

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

May 19, 2020
9:00 a.m.
(Via Teleconference Call)

Attendees:

Committee Members

Joe Hatfield, Chair
Dwight Evans, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Duncan Johnson
Ray Lambert
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Mike Phelps
Dee Yancey
Nancy Addison, Board Chairman, Ex-officio

Board Members

Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Miki Thomaston

Guests

Ryan Gesser, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Josh Hildebrandt
Cathy Barnette
Amber Carter
Artica Gaston
Courtney Hall
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Tina Johannsen
Mike Burgamy

Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Karen Hays

The May 19, 2020 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Chair Nancy Addison.

Chair Addison called on Mr. Joe Hatfield, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee. Mr. Hatfield called on Tina Johannsen, Assistant Chief, Game Management, Wildlife Resources Division (WRD).

Ms. Johannsen stated the Board was briefed in March on the proposed amendments, which are pertaining to harvest recording and reporting requirements; general regulations for hunting alligators; alligator seasons, zones, quotas, and limits; and relating to wildlife management areas, other state lands, and federal areas.

Ms. Johannsen stated the proposed changes include alligators in the department's harvest reporting system and will eliminate the need for temporary tags, mailing harvest tags and requiring hunters to physically check alligators at an agency office. She further stated the harvest reporting period will be adjusted from 72 hours to 24 hours and the proposed changes will expand alligator harvest opportunity to include Fort Stewart. She added that hunting opportunities on state-managed public lands will be adjusted at Standing Boy Creek relative to doves and to the Hilliard Tract of the Chattahoochee Fall Line WMA relative to doves and deer.

A motion was made by Mr. Bagwell, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend the Board approve the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Subject 391-4-2.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.