

**Minutes
Wildlife Resources Committee
Hard Labor Creek State Park
Golf Course Conference Room
1400 Knox Chapel Road
Social Circle, GA 30025**

**May 25, 2021
9:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Patrick Denney, Vice Chair
William Bagwell
Randy Dellinger
Dwight Evans
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Tim Lowe
Billy New
Gary Vowell
Dee Yancey, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nancy Addison
Bill Jones
Ray Lambert
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston

Guests

Blake Raulerson, Governor's Office

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Kate Iannuzzi
Josh Hildebrandt
Cathy Barnette
Artica Gaston
Thomas Barnard
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Tina Johannsen
John Bowers

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams

The May 25, 2021 meeting of the Wildlife Resources Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Patrick Denney, Vice Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee, in the absence of Nick Ayers, Chairman of the Wildlife Resources Committee. Mr. Denney called on Dr. Tina Johannsen, Assistant Chief, Game Management, to present the proposed amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2.

Dr. Johannsen stated the proposed changes to Hunting Regulations for the 2021-2023 hunting seasons include amendments to reflect statutory changes, add bears to Game Check reporting requirements, make changes to the statewide turkey season dates and bag limits, amend antler restrictions, allow youth to use rifles during bear primitive weapons season, regulate hunting and other activities on WMAs and other public lands, and housekeeping changes.

Dr. Johannsen stated the proposals were discussed at the March meeting prior to publicizing these regulatory changes. She further stated the comments received from the public were generally supportive.

Dr. Johannsen requested a favorable consideration.

A motion was made by Mr. Denney, seconded by Mr. Evans, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the Proposed Amendments to Hunting Regulations, Chapter 391-4-2, Pertaining to Hunting Regulations, as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.