

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

**August 19, 2008
9:00am**

Present: C. T. Hill, Chairman, Dr. William T. Greer, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Mary Louisa Pollard, Richard E. Railey, Jr., Ward Burton, Sherry Smith Crumley, Randy Kozuch, Charles Yates, Thomas Stroup and James W. Hazel; **Absent:** John W. Montgomery, Jr.; **Director:** Robert “Bob” W. Duncan; **Legal Counsel:** Roger Chaffe; **Senior Staff:** Gary Martel, David Whitehurst, Charlie Sledd, Ray Davis, Colonel Dabney “Dee” Watts and Lee Walker.

The Chairman welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 9:00am. The Pledge of Allegiance was lead by Ms. Mary Louisa Pollard and the Mission Statement was read into the minutes of the meeting by Ms. Sherry Smith Crumley.

Recognition of Employees and Others: The Chairman called upon Mr. Bob Duncan for the Recognition of Employees. Mr. Duncan recognized Mr. Charlie Sledd of the Office of Planning and Budget to introduce Ms. Kristy Wharton. Ms. Wharton is the new Budget Analyst Senior for the Department.

Colonel Dee Watts presented the National Wildlife Officer of the Year Award to Sgt. Charlie Mullins.

Mr. Duncan presented the Director’s Volunteer Award to Mr. John Dodson and Mr. Lew Austin. Mr. Dodson and Mr. Austin are volunteer instructors in the Hunter Education Program. The Virginia Hunter Education Association presented Henry Rifles to Mr. Dodson and Mr. Austin as a token of their appreciation for hours worked.

Public Comments Non Agenda Items: The Chairman stated those who had registered to speak on agenda items would be recognized during those portions of the meeting. The Chairman stated if you are representing a group or organization, you have 5 minutes and if you are speaking as an individual, you have 3 minutes.

Mr. Wes Coltrane, Norlina, North Carolina, who represents the Atlantic Region of Quail Unlimited, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Quail Action Plan. Mr. Coltrane stated the success of the plan was dependant upon the increased habitat and predator control.

Mr. Lanny Woolfolk, Bumpass, Virginia, who represents the Central Virginia Chapter of Quail Unlimited, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Quail Action Plan. Mr. Woolfolk also spoke in favor of the sale of the Habitat Stamp provided the promotion of the stamp clearly stated that funds from the stamp would be dedicated to the management of the Quail Action Plan.

Mr. Keith Toler, Mechanicsville, Virginia, who represents the Virginia State Council of Quail Unlimited, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Quail Action Plan and the sale of the Habitat Stamp to be used as additional funding to implement the Quail Action Plan.

Mr. James Covais, Spotsylvania, Virginia, who represents the Virginia Trappers Association, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Quail Action Plan and stated the association would help promote the predator control portion of the plan.

Ms. Jenny West, Norge, Virginia, who represents the Wildlife Foundation of Virginia, spoke in favor of the adoption of the Quail Action Plan. The Foundation looks forward to their continued participation in the plan to promote public hunting on their land.

Mr. Floyd Smith, Goochland, Virginia, spoke regarding the Hunting with Hounds Study.

Approval of Meeting Minutes: The Chairman stated the minutes of the meeting have been distributed for review and posted to the web site. He called for discussion and approval of the July 17, 2008 minutes. Mr. Yates asked for the following correction to be made in his remarks. On draft page 8 of draft page 23, the paragraph read:

Mr. Yates echoed Mr. Burton's remarks and stated that the Quail Management Plan means absolutely nothing if it is not aggressively implemented and available funding. The shifting of resources and priorities to support the plan is not acceptable but the need to find additional funding sources to implement the program is necessary in order for the plan to succeed. The previous plan was not a success due to the lack of funding and resources.

Mr. Yates requested that "is not" be changed to "may be". The paragraph will now read:
Mr. Yates echoed Mr. Burton's remarks and stated that the Quail Management Plan means absolutely nothing if it is not aggressively implemented and available funding. The shifting of resources and priorities to support the plan may be acceptable but the need to find additional funding sources to implement the program is necessary in order for the plan to succeed. The previous plan was not a success due to the lack of funding and resources.

The Chairman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting as amended. Mr. Yates made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I move the minutes of the meeting be approved as corrected. Motion Seconded by Mr. Hazel. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

Migratory Waterfowl Season 2008-2009: The Chairman called upon Mr. Bob Ellis, Wildlife Division Director to present the Migratory Waterfowl Season 2008-2009.

Mr. Ellis gave the following presentation:

For all migratory waterfowl, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service provides the season and bag limit frameworks within which the Department may select certain options. The frameworks and bag limits for the 2008-09 waterfowl seasons were established at the Fish and Wildlife Service's Regulation Committee (SRC) on July 30th and 31st. Several changes in seasons and bag limits for ducks and geese were proposed by the SRC.

Noteable changes in the frameworks were in the duck bag limit where the number of wood ducks in the bag was increased from 2 to 3, Scaup (bluebill) bag limit was reduced from 2 to 1 for a period of 40 days and remained 2 for the remaining 20 days of the season and Canvasback ducks was closed for the entire season. The Canada goose bag limit went up from 2 to 3 in the western goose zone for a portion of the season and Atlantic Brant season increased from 50 day season to a 60 day season with 3 birds in the bag up from 2 last year. Overall duck and goose numbers and habitat conditions in the breeding areas declined over last year, however, most species

remained above their long term breeding population average. Species such as scaup and pintail still showed long-term declines. Canvasbacks also showed a substantial decline from a record breeding population last year to a level that with any predicted harvest this year would put it below the allowable breeding population for next year, thus a closed season was adopted.

These changes and the overall status of waterfowl populations and habitat conditions and the Federal waterfowl season frameworks were discussed at a public input meeting held on August 4, 2008 at the department's headquarters. Sixteen individuals attended the public meeting and provided input on their preferences for season and bag limits within the given frameworks. In addition, comments were received by email.

Mr. Ellis presented the 2008-09 Federal Waterfowl Frameworks and Staff Recommendations:

DUCKS

Federal Framework:

Outside Dates: September 27-January 25

Season Length: 60 days; plus 2 Youth Waterfowl Hunt Days

Bag Limit: Daily Bag limit of 6 ducks and may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 hens), 4 scoters, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 black duck, 1 pintail, 1 scaup for 40 days, 2 scaup for 20 days, 1 mottled duck, and 1 fulvous whistling duck.

Closed Season on Canvasback and Harlequin duck.

The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

Split Season Options: 3-way split season, no zones.

Shooting Hours: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset daily.

DUCKS

Staff Recommendation:

Season Length: 60 hunting days; plus 1 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day

Season Dates: October 9-13 Black Duck closed
October 25 Youth Waterfowl Hunting Day
Nov. 15-Nov. 29
Dec. 6-January 24

Bag Limit: Daily Bag limit of 5 ducks which may include no more than 4 mallards (only 2 hen mallards), 4 scoters, 3 wood ducks, 2 redheads, 1 pintail, 1 black duck (except closed during Oct. 9-13), 1 scaup (Oct. 9-13, Nov. 15-29, Dec. 6-Jan. 1), 2 scaup (Jan. 2-24), 1 mottled duck, 1 fulvous whistling duck.

Closed season on Canvasback and Harlequin duck.

The possession limit is twice the daily bag limit.

MERGANSERS

Federal Framework

Option A:

Season Length: 60 days

Outside Dates: September 27-January 25

Bag Limit: 5 birds daily, only 2 hooded merganser (10 in possession, only 4 mergansers)

Option B:

Mergansers included in the general duck bag (limit on hooded mergansers applies)

Staff Recommendations:

Merganser:

Option A: Separate bag limit not included with ducks.

Season Dates: Same as Ducks

Bag Limit: 5 daily, only 2 may be hooded mergansers (10 in possession, only 4 may be hooded mergansers).

SEA DUCK SEASON IN SEA DUCK ZONE

Federal Framework

Sea Ducks-(Scoter, Long-tailed Duck, and Eider):

Season Length: 107 days
Outside Dates: September 15-January 31
Bag Limit: 7 birds daily (14 in possession), but may include no more than 4 scoters (8 in possession).

Sea Duck Zone: Those waters at a distance greater than 800 yards from any shore, island or emergent vegetation in the following area; the ocean waters of Virginia, the tidal waters of Northampton and Accomack Counties, and the Chesapeake Bay and each of it’s tributaries up to the first highway bridge. Back Bay and its tributaries are not included in the Sea Duck Zone.

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COOT, GALLINULE & MOORHEN SEASONS

Federal Framework:

Coot:
Season Length: 60 hunting days
Outside Date: September 27-January 25
Bag Limit: 15 daily (30 in possession).

Gallinule/Moorhen:

Season Length: 70 hunting days
Outside Dates: September 1-January 25
Bag Limit: 15 daily (30 in possession)

Staff Recommendations:

Coot:
Season Dates: Same as Ducks.
Bag Limit: 15 daily (30 in possession).

Gallinule/Moorhen:

Season dates: Same as Ducks
Bag limit: 15 daily (30 in possession).

Mr. Ellis discussed a change in the Federal framework that was not included in the Board's packet. The change was the inclusion of the Atlantic Resident Population Zone west of the Southern James Bay Population Zone. The ARP Zone's framework is from November 15 to March 10 up to 80 days and 5 bird bag limit. Mr. Ellis showed maps of the zones.

CANADA GOOSE SEASONS

Federal Framework:

Western Zone:

Southern James Bay Unit:

Regular Season: Nov. 15-Jan 14 (up to 40 hunting days)
Extended Season: Jan. 15-Feb. 15
Bag Limit: 3 per day through January 14
 5 per day from January 15-February 15

Atlantic Flyway Resident Unit:

Regular Season: Nov. 15-March 10 (up to 80 hunting days)
Bag limit: 5 per day

Atlantic Population Zone:

Regular Season: Nov. 15-Jan. 31 (up to 45 hunting days)
Split Season Options: 2-way split season
Bag Limit: 2 per day

Back Bay

Season Dates: Last 30 days of AP Season (up to 30 days)
Split Season Options: no splits allowed
Bag Limit: 2 per day
Special Requirements: None this year

Staff Recommendations:

Western Zone (Maintain as a single unit):

Regular Season:	Season Dates	Bag Limit
	Nov. 15-Nov. 29	3/day
	Dec. 15-Jan. 14	3/day
Extended Season:	Jan. 15-Feb. 14	5/day

Atlantic Population Zone:

Regular Season:	Season Dates	Bag Limit
	Nov. 15-Nov. 29	2/day
	Dec. 19-Jan. 24	2/day

Back Bay:

Experimental Season:	Season Dates	Bag Limit
	Dec. 22-Jan 24	2/day

Shooting Hours in all zones: ½ hour before sunrise until sunset daily

SNOW GOOSE and ATLANTIC BRANT SEASONS

Federal Framework:

Snow Goose:

Season Length: 107 Days
Outside Dates: October 1-March 10
Split Season Option: 3-way split season
Bag Limit: 15 daily (no possession limit)

Atlantic Brant:

Season Length: 60 days
Outside Dates: September 27-January 31
Split Season Option: 2-way split season
Bag Limit: 3 birds daily (6 in possession)

Staff Recommendation:

Snow Goose:

Season Dates: Oct. 31-Nov. 29
Dec. 6-March 10
Bag Limit: 15 daily (no possession limit)

Mr. Ellis indicated that staff would recommend a change in the ending date for Brant to Jan 29 to allow for the full 60 day season framework. Mr. Ellis indicated this extension would also provide for some overlap with the Sea Duck Season that last week of January. He indicated Brant and Sea Ducks are often hunted in the same areas such as Eastern Shore.

Atlantic Brant:

Season Dates: Nov. 15-Nov. 29
Dec. 6- Jan. 24
Bag Limit: 3 birds daily (6 in possession)

TUNDRA SWAN SEASON

Federal Frameworks

Season Length: 90 days
Outside Dates: October 1-January 31: State Agency may issue up to 600 permits in Virginia and must obtain harvest and hunter participation data. Each permittee is authorized to take only one (1) tundra swan per person.
Bag Limit: One per permittee per season.

Staff Recommendations:

Season Dates: December 1 –January 31
Bag Limit: One per permittee per season.
Hunt Area: All counties and portions of counties lying east of U. S. Route I-95 and south of the Prince William/Stafford county line in Chopawamsic Creek at Quantico Marine Corps Base.

FALCONRY

Federal Frameworks:

Season Length: 107 Days. No combination of falconry and firearms hunting can exceed 107 days for any species. Not to exceed three segments outside the regular season.

Outside Dates: September 1-March 10

Bag Limit: 3 daily (6 in possession)

Note: **Falconry (for waterfowl) is not permitted on Sunday by Federal Law.**

Staff Recommendation – Recommended dates based on adoption of preceding proposals; if amended, staff requests permission to re-calculate dates for each species within the allowable federal framework

DUCKS, MERGANSERS, COOT, MOORHEN AND GALLINULE:

Season Dates: Oct. 9-13
Nov. 15-Feb. 21

CANADA GOOSE:

Season Dates: Nov. 15-Feb. 14

BRANT AND SNOW GOOSE:

Season Dates: Oct. 31-Nov. 29
Dec. 6-March 10

Bag Limit for all species: 3 daily

Upon conclusion of Mr. Ellis' presentation, The Chairman called for discussion on the recommendations presented. A brief discussion was held by the Board and Staff regarding the Waterfowl Season for Goose.

Public Comments: The Chairman called for any public comments regarding the proposed regulations and staff recommendations.

Mr. Wilmer Stoneman, Richmond, Virginia, who represents the Virginia Farm Bureau spoke regarding the modification of the Goose Season Recommendation. Mr. Stoneman stated that the members of the Virginia Farm Bureau would like to see the daily bag limit for Canada geese (in the Eastern zone) increased from 2 to 3 to address agriculture depredation in that portion of the state. He also noted that extending the season would also help farmers deal with goose problems. In addition to these request, they would also like to see the Canada goose zone boundary follow county lines rather than roads. A copy the recommendations were distributed to the Board.

Following Mr. Stoneman's comments, a brief discussion was held by the Board and staff regarding these suggestions. Mr. Ellis stated that these regulations were set by the U S Fish and Wildlife Services. They are currently listed in the Federal Registry and public comment on these regulations is open. Mr. Ellis indicated the Farm Bureau could comment on the Goose Season as well as the Board could direct Staff to draft a comment on the Goose Season Frameworks.

At the conclusion of Mr. Stoneman's remarks, a brief discussion was held and Mr. Hazel made the following motion: Mr. Chairman, I hereby move that the Board direct the staff to prepare a comment to be submitted to the Federal Registry regarding the Goose Season Recommendation. Motion Seconded by Ms. Crumley: Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a motion to adopt the 2008 -2009 Waterfowl Seasons and Bag Limits and the Falconry Seasons as presented. Ms. Crumley made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board adopt the 2008-2009 Waterfowl Seasons and Bag Limits and the Falconry Seasons as presented by staff and to further authorize staff to modify seasons and bag limits, if necessary, to comply with the necessary, to comply with the established Federal Frameworks. Motion Seconded by: Dr. Greer. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

The Chairman called for a short break at 10:31am and was called back to order at 10:38am.

Committee Reports: The Chairman stated that the Finance, Audit and Compliance Committee has not met since the July 15, 2008 Board meeting. He called upon Mr. Duncan to present the FY 2008 year end report. Mr. Davis presented the Financial Report for the first month of FY 2009. The Chairman thanked Mr. Duncan and Mr. Davis for their reports.

The Education, Planning and Outreach Committee has not met since the July 15, 2008 Board Meeting.

The Wildlife and Boat Committee has not met since the July 15, 2008 Board Meeting.

The Chairman reminded the Committee Chairs to review their charters regarding the meeting schedule.

Director's Report: The Chairman called upon Mr. Duncan to present his report to the Board.

Mr. Duncan stated he had attended and participated in the recent Outdoor Show (which was celebrating its 25th Anniversary) held at the Showplace in Richmond, Virginia. There were approximately 20,000 persons in attendance and over 60 staff assisted with the agency's display and exhibit efforts. Mr. Duncan thanked the Board for their participation in this event. Mr. Duncan reported total gross receipts for items sold during this event came to approximately \$33,000.

During the October 4th Homecoming Game at Virginia Tech, the Information and Education Section will be distributing information on the Apprentice Hunting License. Be sure and look for staff in the blaze orange vest!

Mr. Duncan also reported that work is progressing on the Coursey Springs Hatchery and work will soon begin on Laurel Bed Lake.

Mr. Duncan called upon Mr. Tom Wilcox to provide the Board with an update on the Complementary Workforce and introduced the regional coordinators. Mr. Wilcox thanked the Board for their support.

Mr. David Whitehurst provided the Board with information on the Climate Change Workshop to be held in October. A growing body of research indicates that climatic warming will likely have profound impacts on Virginia's wildlife and wildlife habitats. Wildlife Diversity personnel, working with the National Wildlife Federation and the Virginia Conservation Network, have initiated an effort to develop adaptation strategies to help conserve species and habitats as the climate warms. This planning process will include a partner workshop in to be held in October 2008 and a second partner workshop in 2009. This process will be completed by the end of October 2009 and is being funded by a grant awarded to the National Wildlife Federation by the Wildlife Conservation Society. Once completed, these adaptation strategies will be used to supplement Virginia's Wildlife Action Plan. The Board and Director have been invited to attend the October 2008 workshop.

Mr. Bob Ellis provided the Board information on the Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) Surveillance and Management Plan for 2008-2009. Mr. Ellis stated that the CWD active area surveillance will be in Frederick County west of Interstate-81 and Shenandoah County west of Interstate-81, and north of route 675. These are the areas of Virginia closest to the CWD detections in Hampshire County, West Virginia. Voluntary sampling of hunter-harvested deer from this area will be conducted. Samples will be obtained by staffing local meat processing facilities, in particular, T and R Processor on the following days:

- November 1, 2008 (Opening of muzzleloader season)
- November 15, 2008 (opening of general firearms season)
- November 17, 2008
- January 3, 2009 (last day of deer season)

The plan is to collect approximately 1,000 samples from this area.

Additional sampling will be conducted in a Response Plan Surveillance Area that includes the area of Virginia within a 5 mile radius of the nearest CWD positive case in Yellow Spring/Hawk Run, West, Virginia. Sampling of hunter-harvested deer from this area for CWD will be **mandatory** on the following days:

- November 1, 2008 (opening of muzzleloader season)
- November 15, 2008 (opening of general firearms season)
- November 17, 2008
- January 3, 2009 (last day of deer season).

A hunter who harvests a deer in the response surveillance area will be required to bring the deer to either Graden's Supermarket or Gore Grocery check stations for sampling. The telephone checking system may still be used to report the harvest. These check stations will be staffed by VDGIF personnel on these designated days.

Road-killed deer within this area will be collected and sampled opportunistically. Roads and gates to National Forest land in this area may be staffed on additional days for voluntary sampling of hunter harvested deer. Deer collected using kill-permits will be sampled opportunistically.

The Department will also work with local landowners and hunt clubs to sample additional hunter-harvested deer. The Winchester Conservation Club CWD self-service refrigerator will continue to be used. The target is to collect 200 samples from this area. Additional staff collection of deer for sampling may be conducted after the end of deer season if this sample size has not been achieved during the regular season.

4VAC15-20-220 Disease prevention, control and eradication in wildlife authorizes the director to take measures to prevent, control or eradicate the spread of diseases in the Commonwealth. In addition to the mandatory sampling described above, the Department will prohibit the rehabilitation of deer over 6 months of age from Frederick and Shenandoah Counties. Any sick and injured deer from these counties will be euthanized and tested for CWD. In addition, deer under 6 months of age from Frederick and Shenandoah Counties can only be rehabilitated and released in the county of origin.

This plan will be presented to the general public and stakeholders at a regulatory issues meeting in the region on September 10th in Middletown, Virginia. The plan and instructions for hunters will be advertised via handouts, flyers, press releases and media interviews via local newspapers, radio, TV, etc.

Mr. Duncan thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation. Mr. Duncan stated when the Department discusses mandatory checking in the designated areas it is because this disease does not recognize political subdivisions and increased efforts need to be increased to keep this disease from spreading into Virginia. Sampling needs to occur to provide adequate statistics. Mr. Duncan does expect to receive complaints regarding this plan. Hunters can still telecheck their heads but in the designated areas they will need to submit their heads for testing. Mr. Ellis stated he believes there will be cooperation from the hunters. Meetings will be held in the area to make sure everyone knows the process. The authority given the Department by the General Assembly is not taken lightly when trying to prevent this disease.

Mr. Rick Busch provided the Board with an update on the Hunting with Hounds Study. Post cards have been made and distributed to the public with the location of the Public Meeting Schedule.

Mr. Lou Verner of the Wildlife Diversity Division presented information on the Virginia Master Naturalist Program. The Department has been instrumental in the development, operation and success of the Virginia Master Naturalist Program since 2005. The VMN Program is a statewide corps of volunteers providing education, outreach, and service dedicated to the beneficial management of natural resources and natural areas within their communities. The VMN Program has been an outstanding success. There are currently 21 established VMN Chapters across the Commonwealth with 4 more scheduled to begin in 2008. In 2006-2007, Master Naturalist volunteers provided over 19,000 hours of service valued at over \$382,000. Much of this service was returned to the 5 statewide sponsors, including many projects with the Department. A copy of the VMN 2007 Annual Report was provided to the Board for their review.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their hard work and reports.

Chairman's Remarks: The Chairman stated he appreciated the Director's and staff's efforts to increase the marketing efforts and visibility of the Department.

The Chairman thanked the staff and constituents for their support and participation during the Board Meetings.

The Chairman announced the Sixteenth Annual Eastern Shore Birding and Wildlife Festival. This year's events will include the Willis Wharf Wildlife Viewing Platform Dedication. The Board is encouraged to attend.

Closed Session: The Chairman called for the closed session motion.

At 12:17 pm, Dr. Greer made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board go into a closed meeting 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:

Possible property acquisition and disposition under the Virginia Public Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act of 2002 in the City of Richmond and the Counties of Chesterfield, Goochland, Hanover and Henrico.

And 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, appointees, or employees of the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries specifically regarding:

The performance of the Director.

Motion seconded by Mr. Stroup. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

At 1:10 pm, The Chairman called for the Certification of the Closed Session. Ms. Crumley made the following certification:

Mr. Chairman, I certify that 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 a meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law; now, therefore, be it resolved that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries hereby certifies that:

- (1) 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 (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.*

Motion Seconded by: Mr. Railey seconded the certification. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

Additional Business: The Chairman called for any additional business to come before the Board.

Mr. Hazel made the following motion:

Mr. Chairman, I move that the Board of Game and Inland Fisheries authorize the Director and staff to proceed with a Request for Proposals under the Virginia Public-Private Education Facilities' and Infrastructure Act of 2002 (VA Code, 1950, as amended, Title 56, Sections 575.1-575.18) to move our headquarters office from the 4000, 4010 and

4016 West Broad Street location to another location that meets the needs of our constituents and staff while ensuring a cost effective and efficient, safe office for our headquarters.

In addition, in order proceed under the PPEA Act, I move that the Board authorize the Director and staff to adopt, pursuant to Title 56, Section 575-3:1A, the PPEA guidelines and procedures of the Department of General Services as the Department's own; those guidelines and procedures being available to the public on the website of the Department of General Services www.dgs.virginia.gov.

Motion seconded by: Mr. Railey. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

Next Meeting Date: The Chairman announced the next meeting date: October 23, 2008.

There being no additional business, The Chairman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Stroup made the motion to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Mr. Burton. Ayes: Hill, Greer, Pollard, Railey, Burton, Crumley, Kozuch, Yates, Stroup and Hazel.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14pm.

Respectfully submitted

Beth B. Drewery
Board Secretary