates. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the **General Regulations Amendments** as presented by staff. Ms. Pollard made the following motion for

General Regulations:

- 4 VAC 15-40-286 Unauthorized feeding of wildlife under certain conditions**
- 4 VAC 15-30-50 Definitions; possession, transportation of wildlife by shelters and others (with modifications)**

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's final recommendations on the regulation amendments for 4VAC 15-40-286 and 4 VAC 15-30-50. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke, and Hazel.

The Chairman and Director thanked everyone for their participation in today's meeting and called for a 15 minute recess.

[\(Listen: Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Report | View Presentation\)](#)

Following the recess, the Chairman called on Mr. Clarke, Committee Chairman of the **Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee** to report on the activities of the March 22, 2011 and the April 26, 2011 Committee Meetings. Mr. Clarke stated the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee Charter Changes would be presented to the Board for approval during the June 7, 2011 Board Meeting.

Mr. Clarke called on Ms. DeAnn Compton from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to report on the Agency's financial forecast. Ms. Compton reported that an APA-review of the forecasts and methodologies employed by the Department staff to prepare the upcoming revenue recommendations were reasonable and sound. Mr. Clarke and the Chairman thanked Ms. Compton for her report.

Mr. Clarke called on Mr. Koch, Chief Operating Officer, to present staff recommendations for the proposed revenue regulations. Mr. Koch presented the staff's recommendations for **4VAC15-20-65: Hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees** and **4VAC15-20-66: Use fee at certain department-owned facilities**.

Mr. Koch presented the following staff recommendations:

4VAC15-20-66: Use fee at certain department-owned facilities

The proposal is to establish a daily fee of \$3 or an annual fee equal to the price of an annual basic state resident fishing or hunting license, for admittance, parking, or other use at Department-owned wildlife management areas and public fishing lakes. However, such fee shall not apply to (i) any person holding a valid hunting, trapping, or fishing license, or a current certificate of boat registration issued by the Department, (ii) persons 16 years of age or younger, or (iii) Department-owned boat ramps.

- A. Staff recommends establishing a daily use fee of \$3 or an annual fee equal to the price of an annual basic state resident fishing or hunting license at Department-owned wildlife management areas and public fishing lakes. Such fee shall not apply to (i) any person holding a valid hunting, trapping, or fishing license, or a current certificate of boat registration issued by the Department, (ii) persons 16 years of age or younger, or (iii) Department-owned boat ramps.
- B. Any person violating this section may, in lieu of any criminal penalty, be assessed a civil penalty of \$50.

4VAC15-20-65: Hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees

- **The proposal is to increase the fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and certain permits by the following amounts: (i) Virginia resident annual and lifetime licenses, licenses for additional privileges, and certain permits, by \$5 each; (ii) Virginia resident "sportsman's" licenses by \$30 each; (iii) non-resident annual and lifetime licenses, licenses for additional privileges, by \$50 each; (iv) the nonresident license to freshwater and saltwater fish, by \$63; and (v) the nonresident license to freshwater and saltwater fish for five consecutive days, by \$55.**

4VAC15-20-65. Definitions and Miscellaneous: In General. Hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees.

In accordance with the authority of the board under §29.1-103 (16) of the Code of Virginia, the following fees are recommended by Staff for hunting, trapping, and fishing licenses and permits:

Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt	
Type license	Fee
Resident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
County or City Resident License to Hunt in County or City of Residence Only, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Resident Senior Citizen Annual License to Hunt, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Resident Junior License to Hunt, for licensees 12 through 15 years of age, optional for licensees under 12 years of age	\$7.50
Resident Youth Combination License to Hunt, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season, and to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$15.00
Resident Sportsman License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season, to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, and to fish in designated stocked trout waters (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish)	\$102.00 <u>\$132.00</u>
Resident Junior Lifetime License to Hunt, for licensees under 12 years of age at the time of purchase	\$250.00 <u>\$255.00</u>
Resident Lifetime License to Hunt, for licensees at the time of purchase:	
through 44 years of age	\$255.00 <u>\$260.00</u>
45 through 50 years of age	\$205.00 <u>\$210.00</u>
51 through 55 years of age	\$155.00 <u>\$160.00</u>
56 through 60 years of age	\$105.00 <u>\$110.00</u>
61 through 64 years of age	\$55.00 <u>\$60.00</u>

65 years of age and over	\$15.00 <u>\$20.00</u>
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Hunt	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish)	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>

Virginia Resident Licenses for Additional Hunting Privileges	
Type license or permit	Fee
Resident Bear, Deer, and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
Resident Junior Bear, Deer, and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$7.50
Resident Archery License to Hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season	\$17.00
Resident Crossbow License to Hunt with crossbow during archery hunting season	\$17.00
Resident Muzzleloading License to Hunt during muzzleloading hunting season	\$17.00
Resident Bonus Deer Permit	\$17.00

Virginia Nonresident Licenses to Hunt	
Type license	Fee
Nonresident License to Hunt, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$85.00 <u>\$110.00</u>
Nonresident Three-Day Trip License to Hunt	\$45.00 <u>\$59.00</u>
Nonresident Youth License to Hunt, for licensees:	
under 12 years of age	\$12.00
12 through 15 years of age	\$15.00
Nonresident Youth Combination License to Hunt, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season, and to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$30.00

	\$505.00
Nonresident Lifetime License to Hunt	<u>\$555.00</u>

Virginia Nonresident Licenses for Additional Hunting Privileges	
Type license or permit	Fee
Nonresident Bear, Deer, and Turkey Hunting License, for licensees:	
16 years of age or older	\$65.00 <u>\$85.00</u>
12 through 15 years of age	\$15.00
under 12 years of age	\$12.00
Nonresident Archery License to Hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season	\$30.00
Nonresident Crossbow License to Hunt with crossbow during archery hunting season	\$30.00
Nonresident Muzzleloading License to Hunt during muzzleloading hunting season	\$30.00
Nonresident Shooting Preserve License to Hunt within the boundaries of a licensed shooting preserve	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
Nonresident Bonus Deer Permit	\$30.00

Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Hunt	
Type license or permit	Fee
Waterfowl Hunting Stationary Blind in Public Waters License	\$22.50
Waterfowl Hunting Floating Blind in Public Waters License	\$40.00
Public Access Lands for Sportsmen Permit to Hunt, Trap, or Fish on Designated Lands (also listed under Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Fish)	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>

Virginia Resident and Nonresident Licenses to Trap	
Type license	Fee
Resident License to Trap, for licensees 16 years of age or older	\$40.00 <u>\$45.00</u>
County or City Resident License to Trap in County or City of Residence Only	\$15.00 <u>\$20.00</u>

Resident Junior License to Trap, for licensees under 16 years of age	\$10.00
Resident Senior Citizen License to Trap, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Resident Senior Citizen Lifetime License to Trap, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$15.00 <u>\$20.00</u>
Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Trap	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Trap	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Nonresident License to Trap	\$155.00 <u>\$205.00</u>

Virginia Resident Licenses to Fish	
Type license	Fee
Resident License to Freshwater Fish	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
County or City Resident License to Freshwater Fish in County or City of Residence Only	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Resident License to Freshwater Fish, for licensees 65 years of age or older	\$6.00 <u>\$8.00</u>
Resident License to Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
Resident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish	\$29.00 <u>\$34.00</u>
Resident License to Freshwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$10.00 <u>\$13.00</u>
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Resident Sportsman License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish, and to hunt bear, deer, and turkey, to hunt with bow and arrow during archery hunting season, to hunt with muzzleloading guns during muzzleloading hunting season, and to fish in designated stocked trout waters (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt)	\$102.00 <u>\$132.00</u>
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65 years of age and over	\$15.00 <u>\$20.00</u>
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Totally and Permanently Disabled Resident Special Lifetime License to Freshwater Fish	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>
Service-Connected Totally and Permanently Disabled Veteran Resident Lifetime License to Hunt and Freshwater Fish (also listed under Virginia Resident Licenses to Hunt)	\$10.00 <u>\$15.00</u>

Virginia Nonresident Licenses to Fish	
Type license	Fee
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish	\$35.00 <u>\$46.00</u>
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$35.00 <u>\$46.00</u>

Nonresident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish	\$47.00 <u>\$77.00</u>
Nonresident License to Freshwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$15.00 <u>\$20.00</u>
Nonresident License to Freshwater and Saltwater Fish for Five Consecutive Days	\$20.00 <u>\$33.00</u>
Nonresident Special Lifetime License to Freshwater Fish	\$505.00 <u>\$555.00</u>
Nonresident Special Lifetime License to in Fish in Designated Stocked Trout Waters	\$505.00 <u>\$555.00</u>

Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Fish	
Type license or permit	Fee
Permit to Fish for One Day at Board-Designated Stocked Trout Fishing Areas with Daily Use Fees	\$3.50; effective January 1, 2007: \$5.50 <u>\$8.00</u>
Public Access Lands for Sportsmen Permit to Hunt, Trap, or Fish on Designated Lands (also listed under Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Hunt)	\$17.00 <u>\$22.00</u>
Special Guest Fishing License	\$55.00 <u>\$60.00</u>

The Chairman thanked Mr. Koch for his presentation. A brief question and answer period was held by the Board, Director and Staff.

Following the question and answer period by the Board, the Chairman called for public comment on the staff's recommendations on proposed regulation amendments as presented. The Chairman called for public comments and called attention to the need to limit individual comment to 3 minutes and comments supporting a group to 5 minutes. The Chairman reminded everyone wishing to make a comment to move to the podium so all comments could be made a part of the record and to state their name and city and topic they wish to speak on.

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Public Comments - Proposed Revenue Regulations

Mr. John Wetlaufer, Sr., Mechanicsville, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Anglers Club, spoke regarding fishing license fee.

Mr. Peter Easter, who represented the Virginia Hunting Preserve Association, spoke regarding hunting fee increase.

Ms. Jenny West, Norge, Virginia, who represented the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, spoke regarding the license fee increase.

Mr. Dave Burpee, Springfield, Virginia, who represented the Virginia Bow Hunters Association, spoke regarding fee increases.

Mr. Steve Fritton spoke on the topic of Turkey season license fees.

Mr. Kevin Carroll, Chesterfield, Virginia. Mr. Carroll did not speak.

Mr. Denny Quaiff, Chesterfield Virginia, who represented the Virginia Deer Hunters Association, spoke regarding deer hunting regulations and license fee increases.

Mr. Leon Boyd, Vansant, Virginia, spoke regarding the Finance and Audit Committee.

Ms. Kathy Funk, Greenville, Virginia, who represented the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, spoke regarding the postponing of Elk Release.

Mr. Keith Wilt, Bergton, Virginia, spoke regarding license fees.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and comments at today's meeting.

The Chairman called for any additional questions and discussion from the Board.

The Chairman called on Mr. Yates for comments regarding 4 VAC15-20 -65. Mr. Yates made a motion to amend the staff's recommendation to exempt the Public Access Lands for Sportsmen Permit to Hunt, Trap, or Fish on Designated Lands from the Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Hunt (also listed under Miscellaneous Licenses or Permits to Fish) from the proposed fee increase and retain the current price. Motion Seconded by: Reed. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke, Hazel and Montgomery.

The Chairman called for motions to adopt the Revenue Recommendations as presented by staff and amended by the Board. Mr. Clarke made the following motion:

4VAC15-20-66 Use fee at certain department-owned facilities

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's recommendation on the regulation amendments for a use fee at certain department-owned facilities. Motion Seconded by Reed. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed Kozuch, Yates, Clarke and Hazel. Opposed: Montgomery.

4VAC15-20-65 Hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees

Mr. Chairman:

I move the Board adopt the Staff's recommendations, as amended by the Board, on the hunting, trapping, and fishing license and permit fees. Motion Seconded by: Reed. Ayes: Pollard, Colgate, Montgomery, Caruso, Burton, Turner, Reed, Kozuch, Yates, Clarke, and Hazel.

The Director thanked all of the constituency groups who supported today's presentation.

[\(Listen: Education, Planning and Outreach Committee Report\)](#)

The Chairman called on Mr. Ward Burton of the **Education, Planning and Outreach Committee**, to report on the activities of the April 26, 2011 meeting. Mr. Lee Walker of the Agency Outreach Division presented the Media Services Quarterly Report and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts gave a brief overview of the Agency's new K-9 Unit. The new K-9 Unit will be presented during the June Board Meeting and will make their public debut at the Richmond Flying Squirrels Baseball Game on June 24, 2011.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Burton for his report.

[\(Listen: Motion to Move into a Closed Session\)](#)

At 2:33pm. The Chairman called for a motion to move into a Closed Session. Mr. Colgate made the following closed session motion:

*Closed Session Motion
May 3, 2011*

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 of 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, specifically regarding: an update on DGIF Headquarters Relocation.

And

Pursuant to Section 2.2-3711.A.7 of the Code of Virginia regarding consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body; and consultation with legal counsel

employed or retained by a public body regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel, specifically regarding: a legal matter regarding contracts for design of the Coursey Springs Fish Cultural Station.

This closed meeting will be attended only by members of the Board. However, pursuant to Section 2.2-3712(F), the Board requests counsel, the Director of the Department, the Chief Operating Officer and the Division Director of Infrastructure to attend this closed meeting, as it believes their presence will reasonably aid the Board in its consideration of the topics that are the subjects of this closed meeting.

[\(Listen: Certification of Closed Meeting\)](#)

*Certification of Closed Meeting
May 3, 2011*

WHEREAS, the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries conducted 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 Committee 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 Committee. The Chairman called on the Board Secretary to complete to voice roll call vote for the Certification of the Closed Session Meeting.

*Pollard - Aye
Colgate - Aye
Montgomery - Aye
Burton - Aye
Turner - Aye
Reed - Aye
Kozuch - Aye
Yates - Aye
Clarke - Aye
Hazel - Aye*

The Chairman moved forward with the remaining Agenda items.

Board Open Discussion: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman commented that the Board Workshop conducted on March 21 was very useful and would like to see it continue in the future. He received a lot of positive comments. The Chairman called for any additional comments. The Chairman stated that legislative items would be discussed during the June Board Meeting.

A discussion was held by the Board on the addition of an antlerless deer tag. The consensus of the Board was that the timing was not appropriate for proposing an additional tag.

Director's Report: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called on the Director for his report. The Director introduced the members of the LDP Group and thanked them for their attendance during today's meeting. The Director reported on the following items:

- Mattaponi Wildlife Management Area Dedication
- Kill Permit Update

The Director thanked Mr. Matt Koch for his presentation on the License Fee Increase and the Wildlife Bureau for their presentation today also. The Director also took the opportunity to thank the Board for their support in approving the fee increases.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman stated he had attended a meeting with the President of Farm Bureau.

([Listen: Additional Business/Comments, Next Meeting Date, and Adjournment](#))

Additional Business/Comments: The Chairman called for additional business and thanked all of the Board Members for their attendance during today meeting.

Next Meeting Date: The Chairman announced the next meeting would be held on June 7, 2011 at 9:00am.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:32pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Drewery, Secretary
Board of Game and Inland Fisheries