

**Meeting Minutes
Wildlife and Boat Committee
4000 West Broad Street, Board Room
Richmond, Virginia 23230**

August 9, 2011, 1:00pm

Present: Ms. Lisa Caruso, Madam Chairman and Mr. Charles Yates, Committee Member;
Board Members: F. Scott Reed, Jr., Curtis Dixon Colgate and Mr. Leon O. Turner, Sr.;
Executive Director: Mr. Robert "Bob" W. Duncan; **Chief Operating Officer:** Mr. Matt Koch;
Senior Leadership Team: Mr. Larry Hart, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker and Dr. Joice Conyers and Mr. Tom Gelozin.

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

The Madam Chairman called the meeting to order and noted for the record that a quorum was present. The Madam Chairman also thanked Mr. Reed, Mr. Colgate and Mr. Turner for their attendance today.

Approval of the June 29, 2011 Meeting Minutes: [\(Listen\)](#) The Madam Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2011 meeting. **Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chairman, I hereby move the minutes of the meeting be approved as presented. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Yates.**

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

Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (Duck, Geese and Swan) - Staff Recommendations: [\(Listen\)](#) Mr. Bob Ellis, Deputy Director of the Wildlife Bureau, presented the Staff Recommendations for the 2011-2012 Migratory Waterfowl Seasons (Duck, Geese and Swan) and Bag Limits. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

Public Comments: [\(Listen\)](#) The Madam Chairman called for public comments on the presentation.

Mr. Todd Cocker, who represented the Virginia Waterfowlers' Association, spoke regarding the Migratory Goose hunting seasons and the Waterfowl Boating Safety.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Cocker for his remarks.

The Madam Chair called for a motion. Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend to the full Board adoption of the 2011-2012 Waterfowl Seasons and Bag Limits and the Falconry Seasons as presented by staff. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Yates.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

Process for Development of Fisheries, Wildlife Diversity, and Boating Regulation Proposals - Staff Recommendations: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. Gary Martel, Deputy Director of the Wildlife Bureau, presented the Process for Development of Fisheries, Wildlife Diversity, and Boating Regulation Proposals-Staff Recommendations. Mr. Martel noted the future committee meeting dates and proposed Board meeting dates for 2012. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff. The Madam Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move that the Committee approve the proposed schedule for the fishing, boating, and wildlife diversity regulation review and amendment process with no objection. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Yates.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Martel for his presentation.

Boater Safety Education Course Provider Requirements - Staff Recommendations: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. Tom Guess, Boating Law Administrator to present the Boater Safety Education Course Provider Requirements - Staff Recommendations. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff. The Madam Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chairman, I hereby move that the Wildlife & Boat Committee forward the recommendation as presented today by staff to the full Board meeting on August 16, 2011. Motion seconded by Caruso and Yates.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Guess for his presentation.

Department Land - Use Plan - Staff Recommendations: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. Larry Hart, Division Director for Infrastructure, presented the Department Land-Use Plan - Staff Recommendations. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff. The Madam Chairman called for a motion.

Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chairman, I move that the land use plans for reportable agency properties be adopted as presented by staff. Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Yates

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Hart for his presentation.

Update on the Wildlife Management Area Study: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. David Norris, Wetlands Biologist, introduced Dr. Steve McMullin of Virginia Tech. Dr. McMullin presented the results of the Wildlife Management Area Study that covered the following areas:

- ◆ Who's using wildlife management areas?
- ◆ Study purpose
- ◆ Background information
- ◆ Research Methods
- ◆ Demographics
- ◆ Recreational Activities
- ◆ Satisfaction
- ◆ Land Use and management

- ◆ Annual fee options
- ◆ Annual recreational use estimates
- ◆ Agency Mission

The final report will be presented at the October Board Meeting. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Norris and Dr. McMullin for the report.

Feral Pig Report: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. Mike Dye, District Wildlife Biologist, presented a report on Feral Pigs. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Dye for his report.

Update on Blue Catfish Fishery: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) Mr. Bob Greenlee, District Fisheries Biologist, presented an update on the Blue Catfish Fishery. Following the presentation, a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Greenlee for his report.

Bureau Report: ([Listen](#)) Mr. David Whitehurst, Division Director for the Wildlife Bureau, gave an update on the activities of the Bureau. A discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

The Madam Chairman thanked Mr. Whitehurst for his report.

Director's Report: ([Listen](#)) The Executive Director reported on the following items:

- ◆ Update on Agency vacancies and hiring request
- ◆ Lake Brittle Dam Renovations Update
- ◆ Leaking Riser Tower at Lake Thompson
- ◆ Virginia Outdoor Sportsman Show

The Madam Chairman thanked the Executive Director for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Madam Chairman thanked everyone for their presentations and attendance during today's meeting.

Next Meeting Date and Adjournment: ([Listen](#)) The Madam Chairman announced the next would be held on October 5, 2011 beginning at 10:00am.

The Madam Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chairman, I hereby move the meeting be adjourned. Motion Seconded by: Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso and Yates.

Sincerely,

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