Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
Atlanta, GA 30334

August 30, 2016

Attending:

Committee Members
Aaron McWhorter, Chairman
Dwight Davis (via conference call)
Dwight Evans
Mike Phelps
Philip Watt
Phil Wilheit
William Bagwell, Board Chair, ex-officio

Staff Members
Mark Williams
Walter Rabon
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Dave Crass
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Col. Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
John Biagi
John Bowers
Karl Burgess
Lt. Wayne Hubbard
Capt. Johnny Johnson
Capt. Bob Lynn
Jan McKinnon
Maj. Stephen Adams
Lt. Col. Jeff Weaver
Antoinette Norfleet
Mark Walker
Richard Dunn
Lauren Curry
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Doraldyn Kirkland
Dika Kuoh
Chuck Mueller

The August 30, 2016 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chairman William Bagwell.
Chairman Bagwell called on Aaron McWhorter, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee.

Mr. McWhorter called on John Bowers, Chief of Game Management of the Wildlife Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations for Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) and Other State Lands, Chapter 391-4-2-.70.

Mr. Bowers stated that he has one action item to bring before the Board today, concerning the Alapaha River WMA. He further stated that this is a newly acquired property consisting of 6,780 acres located in Irwin County. He added that it is also bordered on one side by the Alapaha River.

Mr. Bowers stated the Board was briefed in detail at the June meeting. He further stated that a public hearing was held on July 28 in Tifton, Georgia. He added that comments were also submitted electronically.

Mr. Bowers stated that the comments were supportive. He requested favorable consideration of the proposed regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Watt, seconded by Mr. Evans and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Rules for WMAs and Other State Lands, Chapter 391-4-2-.70, as presented.

Mr. McWhorter called on John Biagi, Chief of Fisheries Management of the Wildlife Resources Division, to present the proposed amendments to Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3-.05, Creel and Possession Limits.

Mr. Biagi stated that the Board was briefed in June about the walleye creel limit change for Lake Blue Ridge. He further stated that a public hearing was held on July 14 and 13 comments were received. He added that the public comments were strongly supportive.

Mr. Biagi stated that the comments mirrored the survey done earlier in the year. He further stated that he requests favorable consideration of the proposed regulations.

A motion was made by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Watt and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-4-3-.05, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.