

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

April 13, 2011@1:00pm

Present: Mr. F. Scott Reed, Committee Chairman, Ms. Lisa Caruso, Mr. Leon O. Turner; Mr. James W. Hazel and Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch; **Senior Leadership Team:** Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker, Mr. Larry Hart, Dr. Joice Conyers, Mr. Tom Gelozin and Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts.

[\(Listen: Welcome\)](#)

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. A quorum was present for the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr. Hazel and Mr. Colgate for their attendance at today's meeting.

Approval of the February 9, 2011 Meeting Minutes: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called for a motion to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes as presented. **Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes Caruso, Reed and Turner.**

Public Comments - Non Agenda Items: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called for public comments on non-agenda items. Hearing none, the Chairman moved forward with the next agenda item.

Public Feedback on Proposed Hunting/Trapping Regulations: [\(Listen | View Presentation\)](#) The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Ellis to present the public feedback on Proposed Hunting/Trapping Regulations. Mr. Ellis reported on the public hearing attendance for the proposed hunting/trapping regulations. 357 persons attended these meetings and 73 comments were received during these meetings. As of today, 1,711 comments have been received and this number is expected to increase by end of the Public Comment period on April 15th.

Mr. Ellis presented the Committee the results of the comments on each regulation. A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff regarding each of these presentations. A final report will be made during the May Board Meeting.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis and Staff for their presentation and work during this regulation cycle.

Quail Population Status Report: [\(Listen | View Presentation\)](#) The Chairman called on Mr. Marc Puckett to present a status report on the Quail Population. Mr. Puckett introduced Mr. Jay Howell who assists Mr. Puckett with the Small Game Projects. This was a follow-up presentation from Mr. Puckett's presentation during the December 6, 2010 Wildlife and Boat Committee Meeting.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked Mr. Puckett for his report.

Presentation on DGIF K-9 Program: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) The Chairman called on Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts to present information on the new DGIF K-9 Program. Colonel Watts introduced the new DGIF K-9 Program to the Committee. Colonel Watts stated the purposed of the program was to provide a specifically trained scent discrimination canine to assist law enforcement personnel in the enforcement of Virginia's wildlife laws and regulations. The Agency's canine program will only utilize sporting breeds of dogs and they will not be trained in aggression techniques or drug detection. There are currently three Conservation Police Officers attending training at the Indiana Department of Natural Resources Canine Academy. They are Officers Megan Vick, Richard Howald and Wayne Billhimer.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairman thanked Colonel Watts for his presentation.

Director's Report Items: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called on the Director for his report items. The Director reported on the following items:

- Nottoway River Rescue in Southampton County
- Youth Turkey Day
- Mattaponi Wildlife Dedication
- Proposals for Revenue Increases
- NSSF Grant - 2011
- Automation of Stationary Blinds License
- National Archery in the Schools Program

The Director provided the Committee with an update on the Kill Permit update. A discussion was held by the Board Chairman, Committee Chairman, Director and Staff. The Committee Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman spoke regarding revising the regulation process and the role of the Committee. The Chairman thanked the Agency for their attendance during the Public Hearings and the effectiveness of the meetings. The Board Chairman spoke regarding the guidance from the General Assembly on public meetings. A further discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff on public hearings.

Additional Business/Comments: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for additional business/comments. Hearing none the Chairman moved to the next agenda item.

Next Meeting Date: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman announced the next meet date of July 27, 2011. The meeting will begin at 10:00 am. **Due to scheduling conflicts, this meeting was moved to July 29, 2011 beginning at 10:00am**

Adjournment: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. **Ms. Caruso made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move that the meeting be adjourned. Motion Seconded by Mr. Turner. Ayes: Turner, Caruso and Reed.**

Respectfully submitted,

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