

**ADVISORY COUNCIL ON WILDLIFE & FRESHWATER FISH
MINUTES
TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2009
Richardson and Robbins Building Auditorium
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ADVISORY COUNCIL

1. Edward A. Montague, Chair
2. J. Richard Berry, Vice Chair
3. Ted Palmer
4. Wayne G. Steele
5. Al Townsend (Absent)
6. Raymond F. Burris
7. Robert C. Nichols (Absent)
8. Neal Dukes
9. Garrett Grier, Jr.

DIVISION OF FISH & WILDLIFE

1. Greg Moore
2. Pat Emory
3. Joe Rogerson
4. Rob Hossler
5. Karen Kennedy
6. Matt DiBona

PUBLIC

12 Visitors

Taped micro-cassettes of this meeting are available for listening at the Richardson & Robbins Building in Dover. For further information contact the Wildlife Section. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by Chairman Montague.

Agenda Item 1. Approval of Minutes (Chairman Montague).

A motion was made and voted unanimously to approve the June 30, 2009 minutes as written.

Agenda Item 2. Status of Waterfowl Video (Greg Moore).

Greg Moore showed a U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service DVD regarding the status of waterfowl for 2009.

Agenda Item 3. Setting of Waterfowl Season Dates 2008-2009 (Greg Moore).

Mr. Moore distributed copies of the Proposed Waterfowl Season Dates for 2009-2010 which were discussed at the February and March Advisory Council meetings. The January Advisory Council meeting which normally starts the season selection was cancelled due to the weather. Mr. Moore also provided copies of a handout entitled, "Delaware's Waterfowl Seasons – How They Are Set" to the Council members and audience.

Mr. Moore reviewed the season selection cycle and then presented the early season migratory bird hunting season dates. Because of the early summer Federal due

date, these early seasons have already been submitted to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. Therefore, this review was for information purposes only. Mr. Moore reviewed dove, resident Canada goose, early teal, the youth hunt, sea duck, rail, snipe and woodcock seasons as adopted at the March Advisory Council Meeting. One change was noted, the early teal season is a new 16 day season which runs from September 2 – September 19, 2009.

Mr. Moore followed with the proposed late season selections offered by the Division. The proposed seasons did not differ from the base seasons selected in March with the exception that the duck season now includes 1 canvasback and 2 scaup in the daily duck limit.

Also the brant season was changed to open on December 4th – January 30th and the bag limit reduces from three to two.

Bombay Hook Oct. 1 - Jan. 30 Limit 15
Feb. 1 – March 13 NO LIMIT

Brant Dec. 4 – Jan. 30
Limit: 2

Migrant Canada Geese Nov. 23 – Dec. 5
Limit: 2 Dec. 19 – Jan. 26

Coots & Mergansers Same season dates as ducks

Rail/King, Clapper Sept. 4 – Nov. 12 Limit: 10
Sora, Virginia Limit: 25
Gallinules, Moorhens Limit: 15

Woodcock Nov. 23 – Dec. 12
Limit: 3 Dec. 24 – Jan. 2

Snipe Nov. 23 – Dec. 12
Limit: 8 Dec. 24 – Jan. 2

Sea Ducks Sept. 22 – Jan. 23
Limit: 7 (no more than 4 scoters)
Within designated sea duck zone (not less than 800 yards seaward of Delaware Bay shore or Atlantic Ocean)

Agenda Item 4. Legislative Update (Director Pat Emory).

Director Pat Emory gave an update on the following legislation:

- Senate Bill #163. This bill mandates that the hands-on live firing experience by a trained firearms instructor is to be part of the approved course. This was optional before. This bill was signed by the Governor on 7/8/09.
- House Bill #233. This bill transfers the duties relating to dogs from DNREC to the Counties. This bill was signed by the Governor on 7/22/09.
- House Bill #216. This bill eliminates the requirement that persons display their hunting or fishing license. This bill was passed by the House on 6/18/09 and should pass the Senate in January.
- House Bill #270. This bill grants the Department authority of fishing activities of the artificial reef sites. This bill passed the House on 6/30/09.

KUDOS:

Chairman Montague and Vice Chairman Berry recognized Greg Moore and Director Pat Emory for the smoothest run waterfowl season selection meetings in years. Chairman Montague also thanked the audience for attending the meeting. He also commented that this was the smallest attended waterfowl season selection meeting since he has been serving on the Council.

PLEASE NOTE: THE SEPTEMBER ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, HAS BEEN CHANGED

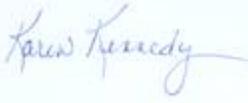
**TO MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2009 @ 7:30 IN THE DNREC
AUDITORIUM.**

AGENDA FOR THE 9/28/09 (MONDAY) ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

1. Approval of Minutes (Chairman).
2. Recognition of Former Council Members (Chairman).
3. Division Program Presentations:
 - Wildlife Section
 - Fisheries Section
 - Mosquito Control
 - Enforcement
4. Deer Plan and Survey (Joe Rogerson).

There being no further business, a motion was made, seconded and carried that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above the typed name.

Karen Kennedy
Recording Secretary