

**Meeting Minutes**  
**Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee**  
**Board of Game and Inland Fisheries**  
**4000 West Broad Street, Board Room**  
**Richmond, Virginia 23230**  
**June 27, 2012**  
**1:00pm**

**Present:** Ms. Lisa Caruso, Madam Chairwoman; **Committee Members:** Mr. Charles Yates and Mr. Garry Gray; **Absent:** Mr. Ben Davenport; **Board Members:** Mr. Curtis Dixon Colgate and Mr. Leon Turner; **Executive Director:** Mr. Robert "Bob" Duncan; **Senior Leadership Team:** Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts, Mr. David Whitehurst, Mr. Lee Walker and Mr. Tom Gelozin.

The Chairwoman called the meeting to order at 1:00pm and noted for the record that a quorum was present.

The Chairwoman called for Public Comment and hearing none, moved forward with the agenda.

**Approval of the May 15, 2012 Meeting Minutes:** The Chairwoman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 minutes. Mr. Gray made the following motion: Madam Chair, I move the minutes be approved as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Yates. Ayes: Caruso, Yates and Gray.

**Law Enforcement Update:** Colonel Dabney "Dee" Watts provided the Committee an update on the Law Enforcement Division. Topics included:

- Operation Dry Water
- Statewide Outreach Activities

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff. The Chairwoman thanked the Colonel for the update.

**Webless Season Frameworks and Staff Recommendations:** Mr. Bob Ellis presented to the Committee the 2012-2013 Webless Migratory Gamebirds, Falconry, September Canada Goose and September Teal Seasons.

A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff.

**The Chairwoman called for a motion: Mr. Yates made the following motion:**

**Madam Chair, I move that the Wildlife and Boat Committee recommend that the Board adopt the 2012-2013 Webless Migratory Gamebird, September Canada Goose, and September Teal 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 established Federal Frameworks. Motion seconded by Mr. Gray. Ayes: Caruso, Yates and Gray.**

**Mr. Whitehurst noted for the record following the motion the correct title of the Committee should be “Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement” not Wildlife and Boat as stated in the approved motion.**

**Wildlife Regulations Development Process:** Mr. Ellis presented the 2013-2014 Hunting and Trapping Regulation Process. The process is outlined below:

### **Timelines**

- Now—constituent contacts**
- July 1 -- public input Scoping period opens-- forms on web**
- July-Nov -- make contact with constituent groups or individuals, assess concerns or ideas for changes, utilizing format on input form.**
- Nov. 1-- public input period closes**
- Nov-Jan - committees develop recommendations, have internal meetings, continue to meet with constituent groups**
- Mid- Feb - STAFF Core group meets**
- Late Feb -- Finalize staff recommendation AG review of each recommendation**
- Mid- March W&B meeting - date tbd – staff recommendations presented**
- Late March Board Meeting – date TBD**
- Early April –public meetings**
- Mid- June Board Meeting – date tbd**
- Proposals presented for final board approval**

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Ellis for his presentation.

**Boating Access Grants to Localities Program:** Mr. Steve Kesler, Boating Grant Coordinator presented information on the Boating Access Grants to Localities Program. It is anticipated this program will be implemented in the 2013 Fiscal Year. A discussion was held by the Committee, Director and Staff.

The Chairwoman thanked Mr. Kesler for his presentation.

**The Chairwoman asked if there were members of the audience who would like to speak regarding the staff recommendations.**

### **Public Comment:**

Mr. Wilmer Stoneman, Richmond, Virginia, who represented the Farm Bureau, spoke regarding the Teal and Goose seasons.

**Bureau Update:** Mr. David Whitehurst provided the Committee with an update on the activities of the Bureau of Wildlife Resources. Mr. Whitehurst reported on the following topics:

- Division Staffing Levels
- Vic Thomas Hatchery
- Strategic Planning for Division

**Director's Comments:** The Director reported on the following items:

- Federal Duck Stamp Event at the Bass Pro Shop located in Hampton, Virginia on June 29, 2012.
- Meeting with the new Forest Supervisor, Mr. Tom Speaks
- Updates on the current Legislative Study Summaries. (Mr. Duncan will distribute list)

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**Chairwoman's Remarks:** Ms. Lisa Caruso, who serves as the Chair for the Committee gave these departing remarks:

"This is my last meeting as Chair of the Wildlife, Boat and Law Enforcement Committee and I will miss it very much. You never cease to impress me with your institutional knowledge, your organization and it has made it very delightful to be the Chair of this Committee. I will be the Chair of the Education, Planning and Outreach Committee. Thank you again and it has been very rewarding for me.

Mr. Whitehurst stated on behalf of the staff it has been a pleasure to work with her and the Committee during the year.

**Additional Business/Comments:**

Mr. Ellis stated the Agency will be hosting the Atlantic Flyaway Council meeting in July. The meeting will be held at Kingsmill located in Williamsburg.

**Next Meeting Date:** The Chairwoman announced the next meeting of the Committee would be held on August 7, 2012.

**Adjournment:** The Chairwoman called for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Yates made the following motion: Madam Chair, I hereby move that the meeting be adjourned. Motion seconded by: Mr. Gray. Ayes: Caruso, Yates and Gray.

Respectfully submitted,

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