

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

June 29, 2011 @ 10:00am

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

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

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 10:00am. A quorum was present for the meeting. The Chairman thanked Mr. Colgate for his attendance at today's meeting.

Approval of the April 13, 2011 Meeting Minutes: [\(Listen\)](#) The Chairman called for a motion to approve the April 13, 2011 minutes as presented. **Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Caruso, Turner and Reed.**

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

Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose & Teal Seasons Bag Limits - Staff Recommendations: [\(Listen\)](#) | [View Presentation](#) The Chairman called on Mr. Bob Ellis of the Wildlife Bureau to present the Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose & Teal Seasons Bag Limits. Mr. Ellis presented the Webless Migratory Game Bird, Early Goose & Teal Seasons Bag Limits - Federal Frameworks & Staff Recommendations. Following the presentation a discussion was held by the Committee, Executive Director and Staff.

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

Mr. Terry Wagner, Powhatan, Virginia, spoke regarding the Woodcock seasons. The Chairman thanked Mr. Wagner for his remarks and attendance at the meeting today.

Mr. Wilmer Stoneman, who represented the Farm Bureau, spoke regarding Canada Goose Season.

The Chairman called for a motion from the Committee to recommend that the Board adopt the staff recommendations as presented. Ms. Caruso made the following motion: I move that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the 2011-2012 Webless Migratory Gamebird, September Canada Goose, and September Teal Seasons and Bag Limits and the Falconry Seasons as presented by staff pending further public comment and to further authorize staff to modify seasons and bag limits, if necessary, to comply with the established Federal Frameworks.

Mr. Reed thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

Tracking Dog Regulation Proposals - Update Public Comments/Staff Recommendations:

[\(Listen | View Presentation\)](#) The Chairman called on Mr. Cale Godfrey to give an update on the Tracking Dog Regulation Proposals and present the staff recommendations. Mr. Godfrey presented the background on the Tracking Dog Regulation, public comments and staff recommendations. Mr. Godfrey covered the following Virginia Code Sections affected by the new regulation and presented staff's final recommendations.

Impacted DGIF Regulation Sections

4VAC 15-50-70 Game. Bear: Bow and arrow hunting
4VAC 15-50-71 Game. Bear: Muzzleloading gun hunting
4VAC 15-50-110 Game. Bear: Use of dogs in hunting bear
4VAC 15-90-23 Game. Deer: Youth deer hunting day
4VAC 15-90-70 Game. Deer: Bow and arrow hunting
4VAC 15-90-80 Game. Deer: Muzzleloading gun hunting
4VAC 15-90-260 Game. Deer: Hunting with dogs prohibited in certain counties or areas.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. Following the discussion the Chairman called for a motion from the Committee to recommend that the Board adopt the regulation amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Mr. Turner made the following motion for Bear:

Bear

4VAC 15-50-70 Game. Bear: Bow and arrow hunting
4VAC 15-50-71 Game. Bear: Muzzleloading gun hunting
4VAC 15-50-110 Game. Bear: Use of dogs in hunting bear

Mr. Chairman,

I move the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend that the Board adopt the regulation amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Reed, Caruso and Turner.

Mr. Turner made the following motion for Deer:

4VAC 15-90-23 Game. Deer: Youth deer hunting day
4VAC 15-90-70 Game. Deer: Bow and arrow hunting
4VAC 15-90-80 Game. Deer: Muzzleloading gun hunting
4VAC 15-90-260 Game. Deer: Hunting with dogs prohibited

Mr. Chairman,

I move the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend that the Board adopt the regulation amendments as final in the form they were proposed.

Motion Seconded by Ms. Caruso. Ayes: Reed, Caruso and Turner.

The Chairman thanked Mr. Godfrey for his presentation.

Following Mr. Godfrey's presentation, the Chairman called for a short break. Mr. Reed called the meeting back to order and called on Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts for his presentation.

Law Enforcement Report: ([Listen](#) | [View Presentation](#)) As a follow-up from the June 7, 2011 Board Meeting, Colonel Watts reported on the activities of the Law Enforcement Bureau for the period of January 1, 2011- June 30, 2011. Highlighted in this report were: Number of Total incoming calls, CPO patrols, Hunting/Boat/Fish/Trapping Violations.

Colonel Watts also covered information regarding:

- **§18.2-132 Trespass to Hunt/Fish**
- **§18.2-134 Trespass to Hunt/Fish - posted**
- **§29.1-335 Hunt/Trap/Fish without license**

Operation Dry Water was conducted from June 24-June 30th. 116 Officers participated for a total of 1868 hours.

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

Wildlife Bureau Report: ([Listen](#)) Mr. David Whitehurst, Division Director for the Wildlife Bureau, provided the Committee with an update on the Bureau re-organization.

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

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

- Current Hiring Freeze
- Kill Permit Stakeholder Meetings
- Quail Management Project
- Friends of the Wildlife Management Areas
- Public Access Initiatives
- State Record Blue Catfish
- Employee Appreciation Day/Flying Squirrels Baseball game

The Chairman thanked the Director for his report.

Chairman's Remarks: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman thanked the staff for their support and dedication during his term as Chairman. He also reported on the recent site visit for the on-going elk restoration project. The Chairman asked staff to follow up on comments made during a recent public hearing on hunting vs. fishing on Lake Albemarle.

Additional Business/Comments: ([Listen](#)) The Chairman called for additional business and/or comments from the Committee. Mr. Turner commended the staff for their presentations during a recent meeting held in Bath County.

Adjournment: ([Listen](#)) Hearing no further comment from the Committee, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Caruso made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move 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