

STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF  
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Liberty Park Middle School

Vestavia Hills, Alabama

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No. 294, and Commissioner for the State of Alabama  
at Large, at the Liberty Park Middle School, 17035  
Liberty Parkway, Vestavia Hills, Alabama, on  
Saturday, March 9, 2013, commencing at  
approximately 9:00 a.m.

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1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 2 Mr. Dan L. Moultrie, Chairman
- 3 Mr. N. Gunter Guy, Jr., Commissioner
- 4 Mr. John McMillan
- 5 Dr. Gary Lemme
- 6 Mr. Bill Hatley
- 7 Mr. Austin Ainsworth
- 8 Dr. Warren Strickland
- 9 Mr. Raymond Jones, Jr.
- 10 Mr. Grady Hartzog
- 11 Mr. Joseph Dobbs, Jr.
- 12 Mr. T.J. Bunn, Jr.
- 13 Mr. Jeff Martin

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'd like for the March 9,  
2 2013, meeting of the Conservation  
3 Advisory Board to come to order. I'd  
4 like to welcome everyone to Liberty Park  
5 Middle School. The board is glad that  
6 you're able to be here today. The  
7 invocation will be given by Mr. Bill  
8 "Bubba" Bussey. Mr. Bussey.

9 MR. BUSSEY: Thank you. Join with me in  
10 prayer, please.

11 Heavenly Father, we thank you for  
12 another beautiful day today. We thank  
13 you for this place together, and we  
14 thank you for the process that we're  
15 about to undertake. Father, we've all  
16 been blessed so much that we can't even  
17 begin to thank you for all those  
18 blessings. And, Father, we ask today as  
19 we continue the job that you have given  
20 us as the gardener that you would bring  
21 us together. We have a vast group here  
22 with different expertise, different  
23 interests, and we ask that you put us

1 all together in one corridor that would  
2 serve you and that would serve the  
3 people, the hunters, the landowners in  
4 the state of Alabama in the best way  
5 possible. Father, we ask all of this in  
6 your name. Amen.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Bussey.

8 The next order of business is the  
9 introduction of the board members.

10 First I'd like to introduce our  
11 Commissioner of Conservation, Mr. Gunter  
12 Guy. Commissioner.

13 Next I'd like to introduce our  
14 Deputy Commissioner, Curtis Jones.  
15 Mr. Jones.

16 Next I'd like to introduce the  
17 current Alabama's Agricultural  
18 Commissioner, John McMillan.  
19 Commissioner.

20 We have several people in the  
21 audience I'd like to recognize: Former  
22 Commissioner of Conservation Barnett  
23 Lawley. Mr. Lawley.

1                   Former Commissioner of Conversation  
2                   Riley Smith. Riley.

3                   And first vice-president of NRA, Jim  
4                   Porter. Mr. Porter.

5                   Our other ex-officio member here  
6                   today is Dr. Gary Lemme from the Alabama  
7                   Extension Service. Dr. Lemme.

8                   And for allowing the board to use  
9                   their fine facilities here,  
10                  superintendent of the Vestavia School  
11                  System, Dr. Jamie Blair, and Jack  
12                  Pennington.

13                  Next I'd like to let the district  
14                  members of the board give their name and  
15                  which district they represent starting  
16                  at the end. Mr. Ainsworth.

17                  MR. AINSWORTH: Austin Ainsworth, District 4.

18                  MR. BUNN: T.J. Bunn, District 7.

19                  MR. MARTIN: Jeff Martin, District 3.

20                  MR. DOBBS: Joey Dobbs, District 6.

21                  MR. HARTZOG: Grady Hartzog, District 2.

22                  DR. STRICKLAND: Warren Strickland,  
23                  Congressional District 5.

1 MR. JONES: Raymond Jones, Congressional  
2 District Number 5.

3 MR. HATLEY: Bill Hatley, District 1.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Thank you.  
5 We're glad you're in attendance.

6 One other speaker -- and he hadn't  
7 arrived earlier, but if he is here, we'd  
8 like to recognize also Representative  
9 Wes Long, District 27 representative.  
10 Is he here yet?

11 He will be arriving.

12 The next order of business is the  
13 approval of the February 9th, 2013,  
14 Advisory Board minutes. Are there any  
15 changes to the minutes?

16 (No response.)

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If not, the minutes stand  
18 approved as read.

19 The next order of business is the  
20 Commissioner's comments. Commissioner  
21 Guy.

22 COMMISSIONER GUY: If everybody will indulge  
23 me one more time, I was going to do a

1 short PowerPoint on a couple of issues.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes. I think everybody  
3 really liked the PowerPoint you did  
4 before, and I've had a lot of people ask  
5 for it. So I think that would be  
6 excellent.

7 COMMISSIONER GUY: I'm going to try not to  
8 make it a practice, but I think with all  
9 the information or in some cases the  
10 misinformation, I would like to talk  
11 about a few of the issues that we have  
12 already talked about to further  
13 clarify. So I was going to ask the  
14 members if they could go down and sit.  
15 We have chairs.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That would be great.  
17 Members, if y'all would file down,  
18 please.

19 Commissioner, I forgot to  
20 introduce -- and, Mr. Hartzog, you'll be  
21 glad. We have with us today another  
22 college student in training that would  
23 like to sit with us from the University

1 of Alabama. Mr. Hartzog, I know you  
2 approve.

3 Davis Blair, if you'd raise your  
4 hand. He's from the University of  
5 Alabama and wanted to have part college  
6 credit by participating in the Advisory  
7 Board meeting. He will be our  
8 timekeeper today, and we'll keep a  
9 strict three-minute rule.

10 So, Davis, thank you for being here  
11 and participating.

12 Representative Long, we recognized  
13 you just now, but we're going to  
14 recognize you again. If you'd just wave  
15 your hand so everybody will know who you  
16 are. Thank you for your attendance  
17 today. Representative Long,  
18 District 27.

19 COMMISSIONER GUY: I'm going to come over here  
20 and talk to you. That will be the  
21 easiest way to do it.

22 (Brief interruption.)

23 COMMISSIONER GUY: All right. So while



1           they're looking for some lights to be  
2           turned off, which may help you, we're  
3           going to briefly -- I was just going to  
4           briefly run through some of the major  
5           issues for today, and I'm going to try  
6           to be quick about it. There are other  
7           issues, I think, on the agenda. But,  
8           Julie, if you would go ahead and get the  
9           first one.

10           So this is the proposed February  
11           deer season shifting area in southwest  
12           Alabama. It's the same map that we  
13           published. I've heard from a lot of  
14           different -- the department has heard  
15           from a lot of different people about  
16           this, and I'm going to try to tell you  
17           what we've heard.

18           Number one, we've heard from quite a  
19           number of people that said we like it,  
20           but you didn't put it in our county or  
21           our area. We want it extended further.  
22           So I want to be clear on the record that  
23           in that regard, for that issue, we

1           are -- as I said last time, we have to  
2           have data to support what we're doing.  
3           And, quite honestly, we don't have all  
4           the data to support it. And if we're  
5           going to do it right, which we want to  
6           do, we need that data. And we have a  
7           plan for next year -- really this year.  
8           I'm sorry. This year we'll be doing  
9           this deer field study in other counties  
10          that are not included in this map.

11                 And so my opinion is overwhelmingly  
12          people wanted the extension, but they  
13          didn't like the fact that they weren't  
14          included. Lots of people -- Barbour  
15          County -- well, I can just tell you,  
16          just about any county south of  
17          Montgomery, we got calls from people  
18          that wanted it there too. And I  
19          understand that. But we need to have  
20          the data.

21                 So the second thing that I heard  
22          from, of course, is the dog deer hunters  
23          because of the fact that we cut out ten

1 days. And I've heard you loud and clear  
2 and I understand where you're coming  
3 from. And what I've tried to explain to  
4 everybody that has an interest in that  
5 is that even though we took out ten days  
6 for both dog deer hunters and gun  
7 hunters in December, we did that because  
8 we didn't feel it was appropriate for  
9 the resource or the other hunters in the  
10 rest of the state to give that area  
11 extra days, ten extra days which we are  
12 tacking onto the end of the season.  
13 Those dog deer hunters that stalk hunt,  
14 which I'm pretty sure I can say is a  
15 pretty good majority -- not everybody --  
16 will still get those ten days. They're  
17 not losing ten days. But, again, I do  
18 understand that we took away ten  
19 dog-hunting days.

20 Now, my commitment to those people  
21 that have an interest in this is simply  
22 this. I hope -- you know, it may not  
23 satisfy you. But if we extend the

1 season into other areas of the state  
2 next year, we will be obviously  
3 including more of those that are  
4 affected by dog deer-hunting days. And  
5 my commitment is to try to figure out  
6 how we can address that so that maybe  
7 you don't lose that many days or maybe  
8 you lose some days but not all days.  
9 But it's very complicated. It's not  
10 simple. But I'm not saying that we  
11 won't go back and look at that.

12 The commitment I can make to you --  
13 for those that know, this board and I  
14 have supported dog deer hunting. We try  
15 to do everything we can to support it.  
16 This was just a case of getting ten  
17 days. I took -- I needed to take ten  
18 days out. I felt that was the  
19 appropriate thing for the resource.

20 It may turn out sometime down the  
21 road that we may see that maybe this  
22 extension of the season is wrong. It  
23 may turn out that way. We're going to

1 use this game check to figure out how  
2 many deer, in particular, bucks and  
3 does, are being taken in this extended  
4 season.

5 If you'll remember, we've got the  
6 game check that's going to go into  
7 effect next hunting season. With that  
8 game check, you'll be required to report  
9 the bucks you kill. You're not getting  
10 extra bucks for this ten days. Same  
11 three-buck limit. And we're going to  
12 require you, which you should do, to  
13 keep that harvest record and to report  
14 it. Then we have the information to let  
15 you know how many deer are being taken  
16 during that extra ten days. And as a  
17 department, it's our duty and  
18 responsibility to evaluate that and to  
19 let y'all know whether that's a good  
20 thing or a bad thing.

21 When it comes to does, if you don't  
22 want to shoot does, don't shoot does. I  
23 know with most people, you know, it's

1           about shooting a buck in the rut. But  
2           certainly you need to manage your  
3           properties.

4           As you know, the public properties  
5           that are managed by the department, they  
6           will set what can be done within those  
7           public properties and -- but this is  
8           more about private owners, private  
9           lands, and your ability to be able to  
10          hunt into what the data shows in this  
11          area as a later rut by the information  
12          we have. It's not -- we're going to  
13          continue to get more information in this  
14          area, but the information we have  
15          supports this. Sure, you've got some  
16          days that are earlier. You've got some  
17          days that are way later where deer --  
18          the does are bred. But what we're  
19          showing is that the information is that  
20          the generally average date is into the  
21          early part of February, the first ten  
22          days.

23                 So, anyway, I'm just trying to

1 explain to you that I'm not going to  
2 forget about the fact that you say it.  
3 And I welcome the comments today. If we  
4 go into more counties, I think more than  
5 anything we need to look about how we  
6 decide to address dog deer hunting.

7 Next slide.

8 Oh, and one other thing. A lot of  
9 questions were asked about why parts of  
10 counties and not all of the counties.  
11 And the department, in particular, I  
12 think, Enforcement and Wildlife feel  
13 that natural boundaries are easier to  
14 enforce. That's all that's about, so --  
15 and I believe that's true. If you think  
16 about it, counties, there's no line in  
17 the dirt right there. It's easier to  
18 enforce natural boundaries. That's why  
19 you see -- the way this thing is done,  
20 you see it by natural boundaries.

21 All right. If we could go to the  
22 next one.

23 So, again, this just shows you the

1 updated season and bag limits with all  
2 the different dates. And, now, in  
3 the -- where the season is not extended,  
4 there won't be a change, but in the  
5 extended part or shifted part of the  
6 season, the south zone, there will be  
7 these different days that we will need  
8 to pay attention to.

9 Go ahead, Julie.

10 Okay. The other issue was there was  
11 an area north -- the north part of  
12 Alabama where there was a recommendation  
13 to cut back on doe days. And after the  
14 proposal at the last meeting, there were  
15 some concerns about one area. And I'm  
16 going to see if I can do this. That's  
17 this area right there. And so that area  
18 was taken out. That's the only thing  
19 that was changed, except that we also  
20 went to -- instead of a season with --  
21 for gun hunting -- I think 23 days is  
22 what was proposed for one doe a day. We  
23 went back to the entire gun season with



1           just one doe a day. So we cut it from  
2           two does a day back to one doe a day.

3           And, again, for those people that  
4           live in this area, two things I would  
5           like to say and that is -- I mean, in  
6           this whole area -- is that use good  
7           management practices because we are  
8           concerned about the does in that area,  
9           number one. And, you know, so if you  
10          don't have does, you know, talk to your  
11          neighbors, talk to everybody and say,  
12          look, let's be careful about it.

13          And then, number two, again, with  
14          the game check, we hope to get some  
15          really good information about the number  
16          of does that we're taking. And we can  
17          evaluate that and figure out whether our  
18          doe harvest -- we're setting these  
19          doe -- these seasons and bag limits  
20          right based on does. We might have  
21          to -- we may have to either further  
22          reduce does or maybe we find out that  
23          there's more does than we think. And so

1 we want to look -- now we can look  
2 statewide at this.

3 And that's, again, the reason for  
4 the game check. And so far the game  
5 check has been overwhelmingly -- the  
6 comments have been overwhelmingly in  
7 support of that. And we hope that  
8 everybody will help us work toward  
9 getting that word around and to getting  
10 that game check done in a very good  
11 manner so that everybody knows what's  
12 going on. We'll try to publicize all  
13 that.

14 Go ahead, Julie.

15 Again, that's just unantlered deer  
16 zone. It's just one unantlered deer per  
17 day in that area.

18 Go to the next one.

19 Okay. The other thing we talked  
20 about was area definition. Let me say  
21 why area definition is a -- is brought  
22 up and why it's a topic today. And many  
23 of you know I'm a lawyer, and I'm going

1 to be short about this.

2 But there was a time when the  
3 department thought that the baiting law  
4 that's in the statute was a strict  
5 liability statute. Just if you're out  
6 there and there's feed around you, you  
7 could be ticketed for it and you were  
8 guilty because the feed was there  
9 whether you knew or should have known  
10 about it. And that's been a concern  
11 among a lot of people.

12 Well, in 2000 there was a case  
13 called the Phillips case, and in that  
14 case it was decided that the officers  
15 had to approve -- had to prove that the  
16 hunter knew or should have known that  
17 bait was there for the purpose of luring  
18 that deer there.

19 Our officers -- our enforcement  
20 officers are great at what they do, but  
21 working within the framework of the law,  
22 there's no clearly defined definition of  
23 what the area is. It could be the size

1 of this auditorium for some officers.  
2 For other officers it could be the size  
3 of a parking lot or further. And that's  
4 not because it's a fault with them.  
5 It's because it's not defined in the  
6 law. So the case said that you have to  
7 prove that, and it talked about the  
8 issue of the area that's in the  
9 statute.

10 Go ahead.

11 Oh, go back. Can you go back?

12 So the other thing I want to mention  
13 is, in looking at this issue, we looked  
14 at the southeastern states. The states  
15 in yellow -- or any part of the states  
16 in yellow is where baiting is allowed.  
17 The states in green, north Georgia,  
18 Tennessee, and Mississippi, all have  
19 area definitions. We have nothing.

20 So another purpose of this area  
21 definition is to bring us in compliance  
22 with everybody else. And it's  
23 two-fold. Number one, it's so the

1 officers will know where cases should be  
2 made and, number two, so the public has  
3 an expectation to know where they can  
4 feed or not feed a deer and be okay with  
5 it.

6 Now, this proposed area  
7 definition -- go to it, Julie.

8 This proposed area definition -- let  
9 me be clear -- does not allow for  
10 baiting. It is not a circumvention of  
11 the law that says you can't bait. You  
12 still can't bait. The purpose of this  
13 is to give the officer and the public an  
14 opportunity to do what it already  
15 allows, which is feed.

16 You can feed 365 days a year in  
17 Alabama. Supplemental feeding is  
18 allowed. It's not prohibited by law.  
19 And some people want to feed on their  
20 property and want to do it -- want to do  
21 it in a lawful manner, but they don't  
22 know what the parameters are.

23 So we're trying to set those

1 parameters by this. We're saying that  
2 as it applies to the -- the statute  
3 is -- that's what I've been referring  
4 to. As it applies to the hunting of  
5 deer and feral swine --

6 Those are the two species that we're  
7 setting an area definition for. You  
8 will notice that we're not talking about  
9 turkeys or any other game animals in  
10 this area definition. It's deer and  
11 feral swine.

12 -- there shall be a rebuttable  
13 presumption that any bait or feed, as  
14 defined in that code section, located  
15 beyond "X" yards from the hunter and not  
16 within the line of sight of the hunter,  
17 is not a lure, attraction, or enticement  
18 to, on, or over the area where the  
19 hunter is attempting to kill or take the  
20 deer or feral swine.

21 We're taking that right from the  
22 statute. And the reason that the word  
23 bait or feed is used there is because

1           it's used in the statute. Because  
2           really what we're talking about is your  
3           ability to feed.

4           So what the consideration for this  
5           board is, is to adopt this proposal like  
6           has been done in other states which  
7           would give the hunter an opportunity to  
8           feed on his property, if he so chooses,  
9           as long as it's more than whatever  
10          yardage is set from him and not within  
11          the line of sight. So two things are  
12          required: It's got to be further than  
13          so many yards and it's got to be out of  
14          his line of sight.

15          The other issue here is, for  
16          purposes of this regulation, not within  
17          the line of sight means being hidden  
18          from view by natural vegetation or  
19          naturally occurring terrain features.  
20          And the regulation shall not apply on  
21          public lands.

22          So what that means is if you try to  
23          circumvent this and just go out and

1           stick the corn behind a bale of hay --  
2           I'm just using that as one example --  
3           that's not going to work, y'all. That's  
4           baiting; okay? That's still baiting.

5           And that rebuttable presumption word  
6           right there means this: These officers  
7           can still make a case out against you.

8           Now, let me try to explain that a  
9           little bit further. We'll go to the  
10          next regulation -- next -- so we just  
11          did an example of this for y'all's  
12          review.

13          Here's the hunter. The distance is  
14          an equal distance, whatever is decided,  
15          around that hunter. Two things have got  
16          to happen. We put this feeder over  
17          here. And this is an example. It's got  
18          to be more than the distance in this  
19          circle and it's got to be out of the  
20          line of sight.

21          I don't know if you can tell, but  
22          those are all trees. We just used that,  
23          trees, and that's what it says, natural



1           vegetation or naturally occurring  
2           terrain features.

3           The idea here is it needs to be out  
4           there where -- far enough beyond this --  
5           beyond this and out of sight. And there  
6           would be a rebuttable presumption that  
7           it's not a lure for purposes of  
8           baiting. That rebuttable presumption is  
9           just like this. It can be overcome if  
10          there's other evidence that the officer  
11          thinks is present where you were really  
12          just trying to circumvent feeding and  
13          shoot a deer over bait. But it's his  
14          burden to overcome that presumption.

15          Now, somebody asked me and I had a  
16          thousand examples. And there are a  
17          thousand examples, again, because we are  
18          not allowing baiting. So you need to --  
19          everybody should understand that. This  
20          is not a circumvention of the baiting  
21          statute in no way, shape, or form.

22          What needs to be understood is this  
23          can be done now. It can be done now.

1 People can feed now, but they just can't  
2 bait. And what we're trying to do is,  
3 again, make this so people understand  
4 what the parameters are.

5 Again, what I want you to understand  
6 here is in this circle, the way the law  
7 reads, you are presumed to know whether  
8 there's feed in that circle, whatever  
9 that circle comes to be. That's your  
10 responsibility. The officer, by virtue  
11 of this definition, will know that  
12 within that -- whatever that yardage is  
13 right there, you're presumed to know  
14 whether there's feed there. Outside  
15 that circle there's a rebuttable  
16 presumption that he has to overcome.

17 And the parameter is -- it's got to  
18 be -- so if you put -- it might be  
19 outside the circle, but if you put it  
20 right out there in plain view and just  
21 try to, like I say, hide it behind a  
22 bale of hay or stick it behind a piece  
23 of dirt or whatever you try to do -- and

1           this is only for a very small percentage  
2           of people that we catch anyway. If it's  
3           outside the line but still within the  
4           line of sight, that's baiting. If the  
5           deer and the bait are together there and  
6           you can see them, that's baiting; okay?  
7           That's just what it is. That's the way  
8           it is now.

9           The majority of the people we give  
10          tickets to are sitting right over the  
11          bait. What we're trying to do is help  
12          eliminate those law-abiding folks who by  
13          definition now can feed -- supplemental  
14          feed on their property. And we're  
15          trying to help them understand what that  
16          is and give our officers the same  
17          direction.

18          There has been some misinformation  
19          that this is allowing baiting. I  
20          would -- I would challenge anybody that  
21          that's what it's doing. And the other  
22          states have done the same thing. The  
23          other three states that I pointed to

1           have done the same thing. And they are  
2           anti-baiting states, too, but they've  
3           done it. One of the states -- can you  
4           go back, Julie, to that?

5                     I'll share with you that Mississippi  
6           has a hundred yards as their distance.  
7           Tennessee has 250 yards. And north  
8           Georgia has 200 yards. So there's  
9           differences in opinion about that. They  
10          set it at whatever they want to set it  
11          at.

12                    Would you go back to the other one.

13                    Okay. So -- is there another one  
14          after that? There's not, is there?

15          MS. PERRY: That's it.

16          COMMISSIONER GUY: Okay. So, again,  
17          understand this is what the case says  
18          that I'm referring to. It's basically  
19          saying we're defining that area so that  
20          people, again, will have that  
21          expectation.

22                    Can you go back to -- go back to  
23          that one, please. Thank you.

1           So, again, I want you to be able to  
2           see the statute and what it says. As  
3           regards deer and feral swine -- I want  
4           to make it clear, deer and feral swine.  
5           Turkeys, anything else, the statute as  
6           it now reads is applicable, which  
7           basically means we're not defining the  
8           area for any of those other game. And  
9           other states have done the same and  
10          mostly because they feel it's not  
11          appropriate to define it for turkey or  
12          other game, but they have felt it  
13          appropriate to do it for deer and feral  
14          swine.

15                 This is the key language, not within  
16                 the line of sight and -- excuse me --  
17                 the distance and the line of sight. So  
18                 we're hoping by doing this we're  
19                 allowing people who wish to feed on  
20                 their property to do so.

21                 I want to make another statement.  
22                 You don't have to feed on your  
23                 property. Nobody is requiring you to

1 feed on your property. So for those who  
2 are against it, don't feed. And I say  
3 that not to you guys, but just to the  
4 general public. If you don't want to  
5 feed on your property, you don't have  
6 to. But the law does allow you to do  
7 it. So what I'm trying to say is, if  
8 you're against it because you don't like  
9 feeding, don't feed. But the law says  
10 you can feed.

11 The other thing is I was going to  
12 say, too -- and I meant to say this, and  
13 I mean it all respectfully. Like where  
14 we extended the season in southwest  
15 Alabama, there are people that say, you  
16 know, I'm not all that crazy about it.  
17 I even got -- I even got a letter from  
18 one man's wife who, I think, threatened  
19 divorce if he got to hunt ten more  
20 days. My advice was don't hunt those  
21 extra ten days. Seriously, I mean,  
22 don't hunt those extra ten days. The  
23 three-buck limit still applies. Some

1 people may have killed their three-buck  
2 limit. And so, you know, if you're  
3 hunting bucks, we're not giving out  
4 extra tags.

5 So, you know, what I mean by that  
6 is, look, use good judgment, you know,  
7 with your property that you own or lease  
8 or whatever you do. And if you think  
9 you've put a lot of pressure on those  
10 deer and you've hunted it enough, don't  
11 hunt. But we're doing it for the  
12 reasons I stated earlier.

13 But the same thing applies to this.  
14 Nobody is telling you you have to feed.  
15 Our -- our -- the information that we  
16 have gotten in the department  
17 overwhelmingly has supported this and  
18 believes it's something good. It will  
19 be debatable, I'm sure, but  
20 overwhelmingly this has been supported.  
21 Overwhelmingly the extension of the  
22 season has been supported.

23 What I want to do is try to

1 balance -- and I will always balance  
2 what's best for the resource. That's  
3 the primary objective. But I want the  
4 hunters in this state to have  
5 satisfaction of what we're trying to  
6 do. Because we depend on y'all to buy  
7 licenses and support this department,  
8 and without you we don't exist. And,  
9 you know, it's important that we have  
10 your buy-in on this.

11 And, certainly, if it turns out  
12 we've done something wrong, we'll change  
13 it. I mean, that's the good thing about  
14 what we're doing is we have an  
15 opportunity to always change it.

16 Now, on the yardage that's missing  
17 right there, I'm just going to say  
18 this: It's up to this board to decide.  
19 But we have found that most people have  
20 been in favor of a hundred yards. Not  
21 everybody -- I want to be clear on  
22 that. Not everybody is, but most people  
23 are. And I'm sure there will be some



1 people here that will speak to it.

2 So I appreciate everybody giving me  
3 this chance to do this. Like I say, I'm  
4 not going to try to make this every  
5 time. I know I did it last time. I  
6 just wanted to make sure that when you  
7 have an opportunity to comment that I  
8 gave this -- that I gave this talk  
9 beforehand so that you knew what we were  
10 trying to do here.

11 And thank you for your time. Thank  
12 you, Board Members, for your time, and  
13 we can go back and resume business.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner.  
15 If everybody would take their seats.

16 We're going to take a recess during  
17 the speaking section where we normally  
18 would go all the way through the  
19 speakers because of the volume of the  
20 speakers. But we'll go halfway through  
21 and then we'll recess. Then we'll come  
22 back. And we may even take a second  
23 recess during that before old business

1 and new business. But we're going to  
2 start ...

3 All right. The next order of  
4 business is the public hearing. When  
5 your name is called, please go to the  
6 microphone and give your name and  
7 subject you wish to speak on. I'll  
8 remind you that you may only speak at  
9 the time you are called and any  
10 interference will not be tolerated. And  
11 because of the volume of speakers, it  
12 will be strictly limited to three  
13 minutes.

14 The first speaker on the first  
15 subject -- we're going to break it down  
16 by subjects -- is the supplemental  
17 feeding issue people signed up for, and  
18 the first speaker is Mr. Jim Porter.

19 MR. PORTER: Mr. Chairman, Mr. Commissioner,  
20 Members of the Board. I see my good  
21 friend and friends of the Lawley family  
22 over here, Barnett, who did such a great  
23 job as commissioner, Mr. Smith and

1 others. I appreciate the opportunity.

2 The purpose of my speaking here  
3 today is involving the regulation that  
4 was just discussed by Commissioner Guy.  
5 My concern doesn't go to the merits of  
6 the regulation. My concern goes to the  
7 fact that the National Rifle  
8 Association -- which I'm the first  
9 vice-president. My dad was the  
10 president. We have 76,000 members just  
11 in this state. We've got five million  
12 members across the country. We are  
13 involved in a preeminent status in  
14 dealing with conservation and hunting  
15 issues at a federal level and in -- in  
16 each national -- each state  
17 legislature.

18 We have probably one of the best  
19 wildlife departments and resources  
20 available. I myself have been involved  
21 on hunting issues in this state. I was  
22 very much involved in the  
23 reimplementation of the Forever Wild.

1           On behalf of the department, I was asked  
2           to speak to the legislature on the  
3           pending legislation on behalf of the  
4           rank-and-file hunters in this state.  
5           I've been asked to speak by the  
6           department at committee level in dealing  
7           with the baiting bill that had  
8           perennially come up the last four or  
9           five years in the legislature, which go  
10          nowhere, and the ones that are pending  
11          this year will go nowhere. The National  
12          Rifle Association is on record as being  
13          supportive of our anti-baiting statute  
14          we have in this state.

15                 The National Rifle Association is on  
16          record from the standpoint of this  
17          board -- when we passed -- when I served  
18          on the board a couple of years ago, we  
19          passed a resolution that resolved that  
20          this board, on behalf of the people of  
21          this state, the hunters, support the  
22          principles of fair chase and support the  
23          baiting statute that's on the books.

1           The problem that I had with this  
2           particular matter is not merits but  
3           process. For the first time today --

4           MR. BLAIR: That's time.

5           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you would sum it up,  
6           please, Mr. Porter.

7           MR. PORTER: Yes. The problem that I have is  
8           that no one has discussed this drastic  
9           change in policy with me or my  
10          organization. Commissioner Guy said the  
11          most important thing is a buy-in. We  
12          are a major stakeholder. We represent  
13          the overwhelming majority of  
14          rank-and-file hunters in this state. We  
15          have not -- it hadn't been discussed  
16          with us. It hadn't been presented to  
17          us.

18          All I ask is that this matter be  
19          laid on the table and give us an  
20          opportunity to provide our expertise, to  
21          provide the -- very possibly the good  
22          will and the support of the hunting  
23          public in this state. And that's the

1           purpose of my remarks here today.

2           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Porter.

3           MR. PORTER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The second speaker will be  
5           Tim Gothard.

6           MR. GOTHARD: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner,  
7           Members of the Board, good morning to  
8           you. Tim Gothard, executive director of  
9           the Alabama Wildlife Federation. And  
10          first let me say this. Commissioner, I  
11          do really like the presentations that  
12          you give at the beginning of the  
13          meeting, and I hope that that's  
14          something that will continue.

15                 I just want to come and speak today  
16          to the area definition that has been  
17          mentioned in that topic matter. The  
18          Wildlife Federation has been against  
19          baiting throughout its history, and in  
20          2001 we formalized that. Since that  
21          time there have been numerous occasions  
22          where legislation has been introduced  
23          that, to us, we felt will exacerbate

1           baiting in this state. Our organization  
2           has not been opposed to supplemental  
3           feeding under the right circumstances,  
4           especially if it doesn't constitute  
5           baiting.

6           I will agree that clarity is a good  
7           thing. I will just say this: When I  
8           look at the statute, there's a lot of  
9           words there. And, Commissioner, I'm not  
10          a lawyer and don't claim to be. I can  
11          look at the words and say, well, I see  
12          what I think is trying to be done, but I  
13          don't have great confidence and I have  
14          concern about how that may play out on  
15          the ground. And if it does play out on  
16          the ground, then intentionally or  
17          unintentionally -- and certainly,  
18          Commissioner, I respect your comment  
19          that baiting is not driving you to do  
20          this. And I agree with that 100  
21          percent. But I do have concerns about  
22          how that's going to play out on the  
23          ground.

1           I won't stand here telling you I  
2           have all the answers, but I would like  
3           to ask and recommend if this issue could  
4           be carried over so that we could huddle  
5           up in a room and see. Maybe the outcome  
6           of this is that finally the light bulb  
7           goes off in my head and I say, well, you  
8           know, what he described, that's -- that  
9           is good, a good thing.

10           But I don't claim to have the right  
11           answers. We do have concerns. And I  
12           would welcome the opportunity to gather  
13           around the table with parties interested  
14           in this and delve into that education  
15           some more, Commissioner, that you tried  
16           to do right here and see if there is  
17           something that we all could be on the  
18           same sheet of music. Thank you very  
19           much.

20           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you. The next  
21           speaker is Riley Smith.

22           MR. SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
23           Commissioner, Board. I appreciate the



1 opportunity to talk with you today.

2 I see some things in the proposal  
3 that appear attractive. I think about  
4 other things that Tim alluded to that  
5 might not work on the ground. Nothing  
6 is perfect though. You try as hard as  
7 you can to come up with something. And  
8 I've been on the other side of the  
9 table, and it's tough sometimes.

10 What I'm mainly concerned about is  
11 the fact that nobody in south Alabama --  
12 and I use nobody kind of loosely  
13 there -- knows about this. I don't know  
14 if the media overshadowed the dog  
15 proposal and this never came out or  
16 not. I found out about it on Tuesday.  
17 I called Sandy Stimpson Tuesday  
18 morning. He thought I was crazy.

19 We lease -- our family -- we lease  
20 to 56 hunting clubs. We also donate  
21 18,000 acres to the state of Alabama for  
22 public hunting. I started calling some  
23 of our hunting clubs. I stopped at 16.

1           None of the people that I talked to in  
2           these hunting clubs were aware of this  
3           proposal. To my knowledge -- and we  
4           don't have a very good paper anymore.  
5           But to my knowledge it's not been in the  
6           Mobile paper. I have seen nothing on it  
7           in the news. I've seen no announcement  
8           of it.

9           I think what you're trying to do is  
10          admirable. I think it needs doing. But  
11          I'm concerned that it hasn't been put  
12          out in front of the public. I know  
13          you've met the criteria -- and the  
14          criteria wasn't there when I was  
15          commissioner -- that, you know, you  
16          would talk about it and then you would  
17          vote on it the next meeting. But  
18          outside of the meeting room, I don't  
19          think the public -- and if it's like  
20          that way in southwest Alabama -- unless  
21          Mike or somebody in one of the other  
22          papers has written some things up here,  
23          it may be that way across the entire

1 state.

2 I, too, would ask respectfully that  
3 you table this matter, that you invite  
4 the various organizations -- I'm  
5 president of the Natural Wild Turkey  
6 Federation Foundation. I spoke to  
7 Dr. James Earl Kennamer three or four  
8 times this week, and he asked me to come  
9 down here and represent them as well.

10 You talk about buy-in. I don't  
11 think you've got a lot of buy-in, not in  
12 southwest Alabama anyway, because nobody  
13 knows about it. You talk about wanting  
14 to do the right thing. The right thing  
15 is to make the public aware of this.

16 Again, I think you've got something.

17 MR. BLAIR: That's time.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you'll sum it, please,  
19 Riley.

20 MR. SMITH: Again, I would just simply ask  
21 that you table the motion today, get the  
22 groups engaged, and there may be some  
23 other ideas out there that will make

1           this a better regulation. And I would  
2           request that. Thank you.

3           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you. The next  
4           speaker is Wayne Harrell.

5           MR. HARRELL: My name is Wayne Harrell. I  
6           manage some property in Boligee,  
7           Alabama, a hunting club down there. I  
8           would like to address this issue on the  
9           proposed baiting in four areas.

10                   The first one will be ethics.  
11           Ethically I think baiting is just  
12           wrong. I think it takes away from the  
13           aspect of hunting and paying the dues  
14           and doing the work that it takes. I  
15           don't believe that we ought to bait in  
16           any manner. I'm totally opposed to it,  
17           and we don't do it on our property, I  
18           can tell you.

19                   People that do bait, when February  
20           comes, they've gone home. They tend not  
21           to plant the food plots like the rest of  
22           us do. They don't do anything to  
23           improve the habitat, and I think it

1 damages the resource.

2 Some surrounding states, as Gunter  
3 Guy put up there, do. And I've hunted  
4 in northwest Florida several times. And  
5 when they first started baiting, I went  
6 down there, and you could watch deer in  
7 the woods walk around the food they had  
8 put in front of them and they'd come in  
9 there. I went down there again this  
10 year on my friend's land, and he told me  
11 that since they have started baiting --  
12 this is northwest Florida, around  
13 Defuniak Springs -- that since they  
14 started baiting and shooting deer, now  
15 they never see a deer over bait.  
16 They've become nocturnal over corn just  
17 like they do over a food plot. Because  
18 if you just constantly pound them,  
19 they're not coming in there. Get up the  
20 next morning and all the corn is gone.  
21 So they come in there at night.

22 The other thing that bothers me a  
23 lot about this issue, if you define a

1           200-yard area as what's legal to run a  
2           feeder or dump corn on the ground or  
3           whatever, I don't know if any of you  
4           have done the math, but high school  
5           geometry will tell you a 200-hundred  
6           yard circle is 26 acres of land. And we  
7           have 4100 acres at our club, The Oaks,  
8           in Boligee. If ten feeders showed up on  
9           our land, that's 260 acres that my  
10          members can't hunt and they're paying  
11          dues on it anyway. Well, that's another  
12          reason I'm opposed to it. I just think  
13          it's too much of a loss of land that  
14          would be legal to hunt on otherwise.

15                 And I really do question the legal  
16          part of this. Since the law says you  
17          cannot bait -- and I understand,  
18          Mr. Guy, that there has been a case.  
19          I'm not an attorney. But I really think  
20          the law does state that you can't bait.

21                 But one thing I'd like to say is I'd  
22          like to see more of us just regular guys  
23          represented other than just people that

1           are buying their way into the trophy  
2           world. So I'd just like to take that  
3           time to say that and thank y'all for  
4           letting me have this opportunity to  
5           express my thoughts.

6           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you'll hold your  
7           applause until the end, please.

8                       The next speaker will be  
9           Representative Long.

10          MR. LONG: Chairman and the Board, thanks for  
11          having me. I want to thank y'all for  
12          addressing the issue. I'm here to speak  
13          on the supplemental feeding and the  
14          distance. My area is Marshall County.  
15          I've been in the State House the last  
16          two years. I've carried a piece of  
17          legislation that looked at this issue  
18          based on the Mississippi law.

19                       I think the board is the right body  
20          to address it. I'm a hunter and a  
21          fisherman, and all these things in the  
22          legislature are tough to deal with, as  
23          you know. I think this is the correct

1 forum, and I appreciate y'all addressing  
2 it today.

3 The other thing I wanted to talk  
4 about is in our area in north Alabama  
5 there's a lot of mountainous -- a lot of  
6 different demographics. And to put a  
7 defined yardage in, I think, helps  
8 clarify it to people. Because you're  
9 hunting in different elevations and  
10 different types of lands than you are in  
11 south Alabama, and I think that's an  
12 important point to think about.

13 I'd also like to put a good plug in  
14 to all the hunters here about no sales  
15 tax of ammunition that I sponsored in  
16 the House. Thank y'all for addressing  
17 this issue.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Representative  
19 Long.

20 The next speaker is former  
21 Commissioner Barnett Lawley.

22 MR. LAWLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Again,  
23 I want to acknowledge Commissioner



1 Smith, Mr. Porter, and Tim Gothard.

2 I am in favor of the regulation  
3 that's before y'all today. One is  
4 consistency, consistency for the  
5 hunter. To carry this on -- let me give  
6 you just a quick history.

7 Ten years ago Corky Pugh and Allan  
8 Andress and a judge that used to live in  
9 Barbour County and I met. They promised  
10 him at that time that we would define  
11 area as regarding baiting, and that was  
12 ten years ago. It's been studied by  
13 Tim's group. It's been studied by  
14 anybody -- it's been up before almost  
15 every Advisory Board that I can remember  
16 on the eight years that I was here.

17 I think it does -- the reason I'm  
18 for it, if you plant your property and  
19 you try to create habitat for deer for  
20 12 months out of the year and then you  
21 quit any supplemental feeding during the  
22 deer season to be legal, it's the  
23 illegal hunters that are doing the

1           baiting that's drawing the deer off of  
2           your land. And an outlaw is going to be  
3           an outlaw. I mean, they're just --  
4           they're going to find a way to do it.  
5           And what we're doing is penalizing the  
6           good people that are trying to manage  
7           their land and maintain their land by  
8           using the outlaw as an example and  
9           saying that everybody is. Everybody is  
10          not.

11                 But let me tell you, this kicking  
12           the can down the road and then put it  
13           off and do it and do it and do it. Like  
14           I said, it's my tenth year being aware  
15           of it, and it's been studied and  
16           restudied. And, you know, the best way  
17           to get a study on this is to pass this.  
18           It's a regulation, y'all. You can -- or  
19           Gunter can do it himself. If something  
20           goes wrong, you can quit it. You can  
21           change it. It's something you can  
22           balance.

23                 But if you want a really good study,

1           let's pass it and look and see what it  
2           does. And I think that you'll find that  
3           most of the hunters -- I know the  
4           hunters in south Alabama were  
5           definitely -- in the survey that was  
6           done overwhelmingly came back in support  
7           of this hundred-yard rule. And I'm sure  
8           a bunch of those are NRA members, too,  
9           actually myself.

10           But, Gunter, I've talked on most of  
11           the points that I really wanted to bring  
12           up. But I think it would be really,  
13           really effective on the poaching aspects  
14           of it as you could -- you're allowed to  
15           put feed on your property to keep your  
16           deer with you and maintain the habitat  
17           you've spent your time and money on.

18           So, Dan, that's really -- I could  
19           talk on, but I would be reiterating what  
20           has already been said. But I think it's  
21           a good reg.

22           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner.

23           The next speaker is Rob Grubb.

1 MR. GRUBB: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Ladies  
2 and gentlemen of the board, I appreciate  
3 the opportunity to speak to you guys  
4 this morning. My name is Rob Grubb.  
5 I'm a resident of Birmingham, and I have  
6 a farm in Lowndes County, Alabama, in  
7 the central part of the state. My  
8 purpose for being here today -- and I  
9 want to start with just a simple story.

10 About four weeks ago at the  
11 conclusion of our hunting season in  
12 January, I invited a state biologist, my  
13 next-door neighbor actually, to come  
14 over and do a site visit, a farm tour.  
15 My objective of this farm tour was  
16 pretty straightforward. I've been  
17 managing a piece of property that we own  
18 for about nine years, and I wanted to  
19 see what steps we could take to actually  
20 improve the overall farm operation, from  
21 feeding, to habitat, et cetera.

22 After about a three-hour visit, the  
23 biologist made several recommendations

1 to me. I will skip over a number of  
2 them and start with one and that was  
3 that the supplemental feeding that we  
4 are doing currently, he said I would  
5 enhance it; I would do it more.

6 Now, he wasn't advising me  
7 necessarily in the month of January,  
8 December, November, October, et cetera,  
9 in the middle of the hunting season, but  
10 he was advising me, in fact, that  
11 there's a benefit to supplemental  
12 feeding. So this expert is giving me  
13 advice on my private farm that I'd like  
14 to take advantage of.

15 Well, if you look around the  
16 states -- and it was already mentioned  
17 in the presentation before. If you look  
18 around the other states that border us  
19 and around the country, you can clearly  
20 see that there's many people who have --  
21 experts, if you will, who have decided  
22 that the idea of feeding -- supplemental  
23 feeding year around makes a lot of

1           sense.

2                   As a landowner, my challenge is  
3           this: I am not going to breach the  
4           law. The people who hunt with me on my  
5           property is not going to breach the  
6           law. I'm not even going in the gray  
7           area because it's not worth it to me.

8                   So as a landowner, the struggle I  
9           have is this -- this particular  
10          regulation -- this supplemental feeding  
11          regulation I struggle with because I'm  
12          not really exactly sure what the line in  
13          the sand is, and I'm not going to breach  
14          that.

15                  So, inevitably, the piece of  
16          information valuable to me from this  
17          meeting with my biologist was that we  
18          need to supplemental feed. It will help  
19          enhance the value of our herd -- not the  
20          value of our herd, but the strength and  
21          the health of our herd. We'd like to do  
22          it full-time, though, year around.  
23          States neighboring us around the country

1           agree with that. So for me, as a  
2           landowner -- and I'm not involved in all  
3           the legislative issues to the "nth"  
4           degree. I am a simple landowner, and I  
5           am here representing that piece or that  
6           part of the state.

7           So for me, my request is to give me  
8           the opportunity to follow the advice of  
9           the expert who walked onto my farm,  
10          suggested that supplemental feeding will  
11          help me and help me build a better -- a  
12          better wildlife habitat for all the  
13          animals that live and cross over my  
14          property. Allow me to do that in such a  
15          way that I know that I'm not going to be  
16          guilty of any gray area of any law or  
17          any issue with the state.

18          So today my recommendation and  
19          request is that you guys -- thank you  
20          for the opportunity to speak, first of  
21          all. But, secondly, I just ask that you  
22          take very close consideration. The  
23          baiting comment has been made. But as

1           it was articulated in the beginning,  
2           we're not talking about baiting. I'm  
3           not talking about hunting over bait.  
4           I'm literally talking about putting food  
5           sources on my property year around --

6       MR. BLAIR: That's time.

7       MR. GRUBB: -- to allow my animals to be as  
8           healthy as they possibly can.

9           So I am not supporting the baiting.  
10          I am simply supporting the idea of  
11          full-time year-around supplemental  
12          feeding. Thank you for your  
13          consideration.

14       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you.

15                 The next speaker will be Steve Guy.

16       MR. GUY: Commissioner Guy, Chairman Moultrie,  
17           and Members of the Board, my name is  
18           Steve Guy, and I'm here today  
19           representing the Alabama Deer  
20           Association whose members include the  
21           hunting lodges, whitetail deer breeders,  
22           and high-fence landowners throughout  
23           Alabama.



1           As Commissioner Guy has indicated, I  
2           believe there will be a motion here  
3           today to define the phrase on or over  
4           the area as it applies to hunting deer  
5           and baiting regulations. The Alabama  
6           Deer Association wholeheartedly supports  
7           your efforts to clarify this law. We  
8           would further encourage you to support a  
9           definition that allows a deer hunter to  
10          be legally hunting deer if they are  
11          beyond 100 yards and out of the line of  
12          sight of an active supplemental feeding  
13          site. This change will give both  
14          hunters and enforcement officers a clear  
15          and concise definition of the law. This  
16          change would also mirror the updates  
17          that have recently been made to baiting  
18          laws in our sister states of Tennessee,  
19          Georgia, and Mississippi.

20                 Based on our review of other  
21                 southeastern states, we've also seen no  
22                 evidence of detrimental effects to other  
23                 wildlife, such as turkeys, as a result

1 of supplemental feeding deer programs in  
2 those states. Thank you very much for  
3 your time.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Guy.

5 The next speaker will be Terry  
6 Kennedy.

7 MR. KENNEDY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

8 Commissioner Guy, I really want to  
9 thank you for your time in explaining  
10 what y'all are proposing to do this  
11 morning. I think you did a really good  
12 job of explaining why there's a need to  
13 define this area.

14 I think a friend of mine gave the  
15 example that our law enforcement  
16 officers don't ask us to drive at a safe  
17 speed. They have a particular speed  
18 limit they want us to drive by. So I  
19 think we need to have this defined area  
20 to give our law enforcement officers an  
21 opportunity to know exactly what's the  
22 law and to give the hunters the ability  
23 to do this supplemental feeding.

1 I've been hunting for over 35  
2 years. I'm from Limestone County. My  
3 farm did not have a deer when I started  
4 hunting. I had to travel to south  
5 Alabama to hunt. I am -- I think our  
6 resource is extremely important. I am  
7 in no way advocating baiting  
8 whatsoever. I do think, though, that we  
9 need to be able to supplemental feed  
10 these deer throughout the year,  
11 including the hunting season, as long as  
12 it's done properly and ethically.

13 As you mentioned before, there's so  
14 many other states around us that's  
15 already doing this. I think we compete  
16 with not only the hunters of our state,  
17 but we compete with hunters throughout  
18 the country to hunt here.

19 I think the hundred-yard  
20 recommendation by several is in  
21 agreement with me. I think that out of  
22 line of sight would give everybody a  
23 defined position. It would be a

1           situation where they would know that  
2           they were legal and that they wouldn't  
3           be fearful of supplemental feeding and  
4           that they could do that to improve their  
5           herd. I appreciate your time.

6           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Kennedy.

7                     The next speaker will be Trey  
8           Montgomery.

9           MR. MONTGOMERY: Dan, Commissioner, Advisory  
10           Board Members, thank you for this time.  
11           And the resources that you have for  
12           making the state of Alabama a better  
13           place to hunt and fish starts right  
14           here.

15                     I'm a fifth-generation landowner.  
16           My family farm, about 25 to 30 years ago  
17           we started managing wildlife as an  
18           income. If wildlife was not part of the  
19           farm, I wouldn't be on the farm. My  
20           goal in life was to raise my three  
21           children on the farm and keep the family  
22           farm together. We've been able to do  
23           that through hunting and fishing. 15

1           years ago we started a commercial  
2           hunting and fishing operation.  It's  
3           been somewhat successful.

4                     Defining this bill is something I  
5           encourage you to do.  I'm going to give  
6           you an example.  I'm in the hunting and  
7           fishing business, but I can have a  
8           property owner right next to me that's  
9           putting out corn or bait.  And if I have  
10          a hunter in there and I'm not aware of  
11          that and my enforcement officer comes in  
12          and he arrests my hunter, it's -- he can  
13          shut down my operation for ten days in  
14          the month of January.  Ten days is a  
15          third of January.  I'd be out of  
16          business.

17                     So the true landowners in this  
18          country are the true conservationists in  
19          this country.  I make my living hunting  
20          and fishing.  I want to protect the  
21          resources to the best of my ability and  
22          be a good steward of the land.  If I  
23          want to feed on my land or supplemental

1 feed, I feel like I have that right.

2 We've got enough bureaucratic laws  
3 on the books that's bogging us down.  
4 I've got friends in the NRA and the  
5 Turkey Federation and the Alabama  
6 Wildlife Commission. This is something  
7 that I would like to see addressed, and  
8 I'm in support of this. Thank you for  
9 your time and everybody have a good safe  
10 trip home.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, sir.

12 The next speaker is Chip Stacey.

13 MR. STACEY: I'm Chip Stacey. My family -- we  
14 run a -- we're a private landowner and  
15 have run a hunting club around 35  
16 years. We have collected data for over  
17 28 years, and we have substantially  
18 managed our herd over the years. And  
19 I'm in for defining the area for  
20 supplemental feeding. I think it's a  
21 good management tool for increasing our  
22 herd health and helping to improve the  
23 herd -- quality of the herd.

1           I know over the years that records  
2           have been kept in our district office.  
3           I have voluntarily gave those records to  
4           them. My records speak for theirselves.  
5           When we started an extensive feeding  
6           program in the off-season, we have  
7           definitely seen the increase in our deer  
8           herd, the health. And we've also  
9           collected data the last six years that  
10          has went into the study for the  
11          extension of the season in the south,  
12          and I hope to continue to work with the  
13          state with that. And I'm in support of  
14          it. And thank you for all y'all have  
15          done.

16          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Stacey.

17                 Our final speaker on supplemental  
18                 feeding is Rick Oates. Mr. Oates.

19          MR. OATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
20                 Commissioner, Board Members. I'm Rick  
21                 Oates representing ALFA, the Farmers  
22                 Federation. We appreciate this  
23                 opportunity to comment on these proposed

1 regulations related to supplemental  
2 feeding. We fully support this effort  
3 to give landowners and hunters a clear  
4 definition to work under so that they  
5 know they're operating within the  
6 guidelines established by this board and  
7 the laws of the State of Alabama. Many  
8 landowners feel -- are afraid that they  
9 will be cited for violating the law  
10 because there is no clear definition.  
11 This regulation will help alleviate  
12 those concerns.

13 We know that this is a biologically  
14 sound management tool. It can be used  
15 to improve our deer herd, and we think  
16 it will help enhance and strengthen our  
17 herds.

18 Regarding the distance the  
19 Commissioner left up to the board to  
20 decide, we would like to recommend and  
21 support a hundred yards. We feel that  
22 that will help especially small  
23 landowners who may only have 40 or 50



1           acres that may be -- with a smaller  
2           acreage like that, it may be difficult  
3           for those landowners to get what they  
4           need, get situated so they can have a  
5           distance 200 yards or greater. So it  
6           may be difficult for them. So we  
7           support that hundred yards and would  
8           certainly ask y'all to consider that.

9           We also feel it's important and it  
10          brings it in line with other states so  
11          that all the southern states are working  
12          from the same set of regulations and the  
13          same basic set of rules. And, again, we  
14          appreciate y'all's time and  
15          consideration on this issue.

16       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Oates.

17               All right. The next speaker on  
18               marine resources, Mr. Avery Bates.

19       MR. BATES: My name is Avery Bates,  
20               vice-president of Organized Seafood  
21               Association. Been before this board  
22               many times.

23               I also want to thank Commissioner

1           McMillan and Commissioner Guy for the  
2           Seafood Summit we just had. Great  
3           participation and millions of dollars --  
4           well, actually, billions of dollars that  
5           goes to this state through Sysco and  
6           others. There were so many there that  
7           benefited from this summit. But we want  
8           to thank y'all for participating and  
9           financing that. I think Chris  
10          Blankenship is in Boston now pushing our  
11          seafood.

12                 But I heard something that was real  
13                 concerning at a public meeting with our  
14                 new commissioner, Jerry Carl, about the  
15                 deepening of the ship channel up to  
16                 eight feet. That could be very  
17                 detrimental to some of our marine life,  
18                 in some of the areas that we're having  
19                 problems with oyster creel. It can  
20                 bring more saltwater into the bay. So  
21                 we need to plan in the future any  
22                 mitigation that might be done with  
23                 either the clam or oyster beds in Mobile

1 Bay to move that resource way ahead so  
2 that we can increase our oysters and  
3 good bottoms so that marine life that  
4 flourishes around these reefs we've got  
5 reproduce.

6 We also had a great Seafood Bash,  
7 one of the best bashes we ever had, in  
8 Montgomery a few weeks ago. We fed our  
9 representatives. They ate good oysters  
10 and fish and just -- even the Governor  
11 was bragging. And even in this summit  
12 we had, the Governor said we had some of  
13 the best seafood in the whole Gulf  
14 Coast. He wasn't lying.

15 But let's make sure that our  
16 seafoods are healthy. We thank the  
17 Commissioner for backing our reef  
18 building program that's coming up. We  
19 still do not have a member sitting on  
20 the board for the seafood capital of  
21 Alabama for the last two years. It's  
22 been vacant. I want y'all to know any  
23 regulations that might come through

1           that's detrimental to our gillnet  
2           fishermen, whether it be -- because they  
3           produce food. There's one place called  
4           Sysco that has 5,700 restaurants that  
5           he's supplying with seafood. We have so  
6           many -- like Wentzell's. They use our  
7           products.

8           We want to make sure any regulation  
9           that's put before you that would hurt  
10          these having access to our seafoods,  
11          whether it's caught by hook and line,  
12          gillnet, or whatever -- let's improve  
13          our acreage. Let's improve the quality  
14          of our waters. And this is of grave  
15          concern, this project in Mobile Bay,  
16          because of the reefs, the mother reefs  
17          that's at the Bay. And if we can move  
18          some of this stock, if it's got to be  
19          done, let's move it in the right  
20          location so we can have sustainability  
21          of jobs, improved acreage and production  
22          that will help the recreational  
23          fishermen and the commercial fishermen.

1                   And, also, boat ramps in Mobile  
2                   County. We only have really four that  
3                   commercial fishermen and recreational  
4                   fishermen use. This is important for  
5                   our working waterfronts.

6                   MR. BLAIR: That's time.

7                   CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Sum it up, please.

8                   MR. BATES: Okay. That's a major disaster in  
9                   Mobile County for launching boats. So  
10                  if y'all would, Commissioner, you need  
11                  to work with Chris Blankenship to get  
12                  more access to the water for both user  
13                  groups. Thank you very much.

14                  COMMISSIONER GUY: Mr. Chairman?

15                  CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

16                  COMMISSIONER GUY: Can I just say something?

17                  CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

18                  COMMISSIONER GUY: I want Mr. Bates to know  
19                  that he's got 11 people on this board to  
20                  represent the Organized Seafood  
21                  Association and its interest.

22                                But I do want to -- I want to  
23                                commend Avery and the Organized Seafood

1 Association of Alabama for all they do.  
2 They -- since this oil spill, they have  
3 been working and working and working and  
4 working to promote Alabama seafood and  
5 what it means to the Gulf. And I can't  
6 thank Avery enough for what their group  
7 does, and I just want to publicly  
8 acknowledge that. Thank you.

9 MR. BATES: Thank you.

10 Mr. Moultrie?

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

12 MR. BATES: We're having a cookout with Pat  
13 Dye, one of your favorite people -- he  
14 is a famous Auburn man -- on the 5th of  
15 April. Come eat some good seafoods.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much,  
17 Mr. Bates.

18 All right. The next set of speakers  
19 is going to be under miscellaneous, and  
20 one of our long-time speakers, Ms. Sybil  
21 Deschaines. Mr. Deschaines.

22 If somebody would help her down,  
23 please.

1 MS. DESCHAINES: That's the longest walk.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Please speak into the  
3 microphone, Ms. Deschaines, because we  
4 all want to hear what you've got to say.

5 MS. DESCHAINES: I guess it pays to have gray  
6 hair because look at all the help I got  
7 coming down those steps.

8 It's been a couple of years since  
9 I've been here. I only know two or  
10 three of the members on the board now.  
11 I don't know any of the new appointees  
12 to the department. And I just wanted to  
13 recognize some faces and to say welcome  
14 to the new members and hello to the  
15 older members that I've worked with a  
16 number of years. Thank you.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you,  
18 Ms. Deschaines.

19 The next speaker is Tammi Hudson.

20 MS. HUDSON: Good morning, Commissioner,  
21 Chairman, and Board. I'm back again to  
22 talk about the disabled hunting area. I  
23 once again thank you for having those.

1           I understand we're going to have a  
2           new one in Clarke County, and I'm real  
3           excited about that. I don't know about  
4           other areas, but I'm excited about  
5           that.

6           I wanted to make sure that I clarify  
7           what I talked to you about in February.  
8           Our verbiage right now says that when  
9           you are using one of these disabled  
10          hunting areas you are only allowed to  
11          harvest deer. That's all. So one of  
12          my -- one of the things I'm asking is  
13          that verbiage be changed so that you can  
14          kill whatever game is in season where  
15          you're at with whatever weapon is  
16          approved at that area.

17          We have an area that we can only use  
18          bows at. So, obviously, I would also  
19          talk to you about a spring turkey hunt  
20          at these areas. Obviously, if you can't  
21          use a crossbow to kill a turkey, you  
22          wouldn't turkey-hunt on that area. Does  
23          that make sense? I felt like maybe I



1           didn't clarify what I was saying  
2           before.

3           I also understand and want you to  
4           know that I understand that shooting can  
5           only be done from the shooting houses.  
6           So I'm not asking for that to be changed  
7           in any way. I'm telling you that every  
8           single disabled area I have hunted at  
9           over the past two years there has been  
10          plenty of gobblers. And that's why I'm  
11          asking for the right to go there during  
12          spring turkey season and kill a few of  
13          them, because I can't kill them the  
14          normal way.

15          But there's some in Monroe County  
16          that I'm telling you, you can set your  
17          clock by when those gobblers is going to  
18          come out. And they walk right in front  
19          of you. So I'd like the opportunity to  
20          harvest some of them.

21          So I wanted to make sure that those  
22          things were clear. I understand that  
23          you can only do it from the shooting

1 house, and I'm only asking to harvest  
2 what is in season with whatever weapon  
3 is approved for that area.

4 Also, while I'm here, I am just  
5 going to say that I am against the  
6 extension. Every area I've hunted this  
7 past year has -- the deer has been in  
8 rut during January.

9 Also, the other thing that I was  
10 concerned about that was said at the  
11 last meeting was that y'all are going to  
12 discuss a proposal for a minimum acreage  
13 for dog hunting. I am for dog hunting.  
14 And, you know, I feel like we have so  
15 many regulations now that if we now go  
16 ahead and regulate that, it's just going  
17 to be difficult. Because we've got --  
18 at Scotch Wildlife Management Area --  
19 and I'm not sure of the exact number of  
20 acres there, but it's somewhere --

21 MR. BLAIR: That's time.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you would sum it up,  
23 please, Ms. Hudson.

1 MS. HUDSON: Yes, sir.

2 My thing is it doesn't really matter  
3 how many acres you've got. Those dogs  
4 still don't know boundary lines and you  
5 still have to be good neighbors with  
6 your neighboring landowners. That's  
7 all. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is Bob  
9 Slocum.

10 MR. SLOCUM: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner,  
11 Members, I'd like to speak to you this  
12 morning about the muzzleloader season  
13 and maybe having it extended from the  
14 present five days which runs Monday  
15 through Friday. The average hunter,  
16 maybe 90, 95 percent, have to work  
17 during the week. This does not give  
18 them even a weekend to exercise their  
19 muzzleloader hunting.

20 Also, just to bring us more in line  
21 with the archery hunters, who last year  
22 had 32 days prior to the gun season  
23 opening for hunting, we would like to

1           have 14 days for the muzzleloader. And  
2           I think this would also increase the  
3           interest in muzzleloader hunting which  
4           would involve people buying  
5           muzzleloaders and supplies. Not many  
6           people will go out and spend the money  
7           for a five-day season.

8           That's about all I have. I just  
9           would like to respectfully request that  
10          you consider extending the season for  
11          us. Thank you very much.

12         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Slocum.

13                 The next topic area is legal  
14                 arms/any species. The first speaker is  
15                 David Shiflett.

16         MR. SHIFLETT: Good morning, Members of the  
17                 Board. My name is David Shiflett.

18         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Pull that microphone up,  
19                 please, Mr. Shiflett, and speak into  
20                 it. Thank you.

21         MR. SHIFLETT: Yes, sir. I am local here in  
22                 Jefferson County. I hunt a lease  
23                 long-term in Perry County. And I want

1 to kind of discuss our pig problems.

2 We all know that it is an ongoing  
3 concern. We are spending as a state  
4 billions of dollars in attempting to  
5 reestablish longleaf pine, which  
6 apparently the feral swine think is  
7 catnip for them.

8 Accordingly, I would like to ask  
9 that -- excuse me -- that the rules be  
10 modified to allow attached light sources  
11 and night vision for feral swine  
12 hunting.

13 Additionally, I would like the board  
14 to consider to allow the usage of Judas  
15 collars or other electronic tracking  
16 devices in an effort to take this  
17 population back.

18 The last thing I would like to bring  
19 up is that currently in somewhere  
20 between 25 and 28 of the 40 states that  
21 allow -- of the 40 states that allow  
22 suppressors, they allow it in hunting.  
23 Mississippi has not passed a law that

1           allows it. I think it is time to  
2           consider it as civilization or neighbors  
3           move into our hunting areas. I think  
4           it's a courtesy. I think it allows the  
5           next generation to avoid hearing loss.  
6           And I would just like to bring it up and  
7           have it considered.

8           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Shiflett.

9           MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

10          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Hartzog.

11          MR. HARTZOG: I'm hard of hearing. You said  
12                something about electronic and I --

13          MR. SHIFLETT: I would just like to ask that  
14                the board consider the allowance of  
15                tracking collars or Judas collars  
16                specifically with regard to feral swine.

17          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Define what a Judas collar  
18                is.

19          MR. HARTZOG: Yeah.

20          MR. SHIFLETT: It's just basically a locator  
21                collar.

22          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay.

23          MR. SHIFLETT: If any of you hunt with bird

1 dogs, it works off the same thing.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: It's a beeper collar?

3 MR. SHIFLETT: Well, it's actually a GPS  
4 collar.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay.

6 MR. HARTZOG: What are you attaching it to?

7 MR. SHIFLETT: Essentially what you would do  
8 is you would trap a young feral swine --

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,  
10 please.

11 MR. SHIFLETT: You will trap a young feral  
12 swine, put the collar on it and release  
13 it and allow it to take you back to the  
14 entire --

15 MR. HARTZOG: Okay. I got you. I'm sorry.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I have a question to ask  
17 Director Sykes.

18 Is it a legal practice in the state  
19 to track these swine and release it with  
20 an electronic collar on it, or do we  
21 need to look at that?

22 I hate to catch you off guard, but  
23 when he said that, I want to clear it up

1 right now for the board.

2 MR. DODD: I can't say that it's illegal to  
3 trap and release it on the property.  
4 There is some verbiage that has to do  
5 with electronics. But this type  
6 activity would certainly be allowed  
7 through a depredation permit. We're all  
8 for getting rid of the pigs, so we can  
9 make it happen.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes. Very good.  
11 Excellent. That's good to know. Thank  
12 you.

13 Okay. The next speaker under  
14 bowhunting is Brad Sullivan.

15 Yes.

16 MR. DODD: Point of clarification.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes. You want to pay  
18 attention here.

19 MR. DODD: You're welcome to release hogs you  
20 trap on your property -- you can release  
21 them back onto that property. You  
22 cannot legally transport them off the  
23 property.



1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Right. And you can't  
2 bring in new hogs and release; is that  
3 correct?

4 MR. SYKES: That's correct.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Thank you.

6 Okay, Mr. Sullivan.

7 MR. SULLIVAN: My name is Brad Sullivan from  
8 Northport. I was just wondering -- I  
9 know we got some wildlife management  
10 areas that have archery on the areas.  
11 And I hunt Oakmulgee some, and I noticed  
12 that it's almost 45,000 acres that has  
13 no archery on the area.

14 And the reason I ask, I know we want  
15 our management areas and all public land  
16 to be multiuse, but I've run into some  
17 situations down there where there's been  
18 some squirrel-treeing competitions over  
19 the vast area of the management area,  
20 and we all know once that happens it's  
21 no longer multiuse. It's treeing  
22 squirrels.

23 But, you know, they -- everybody has

1           got -- you know, got their own right to  
2           hunt and do that kind of stuff. But  
3           I was just wondering if we could set  
4           aside maybe -- it's such a vast area --  
5           if we could set aside some areas that  
6           are archery only. I know like we're  
7           doing the game check now like some of  
8           the other states. People up north, for  
9           instance, do that. They've actually got  
10          some resident-only areas in some of  
11          their management areas that are that way  
12          and archery only also. And I just  
13          wanted to approach the board about that  
14          and see what y'all thought and maybe  
15          something could happen. I don't know.

16       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Where do you live?

17       MR. SULLIVAN: I live in Northport.

18       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. That would be in --

19       MR. SULLIVAN: Tuscaloosa County.

20       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: -- Mr. Bunn's --

21       MR. BUNN: Well, it's actually in 6.

22       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dobbs, if you could  
23          look into that, please, sir.

1 MR. SULLIVAN: The land I'm talking about is  
2 south of -- it's in Hale and Tuscaloosa  
3 and --

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dobbs will be your  
5 representative, so that would be great.  
6 Very good.

7 The next speaker under turtle  
8 harvest is Missy Harbin.

9 MS. HARBIN: Hello. My name is Missy Harbin.  
10 And I own Refuge Turtle Farm located in  
11 Scottsboro, Alabama, in Jackson County.  
12 My husband spoke with you guys at the  
13 meeting in February. I just wanted to  
14 tell you a little bit about us and what  
15 we're asking of you today. I'm going to  
16 read because I get a little nervous when  
17 I'm public-speaking.

18 So we are a small farm. We have  
19 three breeding ponds where we harvest  
20 eggs and incubate them. We also have  
21 one grow-out pond that we started last  
22 year when you guys changed the  
23 regulations on turtle harvest. We

1           started this grow-out pond so that we  
2           could start raising up turtles for our  
3           breeding purposes. That process can  
4           take at least five years, sometimes  
5           maybe more, depending on the maturity of  
6           the turtle.

7           I'm asking you today to allow turtle  
8           farmers to select so many turtles each  
9           year to give us breeding stock. I'm not  
10          asking for you to open it up to  
11          everyone, only turtle farmers that have  
12          been completing and turning in the  
13          required documents to the state office.  
14          Permits could be given out on a  
15          case-by-case basis. The state could  
16          also charge a fee for the permits each  
17          year. We've discussed this several  
18          times with Mark Sasser, and he seems to  
19          be willing to work with us if he can get  
20          the approval from the board.

21          I just want to thank you today for  
22          allowing me to speak and considering my  
23          recommendation. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Ms. Harbin.

2 MR. HARTZOG: One question, Ms. Harbin.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a question,  
4 Ms. Harbin.

5 MR. HARTZOG: I hate to be the only one that  
6 keeps asking questions.

7 How many turtles would it take  
8 for -- first of all, how many commercial  
9 turtle farms do we have in the state of  
10 Alabama?

11 MS. HARBIN: How many commercial turtle farms  
12 do we have in the state of Alabama?

13 I'm not accurate on that number. I  
14 know of at least four.

15 MR. HARTZOG: And how many turtles would you  
16 need to take to replenish your breeding  
17 stock?

18 MS. HARBIN: I think my husband asked for  
19 about 300 last -- at the last meeting.  
20 And that's only, you know, for the first  
21 couple of years till we can start  
22 getting our own turtles to breed.  
23 Because right now we just started that

1           program last year. So it's going to  
2           take us at least another five years to  
3           get those turtles to a breeding size.

4                     So we're only asking for you to  
5           allow us time to catch some turtles to  
6           replace our breeding stock that dies off  
7           from, you know, natural causes or  
8           whatever. Because turtles are just like  
9           any other animal. They're going to die  
10          off.

11                    Anything else?

12          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dobbs.

13          MR. DOBBS: May I ask, how many turtles can  
14                     you harvest currently per day?

15          MS. HARBIN: Currently per day you can't  
16                     harvest any according to the  
17                     regulation. Before we could harvest ten  
18                     turtles per day per permit.

19          MR. DOBBS: You can't harvest any turtles for  
20                     commercial purposes?

21          MS. HARBIN: Right.

22          MR. DOBBS: But as an individual you can  
23                     harvest how many?

1 MS. HARBIN: I believe the way the regulation  
2 is wrote up is that you can take two  
3 turtles, but you can't use it for  
4 propagation or anything like that. You  
5 can only use it for personal use.

6 MR. DOBBS: So you can't take those two  
7 turtles back to your farm and turn them  
8 loose in your pond?

9 MS. HARBIN: That's the way I understand the  
10 rule.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Do you want to clarify it?

12 MR. DODD: I think she stated it very well.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good.

14 MS. HARBIN: Is that it?

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much. Are  
16 there any other questions from the  
17 board?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We're going to take  
20 a brief 15-minute recess and be back  
21 promptly in 15 minutes.

22 (A brief recess was taken.)

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We'll start with

1           the against February extension. Let me  
2           put some glasses on so I can see. Our  
3           first speaker will be Paul Farmer.

4           MR. FARMER: Commissioner, Board, I'm Paul  
5           Farmer from Chilton County, Alabama.  
6           I'm an avid rabbit hunter. And by  
7           giving two weeks into February for an  
8           extended deer season, that's when all of  
9           us rabbit hunters really get to use our  
10          dogs is that one month out of the year.

11                 We have October to rabbit hunt in,  
12          but as y'all all know, it's going to be  
13          hot. Fleas and ticks and mosquitoes eat  
14          you up the whole time you're trying to  
15          hunt. So we really don't have but just  
16          one good month of hunting. Because then  
17          the dog -- I mean, the deer hunters  
18          allow us to come on their property and  
19          run rabbits. And by extending this into  
20          ten days into February, that's ten days  
21          that -- we have fed these dogs for 325  
22          days a year just to get to hunt what  
23          little bit of chance we get. I don't



1 know about where y'all are from, but the  
2 deer-hunting clubs where we're at, they  
3 don't want you on their property during  
4 deer season at all and frown at you if  
5 you even call and ask them.

6 So we've got a little bit of time in  
7 October to hunt and then the month of  
8 February to do our real hunting. And by  
9 letting them have ten days into  
10 February, it's just going to mess us up  
11 tremendously. And we wish y'all would  
12 really think about this.

13 Think about us small game hunters.  
14 I mean, it ain't all about deer. It  
15 ain't all about these people out here  
16 spending money to deer hunt. I spend  
17 just as much money on my beagles and my  
18 tracking collars and my shock collars  
19 and my gas as those guys who deer hunt.  
20 And I'd really appreciate y'all thinking  
21 about us small hunters and giving us the  
22 opportunity to have our month of  
23 February to keep hunting. Thank you.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, sir.

2 The next speaker is Roger McElroy.

3 MR. McELROY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
4 Commissioner, and Advisory Board. I  
5 would echo what the --

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,  
7 please, Mr. McElroy.

8 MR. McELROY: I echo what the previous  
9 gentleman said. As a small game hunter,  
10 that's been my tradition from day one.  
11 And instead of extending the deer  
12 season, I would suggest that they back  
13 the deer season back to January 15th.  
14 And I've talked to adjacent states, the  
15 state of Mississippi and Georgia, and  
16 theirs pretty well ends January 15th in  
17 both states except southeast  
18 Mississippi.

19 So that would certainly give us, the  
20 small game hunters, more opportunities  
21 to hunt small game in Alabama if they  
22 would do that. And why not? I mean,  
23 officials in Mississippi said that

1 the -- they've never -- they would never  
2 change it from the 15th and extend it  
3 because of the deer changes that undergo  
4 around the 15th of the month.

5 So -- and, also, I wonder how many  
6 small game enthusiasts we have on this  
7 board. Seems like we are -- you know,  
8 we are certainly the minority today.

9 But, anyway, I've talked to -- I  
10 only knew about this meeting about a  
11 week ago. And I've talked to many  
12 members of the Alabama section of the  
13 American Treeing Feist Association and  
14 also the Quail Forever organization, and  
15 they are opposed to any extension of the  
16 deer season beyond the 31st. And they,  
17 too, would agree with me if I had time  
18 to contact them -- some I had -- of  
19 backing it up like Georgia and  
20 Mississippi to January 15th for gun deer  
21 season.

22 Also, I would mention the Yates  
23 Wildlife Management Area. They gun deer

1            hunt there two weeks out of every month,  
2            and that's a dangerous situation over  
3            there for the simple reason it's a small  
4            wildlife area and residential homes are  
5            all around that area. And shooting  
6            these high-powered rifles poses a big  
7            threat just waiting to happen over  
8            there. And that's another concern I  
9            have with that area. It seems like open  
10           season on gun deer season over there,  
11           and it forces me, the small game hunter,  
12           in a hole.

13                 Also, I would encourage the  
14           Conservation Department to do more on  
15           the wildlife management areas as far as  
16           the quail situation. In the past I've  
17           found quail, particularly in Lowndes  
18           County, that the hogs and the pines have  
19           overrun that place. And so I haven't  
20           even been there in the last couple of  
21           years.

22                 So, again, I appreciate the  
23           opportunity to speak --

1 MR. BLAIR: That's time.

2 MR. McELROY: -- to this forum, and I hope my  
3 consideration on backing this gun deer  
4 season up to January 15th is  
5 considered. Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. McElroy, I think you  
7 spoke to all Auburn fans as being small  
8 game enthusiasts. That's about all we  
9 had last year. Hopefully we'll be a  
10 little bigger game enthusiasts this  
11 year. We understand where you're coming  
12 from. Thank you so much.

13 The next speaker is Jerry Temple.

14 MR. TEMPLE: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, thank  
15 you for letting me have the opportunity  
16 to talk to you this morning.

17 This data that we are getting from  
18 the Conservation Department and all  
19 about this extending the season, I  
20 understand that a lot of it is coming  
21 from these management areas and maybe  
22 some of the plantations in the area.  
23 But I don't know that we're getting all

1 the data that we need.

2 I was over in Wilcox County for the  
3 big roundup the other day on the hogs,  
4 and everybody we talked to over there  
5 said that they harvest mature bucks  
6 during the regular season as it is. I  
7 know where I live we don't have any  
8 problems with our rut. There are plenty  
9 of mature bucks that are killed every  
10 year during the time span that we've had  
11 for the last hundred years. You know,  
12 if I'm being force-fed it, I'll have to  
13 swallow it today. I don't really do a  
14 whole lot of hunting over there except  
15 on management area hunts, but I'm not  
16 for cutting out any type of hunting for  
17 anybody.

18 And I know good and well, looking  
19 across the board up there, Dr. Warren  
20 Strickland, I'm sure the Commissioner --  
21 Dan, I know that you've been involved  
22 with hunting all your life. We have got  
23 a level of intelligence here that can

1           come up with an alternative method to  
2           satisfy everybody. If you're trying to  
3           get these people over here in this area  
4           to be able to hunt into February because  
5           that's when their rut happens, so be it.  
6           Let them do it. But don't take anything  
7           away from nobody else. I don't think  
8           that's fair. And if it works out like  
9           the Commissioner said, maybe next year  
10          we can do it different, you know, if we  
11          find out that it doesn't work the other  
12          way. But I'm sure there's an  
13          alternative way. We've got way too much  
14          intelligence in this room to just rule  
15          out everything; okay?

16                 Another thing I want to talk about  
17                 is these dogs that are being shot in the  
18                 woods. Now, we had an incident down in  
19                 Clarke County this year where a man lost  
20                 three or four dogs. I'm sure some of  
21                 you seen it on the Internet. Now,  
22                 folks, I'm going to tell you, this is  
23                 going to cause problems.

1           I talked to a fellow in Wilcox  
2           County the other day that said he had  
3           got out of dog hunting 25 years ago.  
4           Him and his father was hunting with a  
5           group of people, and he witnessed a  
6           fellow shoot four of his dogs. And  
7           before he even thought about what he had  
8           done, he had near about beat this man to  
9           death with his bare hands. His father  
10          tried to stop him. Him, a young fellow  
11          and had worked with them dogs for years  
12          and years, he almost killed him with his  
13          bare hands. He don't dog hunt anymore.  
14          He don't even own a Chihuahua. The  
15          judge told him if he was involved in  
16          anything else like that he would put him  
17          away.

18                 So I really wish you would think  
19                 about it and look at it. It's a serious  
20                 situation. I know that I saw -- Allan  
21                 Andress six or eight years ago was on  
22                 TV. They was fighting --

23         MR. BLAIR: That's time.



1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Sum it up, please.

2 MR. TEMPLE: They were fighting to try to find  
3 out who shot some people's dogs that  
4 were just out of their yard. So really  
5 I think we need to take a look at that.  
6 Thank you for letting me talk.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you.

8 The next speaker in the category  
9 against February extension/dog deer  
10 hunting is Kevin Mock.

11 MR. MOCK: My name is Kevin Mock from Florala,  
12 Alabama, Covington County. I would like  
13 to thank Commissioner Guy and the  
14 Advisory Board for the opportunity to  
15 express my opinion on the proposed  
16 changes to the season dates for gun deer  
17 season.

18 Commissioner Guy, you said that  
19 there's no loss of days for the hunters  
20 in the state of Alabama. Here are the  
21 numbers. In 2012 the dog season in  
22 Alabama was 60 days. Under your  
23 proposal for 2013 we will have 44 days.

1           That's over a 25-percent reduction in  
2           our season one year to the next. Have  
3           70 days for stalk hunting.

4           And to hear you say that dog hunters  
5           will hunt even if dog season is not  
6           tells me you do not have an  
7           understanding of the traditions of the  
8           sport of dog hunting. Dog hunting for  
9           the majority of the dog hunters that are  
10          represented here today is not about  
11          harvesting the biggest deer or hunting  
12          in the rut as you have said in your  
13          previous statement.

14          It's about fellowship among hunters  
15          and friends that have the same -- that  
16          have the same passions that we do for  
17          dog hunting. It's about watching the  
18          kids jump out of the truck to catch a  
19          dog after the race is over, or it's  
20          about the people gathering up and  
21          talking about how the big one got away  
22          or why we didn't kill this one or that  
23          one. It's about raising our kids up the

1 way we were brought up.

2 I've got two boys ages three and  
3 seven. I've tried to get those two boys  
4 involved in the outdoors, and the only  
5 way that I'm able to do that at this  
6 point is through dog hunting. You can't  
7 get them to go sit in a blind. You  
8 can't get them to go sit and be quiet  
9 and do any type of other hunting. But  
10 you can take them to a -- dog hunting.  
11 They've got other friends in the club.  
12 Every time we stop they're out playing  
13 with their friends or talking to them on  
14 the CB radio, vice versa. Get to the  
15 house and they're riding around with a  
16 mic -- CB mic on their bicycle, their  
17 plastic guns -- guns across their  
18 handlebars playing hunting club at the  
19 house.

20 Would we hunt into February if this  
21 was passed? Maybe. Is that what we  
22 prefer to do? Absolutely not. We would  
23 prefer to keep our ten days that you're

1           trying to take from us. We're not  
2           opposed for the season to go into  
3           February for the stalk hunters if that's  
4           what is determined is best from this  
5           board, but we are opposed to removing  
6           any amount of dog -- any amount of days  
7           from the dog hunter.

8           MR. BLAIR: That's time.

9           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you'll sum it up,  
10           please.

11          MR. MOCK: I would just ask for consideration  
12           from the board to come up with a -- to  
13           come up with a proposal that does not --  
14           that does not take days away from the  
15           dog hunters. When you start taking away  
16           25 percent, you start losing memberships  
17           and you start losing your leases and you  
18           have trouble filling those spots and  
19           those leases you start losing. Thank  
20           you for your time.

21          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is --

22          COMMISSIONER GUY: The only point I wanted to  
23           make -- and I brought this up last

1           time -- is he referenced the number of  
2           days. Everybody is losing days because  
3           of the calendar this year. So just so  
4           we're clear on that, it's -- there is a  
5           calendar event every year where the  
6           season changes and because of the  
7           calendar everybody's losing days. So  
8           just a point of clarification.

9           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you for the  
10           clarification.

11          COMMISSIONER GUY: Total number of days,  
12           everybody is losing days this year.

13          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Mock.

14                    The next speaker will be Amos  
15           Fowler.

16                    And if the gallery will hold their  
17           applause until the end of the session,  
18           please.

19          MR. FOWLER: My name is Amos Fowler. And  
20           thank you, Commissioner Guy and Members  
21           of the Board.

22                    My name is Amos Fowler. I represent  
23           Bear Head Hunting Club. We are about 55

1 members strong down in Choctaw County.  
2 Also, two other clubs asked me if I  
3 would speak on their behalf, Mount Zion,  
4 which has 15 members, and South Choctaw,  
5 who is threatening to just delete their  
6 club out -- and they've been in business  
7 for about 30 years -- because they're  
8 having membership problems if they lose  
9 ten days.

10 Our club, we had a big meeting on  
11 this and discussed it. Our problem was  
12 we're not really against any changes you  
13 guys might want to make as far as  
14 extending the season if that's what we  
15 think. I mean, we lost 10 days or 15  
16 days years ago, you may remember, when  
17 we used to could dog hunt through the  
18 29th. And we seem to have got along  
19 fine with the situation the way it has  
20 been.

21 Our biggest concern is -- like this  
22 gentleman just said, I'm a product of  
23 dog hunting. My dad left when I was

1           small. Had a neighbor that fox hunted  
2           and deer hunted with dogs. My brother  
3           and I probably would have never been  
4           hunting. And this old fellow used to  
5           put us in his truck and take us. Well,  
6           I have done the same thing.

7           A lot of these men over here have  
8           hunted with us at Bear Head. We put  
9           tremendous effort there bringing kids  
10          each week. We invite as many children.  
11          They don't have to pay guest fees. They  
12          don't do anything. I have kids. I've  
13          taken them to the stand. I still hunt  
14          every once in a while.

15          Mr. Guy, you said most guys will  
16          stalk hunt. Most dog hunters, they  
17          don't stalk hunt. If you're going to  
18          fool with a dog, that's mostly -- that's  
19          what they enjoy doing.

20          But I take kids to deer stands.  
21          They get bored to death and want to  
22          leave. But I can load my truck up full  
23          of kids and go out there and turn dogs

1 loose and they'll hang with me all day  
2 running dogs, going through the woods.  
3 I drive a lot in my truck because we  
4 have a lot of thicket. And I've got  
5 eight or ten kids a lot of times going  
6 in there with us.

7 We're not opposed to anything that  
8 you guys want to do as far as if you  
9 want to extend the season. We certainly  
10 don't want to hurt small game hunters.  
11 We allow them there. Our problem is  
12 it's tough enough -- we spend \$56,000  
13 just on leases alone. It's tough enough  
14 to get 55 members and be able to  
15 generate those funds. I spend  
16 personally about \$300 a month because  
17 there's three of us that have dogs. And  
18 we raise dogs. We keep them in a  
19 kennel.

20 At our club I don't believe we've  
21 had any complaints through the board.  
22 Most of our guys, we are required that  
23 we put a tracking system -- I actually



1           have two tracking systems, and most of  
2           our guys do -- to prevent our dogs from  
3           going on other folks' land. I will  
4           actually pull off of a deer hunt and go  
5           try to cut dogs off -- and we set guys  
6           up that do that -- to prevent disturbing  
7           other folks that have still lands and  
8           larger clubs around us.

9           I just appreciate you giving us the  
10          opportunity to be here today. And,  
11          really, think about it seriously. It's  
12          been a thing of tradition in the past  
13          for dog hunting. I have no problem with  
14          extending the season. I'd just like to  
15          see us not lose the days. It's tough  
16          enough on the amount of money we spend  
17          between the vets and the dog part people  
18          that we keep in business. Thank you.

19          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you. The next  
20          speaker is Susan Morrow.

21                 Please hold your applause until the  
22          end.

23          MS. MORROW: Good morning, Chairman, Members

1 of the Board. I'm Susan Morrow from  
2 Mobile, Alabama.

3 We have 37 management areas in the  
4 state. We have four that we are allowed  
5 to dog deer hunt. Two years ago y'all  
6 gave us more days on those areas, and I  
7 thank y'all -- each and every one of  
8 y'all for it. And now I have also asked  
9 for y'all to open up more management  
10 areas for us dog hunters.

11 And, also, I asked you at the last  
12 meeting to look in, since we have such a  
13 hog problem in Alabama, allowing the  
14 guys and the women and kids that hog  
15 hunt with dogs to come into the  
16 management areas and do it. You have  
17 special seasons set for them. But it's  
18 really hard to walk up on a hog. So I  
19 wish that y'all would look into that for  
20 the hog hunters.

21 And as far as extending the season,  
22 we are not for it. I understand that  
23 Commissioner Guy feels like that the dog

1 hunters will just be losing a tool, that  
2 all of us will continue to hunt. I  
3 stalk hunt and dog hunt, but I do not  
4 stalk hunt as much as I dog hunt. My  
5 love is dog hunting.

6 And a lot of our hunters, they will  
7 not hunt. If we keep losing days, they  
8 are going to stop hunting, and they will  
9 stop buying hunting licenses. Leases  
10 are going to go up. We're going to have  
11 out-of-staters coming in and leasing our  
12 land and killing our bucks. We're not  
13 going to be able to afford the leases,  
14 the everyday people. We're going to sit  
15 in our living rooms and watch them kill  
16 our Alabama deer on TV. I hope not  
17 because that wouldn't make me happy at  
18 all.

19 And I understand that regardless of  
20 what any of us say here today that this  
21 is going to happen anyway, that  
22 Commissioner Guy can do it, that even if  
23 the board opposes it, it's going to

1           happen. We're not happy about it.

2           I understand there was a petition,  
3           Extendingtheseason.com, and they had  
4           12,000 signatures for it. Well, anybody  
5           can get on a computer and put all those  
6           signatures on there. But as far as the  
7           meetings in the last two years since  
8           this has come up about extending the  
9           season, I've only seen three or four  
10          people come before the board and ask to  
11          extend the deer season. And it seems  
12          like every time we dog hunters come up  
13          here we are begging and asking for y'all  
14          not to take away from us. And we're  
15          constantly asking not to lose days and  
16          not to --

17       MR. BLAIR: That's time.

18       MS. MORROW: -- take away from the --

19       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you will sum it up,  
20                please, Ms. Morrow.

21       MS. MORROW: Well, to sum it up, I'll try to  
22                be really quick here.

23                Basically we are against it and we

1           wish that y'all would relook at this and  
2           table this to the May meeting and move  
3           the meeting down towards the area where  
4           the season will shift to allow everybody  
5           there to have their three minutes to  
6           speak in this state that wants to speak  
7           against this. At least allow our people  
8           to do that. If it ain't broke, don't  
9           fix it. Thank you.

10          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. The next  
11           speaker is Don Knight.

12          MR. KNIGHT: I am Don Knight. I live in  
13           Anniston. I hunt in Barbour County.  
14           I'm the state president of the Alabama  
15           Dog Hunters Association. Had a nice  
16           little speech for today but it's been  
17           kind of shot out of the water.

18                    I hope all of you got the film I  
19           sent you. I hope you got to look at it  
20           and see how the kids that have enjoyed  
21           dog hunting so much react.

22                    Commissioner, I'd like to answer one  
23           of your questions -- or maybe not a

1 question -- one of your statements. And  
2 it's already been approached. But you  
3 said people will continue to hunt  
4 whether they dog hunt or not. Let me  
5 give you an example on our hunting  
6 land.

7 We got -- normally on a weekend  
8 we'll have 40 to 60 people there hunting  
9 with our dogs. The last two weeks of  
10 the season when they stalk hunt, we may  
11 have five people in those woods and  
12 that's it. Because I know because I go  
13 down there to try to keep the poachers  
14 out. So we might have five. The rest  
15 of them are home. That cuts out a lot  
16 of money.

17 And now that you're talking about  
18 cutting back ten days of the southwest  
19 corner down there, why is what we can't  
20 understand. We keep hearing resources.  
21 If its resources, which I assume means  
22 the deer, why would you extend the  
23 season if we got any problem with any

1           sort of resources that would cut the dog  
2           hunters back ten days. That doesn't  
3           seem to be one and one be two.  
4           Something is wrong there.

5           I sent all of you a letter showing  
6           the dates of the deer being --  
7           conception dates, and that didn't show  
8           anything that needed to go into  
9           February. And don't get me wrong. I'm  
10          like the rest of these people. I'm  
11          asking our dog-hunting clubs to work  
12          with our rabbit hunters and get them  
13          more time on our land so they can hunt.  
14          But if you want to extend the season,  
15          that's fine if our biologists say that.  
16          If the people down there say so and our  
17          biologists say no, it shouldn't be  
18          done. But I don't think our biologists  
19          are saying there's something wrong with  
20          the deer down there and that we  
21          shouldn't be able to dog hunt.

22          You know, dogs are a tool like Susan  
23          said, I think. And you're taking that

1           tool away from us and the way we like to  
2           hunt and the method that we like to  
3           hunt. You know, tree stands are a tool  
4           of still hunters and stalk hunters.  
5           More people are hurt in those tree  
6           stands every year than anything else.  
7           Nobody is down here trying to take away  
8           their tool. I'm not either. Because  
9           I've got tree stands; okay?

10       MR. BLAIR: That's time.

11       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Sum it up, please,  
12           Mr. Knight.

13       MR. KNIGHT: But I want you to understand that  
14           the dog deer hunters losing their days  
15           will get out of hunting. We're trying  
16           to increase the population of hunting,  
17           and it seems like somebody is always  
18           trying to decrease it to please somebody  
19           else. Help us out, fellows. We need  
20           those ten days to keep our method of  
21           hunting going. Thank you.

22       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is Bobby  
23           Pack.



1 MR. PACK: Thank you, sir. Board Members --

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,  
3 please, Mr. Pack.

4 MR. PACK: I'm sorry. Thank you for letting  
5 me speak.

6 Dog hunting is like a family thing.  
7 Like I say, I know some of you older men  
8 remember your daddies and your grandpas  
9 telling you about the days they'd go  
10 hunting and they'd come home -- my dad  
11 was from Huntsville, Alabama. He would  
12 tell me stories about there wasn't no  
13 deer in Huntsville. If they found a  
14 deer track, they would go to all the  
15 neighbors and get them to come and see  
16 the deer track. If they had a dog that  
17 would take it, then they would hunt him  
18 all day till they killed him.

19 Well, that's exactly what they want  
20 to do now is kill all the deer out it  
21 sounds like. They want to extend the  
22 season longer so you kill your mature  
23 bucks, and that's not what dog hunters

1           are about. We're about tradition,  
2           family-oriented. We teach our kids  
3           respect for one another, respect for the  
4           animal. Just like they were saying  
5           today, a man -- a guy killed a dog in  
6           his yard; they want to put him in  
7           prison. They kill them in the woods;  
8           they say nothing about it. They had to  
9           beg a game warden and a police officer  
10          to come down there to even find this dog  
11          and prosecute anybody and to our  
12          knowledge has not been prosecuted yet.

13                 And people talking about a dog is a  
14                 tool. A dog is not a tool. They assume  
15                 it is, but it's not. To some people  
16                 it's a pet. For some it's friends. For  
17                 others it's hunting, hunting partners.  
18                 And for kids it's a loved one.

19                 If the proposal goes through, like  
20                 the man was saying before me, that's a  
21                 tool -- the stalk hunters have tools.  
22                 They have tree stands, the  
23                 side-by-sides, the four-wheelers. And

1 all that should be taken -- till the end  
2 of the season should be taken away from  
3 them too.

4 And with regard to the ten days --  
5 if this proposal goes through, those ten  
6 days December the 2nd through December  
7 12th, then the only people who will be  
8 hunting will be outlaws. You'll be  
9 making people who are usually honest  
10 people that have been hunting their  
11 whole life that are used to hunting the  
12 whole time -- they're going to  
13 consider -- these older people --  
14 they'll consider themselves to be able to  
15 keep on hunting. They're going to hunt  
16 them ten days.

17 I was in enforcement for a while.  
18 I'm a public servant now still. But  
19 these people -- these game wardens are  
20 understaffed as they are. Those ten  
21 days they're going to be answering more  
22 calls than they would on an entire  
23 season on a regular hunting season.

1           There will be more people doing things  
2           they shouldn't be doing, even stalk  
3           hunters.

4           I talk to a hundred people a day.  
5           I have a thousand -- I'm a mailman now.  
6           I have a thousand stops on my route. I  
7           talk to people of all races, creeds, and  
8           color and stalk hunters, rabbit hunters,  
9           everything. 90 percent of all deer  
10          hunters with dogs are part of the honest  
11          people. They trespass just to get their  
12          dogs and all. Stalk hunters will tell  
13          you they will put out corn. They will,  
14          you know, climb a tree where they ain't  
15          supposed to be climbing a tree on a land  
16          line. I mean, 80 percent of those --  
17          and that's just a random number.

18          In closing, all I can say is if you  
19          put the shoe on the other foot and take  
20          ten days out of stalk season, back it to  
21          the 15th like one of the gentlemen said,  
22          you would have all kind of stalk hunters  
23          coming out and be complaining about

1 discrimination too. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you.

3 The next speaker is Dennis Russell.

4 MR. RUSSELL: Good morning, gentlemen. I'm  
5 not totally against the extension of  
6 deer season. And there's a few things  
7 you need to look at when you talk about  
8 this.

9 First off, the major thing I think  
10 you're hurting, you're hurting our kids  
11 and our youth. Because there's not  
12 enough days in the outdoors to start  
13 with. We got 20,000 acres. Another  
14 gentleman just talked about -- we rent  
15 it for dog hunting. We don't rent it  
16 for nothing else. We rent it for dog  
17 hunting. Once dog season goes out,  
18 we're not down there. We got our own  
19 private leases we go to because it's  
20 smaller acreage. We rent those big  
21 blocks of land because we can dog hunt.

22 We got 60 to 70 kids in our club.  
23 That's 60 to 70 kids you're fixing to

1 take out of the outdoors in those ten  
2 days. That's not right. That -- I  
3 don't know how you look at it, but it's  
4 not right. When you take a kid from the  
5 outdoors, it's just not right.

6 Second off, the leases are so high,  
7 we're fixing to have a problem leasing  
8 our land. The economics that you're  
9 going to create by this is going to put  
10 small businesses in a financial strain  
11 because we're not going to be there  
12 buying gas. We're not going to be there  
13 buying food. It costs us 130-something  
14 thousand dollars a year to rent that  
15 land to dog hunt. 99 percent of those  
16 people that's in my lease is the working  
17 man that works five days a week. He  
18 only gets to hunt the weekends. But if  
19 you go figure that out, that's a lot  
20 just to hunt a few weekends a year.  
21 Well, if you go ahead and you cut ten  
22 days out, that's going to be that many  
23 more days he's not going to get to

1 hunt.

2 So I just ask you to look at all  
3 aspects of this. Because we are a  
4 dog-hunting club. I don't want to see  
5 the dog hunters lose anything. Don't  
6 want to see any hunter lose anything.  
7 But if we're going to give to the  
8 stalk-hunting side, let's look at the  
9 dog hunters as well. Thank you,  
10 gentlemen.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you.

12 The next speaker is Donald Nelson.

13 MR. NELSON: Good morning, gentlemen. My name  
14 is Don Nelson. I am an avid Alabama fan  
15 before you start your watch there. So  
16 take that into consideration a little  
17 bit. I do have brothers that went to  
18 Auburn. I am a South Alabama graduate.  
19 But I do want to thank you for the  
20 opportunity this morning. I'll try to  
21 be brief.

22 I want to thank Mr. Hatley and some  
23 of the representatives who came down to

1 a meeting we had in Mobile. It took a  
2 lot of courage. He listened. And  
3 really that's what you have to do as a  
4 board member. You have a hard decision,  
5 hard choices. I'm a mayor. I have a  
6 council. We have to do the same type  
7 thing. But the point I want to make is  
8 we try to get out and I have to listen  
9 to my constituents. And I hope that  
10 you'll listen to your constituents this  
11 morning here as we wrestle with this  
12 hard decision.

13 Now, one thing I took out of the  
14 last meeting in Montgomery was -- and I  
15 listened to each one of the district  
16 reps say that this was the best year,  
17 they had the least amount of conflict  
18 between stalk and dog hunting in their  
19 areas this year. And I believe I'd be  
20 correct in what I heard when y'all said  
21 that. And that's what we strive for, to  
22 be good neighbors, to do it the right  
23 way. Of course, you know and I know,



1           you always have a few bad folks that do  
2           it different ways in any organization.

3           There was an article that come out  
4           about that meeting we had. We had it  
5           packed to the rafters. We had -- it was  
6           a tornado watch and they still came  
7           out. People stood in the rain because  
8           they were concerned and I understand  
9           why. You heard all the reasons,  
10          economics, families hunt, it's a great  
11          opportunity to gather. But there was  
12          also a comment made talking about --  
13          it's like we have to look at this thing  
14          as the glass half full. Well, if I did  
15          this thing here, you would say that's a  
16          hook 'em horns thing there. There's  
17          four quarters of deer-hunting season for  
18          the dog people. If you take one out --  
19          and that's in essence what you're doing  
20          -- we only have 75 percent. So please  
21          consider that.

22                 And, once again, I've only known of  
23                 one time -- the board can always reverse

1           itself, but I only know of one time that  
2           I can recall where we actually -- we  
3           lost days in January and a year later we  
4           got those days back. It's a hard thing  
5           to do once you've crossed that line. So  
6           please consider that once you do it.

7           I've had the chance the last several  
8           days to look at some of the reports  
9           coming out, and I would like to read  
10          one -- of course, it talks about  
11          extending it, the rut season. But one  
12          thing on your December 2011 report that  
13          kind of concerns me a little bit -- and  
14          I'll talk about the other report we just  
15          got. It talked about the conception  
16          date and said the majority, 77 percent,  
17          of the conception dates were within the  
18          current hunting season structure while  
19          22 percent of these dates were from  
20          February 1st or later.

21                 Now, gentlemen, I spent 30 years in  
22                 the Marine Corps.

23         MR. BLAIR: That's time.

1 MR. NELSON: Okay.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If you'll go ahead and sum  
3 it up.

4 MR. NELSON: Okay. I would ask that you  
5 consider that. I would ask that you  
6 table this to the next meeting, get more  
7 data. This report -- there's some  
8 differences in the reports on the  
9 reporting areas and the numbers. It  
10 doesn't quite jive up. So I'd ask that  
11 y'all consider that.

12 And the last thing I'll share with  
13 you, this thing about the bond between  
14 dogs. And I got this yesterday from The  
15 Call News in Mobile County. And the  
16 headline reads, My Hero, a Dog Saves  
17 Homeowner From Mount Vernon Fire. The  
18 gentleman's name was Mr. Douglas Byrd, a  
19 big fox hunter. His dogs alerted him.  
20 There is a definite bond. Just like I  
21 have a four-year-old grandson. He loves  
22 to go with my dogs. He wouldn't get in  
23 a shooting house with me. Thank you,

1 gentlemen, for your time.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mayor.

3 The next speaker is Jim Dye.

4 MR. DYE: Good morning. My name is Jim Dye  
5 from Leeds, Alabama. I hunt in Greene  
6 County. But I am here to talk about the  
7 extension and what it's going to do  
8 taking away from deer dog hunting as far  
9 as losing the ten days.

10 You know, like I said -- it's been  
11 said before. It's just not right that  
12 stalk hunters are going to gain ten  
13 days, because no matter what happens, if  
14 you live in those counties where the  
15 extension is going to be and they're  
16 going to shut down in December, those  
17 guys are going to go to a different part  
18 of the state, hunt there, and then come  
19 back. You can still hunt ten more days,  
20 which is great. Dog hunters don't get  
21 any opportunity. I mean, you know,  
22 they're going to lose their ten days  
23 even though they can go somewhere else.

1           They're leasing property that they can't  
2           hunt.

3                       Secondly, the rabbit hunters in  
4           February, that's their prime time.  
5           That's when they do get to get out and  
6           hunt these lands that they can't really  
7           hunt during deer season because of  
8           obvious conflicts. So they're losing  
9           out in those areas, and if it goes  
10          statewide, you know, the rabbit hunters  
11          are really going to lose out. So I just  
12          encourage some thought there. And if  
13          you are going to extend it, extend dog  
14          season from the 15th to the 25th of  
15          January. Just add some days in there  
16          for the dog hunters to give them a  
17          chance. Thank you.

18          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you. The next  
19          speaker is Leslie Sikes.

20          MR. SIKES: My name is Leslie Sikes. I'm from  
21          Silas, Alabama, which is in Choctaw  
22          County. And I believe that's  
23          District 7, which would be your

1 district, Mr. Bunn.

2 I'm a member of Willow Road Hunting  
3 Club. We have about 4500 acres in the  
4 southern part of Choctaw County. We  
5 strongly oppose this proposed bill. We  
6 just don't -- we just don't think it's  
7 right for the dog hunters to lose ten  
8 days. You know, we -- it's just -- it's  
9 no different us going dog hunting and  
10 somebody going stalk hunting. We just  
11 don't believe we should lose those  
12 days.

13 I also hunt with Hebron Hunting  
14 Club, which is in the northwest corner  
15 of Choctaw County, and they've been  
16 under permit system for the past four  
17 years. And it's my understanding that  
18 Captain Blalock and Enforcement Officer  
19 Dodd recommended for Choctaw County to  
20 be off the permit system. There's been  
21 no complaints in four years. I would  
22 really like it if you would talk about  
23 it and see if maybe you can drop the

1 permit system since there hasn't been  
2 any complaints in four years. I don't  
3 think that would be a bad idea.

4 But this deal where you would extend  
5 the season for ten days for stalk  
6 hunters on into February, is it really  
7 what's best for the state or is it  
8 what's best for who's got the money,  
9 because I don't believe that's --  
10 I don't believe -- like Ms. Morrow said  
11 earlier, you know, us as a state, we  
12 don't -- we don't want everybody from  
13 out of state coming in and killing our  
14 deer and running our leases up. You  
15 know, this is our state. You know, this  
16 is for the state of Alabama, not for  
17 other states. We just believe that you  
18 should do what's best for the state as a  
19 whole, not for everybody else. Thank  
20 you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is John  
22 Ward.

23 Mr. Dodd, did you want any rebuttal

1 of that, what he said? Was he  
2 referencing you?

3 MR. DODD: I'm not sure. I didn't have any  
4 comment on the matter.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Mr. Ward.

6 MR. WARD: Good morning, Commissioner, Board.  
7 My name is John Ward. I hunt with Good  
8 Old Boys Hunting Club. Don't give to  
9 one and not give to the others. I'm a  
10 dog hunter. That's all I live and  
11 breathe, dog hunting.

12 (Inaudible portion).

13 We got about five, six bowhunters  
14 and probably about seven, eight stalk  
15 hunters.

16 (Inaudible portion.)

17 We've got young kids. You can't  
18 give to one kid and not give to the  
19 other ones. It's the same thing.

20 And these rabbit hunters -- we run  
21 ads all the time for members to hunt  
22 with us. We don't mind rabbit hunters  
23 coming to hunt, because we want to do



1           the same thing, run dogs. That's what  
2           we want to do.

3           And you keep putting these young  
4           kids -- you going to put them out on the  
5           streets. They ain't got nothing to do.  
6           They want to dog hunt. Give them  
7           something to do. Don't take the dogs  
8           away from us.

9           And these ten days, if you're going  
10          to give it to one, give it to the  
11          other. Don't give it to one and not  
12          give it to the other. That ain't  
13          right. Be fair to everybody. I'm  
14          fair. I'm just as fair as I can be to  
15          everybody.

16          And, you know, we're all human.  
17          We're all going to be sitting together  
18          and doing things together. My hunting  
19          club is based on a family-oriented  
20          club. We eat together. We joke  
21          together. We set around the campfire  
22          with a bunch of young kids. You know, come  
23          on guys, be straight with them. Thank

1           you.

2           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next speaker  
3           is -- we've got standing rules that's  
4           been in for ten years if we've got ten  
5           speakers. But in an effort to be  
6           totally fair, we've got one more  
7           speaker. And I'm going to use the  
8           chairman's prerogative, and we're going  
9           to allow him to speak. And that will be  
10          John Kiel. John K-I-E-L.

11          MR. KIEL: Hey, I'm John Kiel for the panel  
12          and the Chairman. I am from Clarke  
13          County. And I am here and just like  
14          everybody have said this morning -- you  
15          know, we're going over the same thing,  
16          but I would not like to see the deer  
17          season extended simply because, you  
18          know, that would shorten the dog  
19          season. I'm a dog hunter, been for all  
20          my life.

21                 And as you know -- some of you may  
22          know that we had an incident in Clarke  
23          County -- and that's where I'm from --

1           that they shot our dogs. And they got  
2           off on some property, and they shot the  
3           dogs. We tracked them and it took us to  
4           where they were shot. And we had the  
5           county sheriff to come -- actually, we  
6           blocked the guys in, wouldn't let them  
7           out. And we had the county sheriff to  
8           come. They said it wasn't nothing they  
9           could do. The game warden came and said  
10          there was nothing he could do.

11                 But the dogs were shot. We got  
12          pictures of them. We went and got the  
13          dogs, piled them up. And Ms. Susan  
14          Morrow, she is familiar with that  
15          story. And it just -- it's just not  
16          right to kill a dog. And we've all said  
17          that. And I just want you-all to know  
18          that we don't appreciate that. And we  
19          don't want to take the days away, but --  
20          and I'm a rabbit hunter too.

21                 It was another incident down in  
22          Greensboro. Three weeks after they shot  
23          our dogs down there in Clarke County, I

1           was rabbit hunting. They shot two of  
2           our dogs down there rabbit hunting, the  
3           guys I was hunting with. We heard the  
4           rifle go off killing our dogs. And  
5           that's just not right. And I cannot  
6           understand why the sheriff or the game  
7           warden couldn't do anything about it.

8           However, we have -- Ms. Morrow  
9           have -- they have a reward out trying to  
10          pinpoint the people that did this. And  
11          I just wanted -- that's all I have to  
12          say. Thank you.

13         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, sir.

14                 Now y'all can have your round of  
15                 applause.

16                 Okay. Now, in the support February  
17                 extension we have Mark Proctor.

18         MR. PROCTOR: I'm Mark Proctor. I'm the state  
19                 president of Bowhunters of Alabama. I'd  
20                 actually like to take this opportunity  
21                 to thank the Department of Conservation  
22                 and the board for everything that you  
23                 do. We really value the relationship

1           that we have with the department and  
2           look forward to continuing that  
3           partnership.

4                     Additionally, basically what I would  
5           like to do is say the Bowhunters of  
6           Alabama support the proposals that are  
7           being brought forward today. Thank  
8           you.

9           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much,  
10           Mr. Proctor.

11                    That concludes our public speakers  
12           time. The board is going to take  
13           another quick recess, and then we'll be  
14           right back at it in ten minutes.

15                    (A brief recess was taken.)

16           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We will start  
17           back. The next speaker is Jeff Bowden.

18                    (Brief interruption.)

19           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Jeff Bordon.

20           MR. BORDON: Thank you, Mr. Chairman,  
21           Mr. Commissioner, Board. I want to  
22           speak just a few minutes on our youth  
23           hunt. I'm from the Good Old Boys

1           Hunting Club in Fayette County. And,  
2           guys, you're talking about the look on  
3           the little guy's and little girl's face  
4           when they kill their first deer. It's  
5           just amazing. We had eight this year  
6           that killed their first deer. Had one  
7           kill a little seven-point and you would  
8           have thought he had killed old  
9           grandaddy. But the look on the kids'  
10          faces when they kill their first is  
11          just -- it's worth everything that we  
12          have to go through to keep our -- and it  
13          was on a dog hunt. So, guys, whatever  
14          we got to do, we got to keep our dogs  
15          running. Thank you.

16          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you. The next  
17          speaker will be John Haville.

18                 If y'all would hold the applause,  
19                 please.

20                 John H-A-V-I-L-L-E.

21          UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: He's already left.

22          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next speaker is  
23          Truman Herren, H-E-R-R-E-N.

1 MR. TRUMAN HERREN: Good afternoon. I'm  
2 Truman Herren from Fayette County. We  
3 petitioned you in 2006, 2007, 2008, and  
4 finally got a dog ban in Fayette  
5 County. It took until this year we had  
6 an excellent season with no disruption,  
7 and we'd just like to thank you for what  
8 you have done for us there.

9 We would encourage you to continue  
10 the ban in Fayette County. Thank you  
11 for your time and thank you for your  
12 service.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much, sir.

14 The next speaker will be Bill  
15 Herren.

16 MR. BILL HERREN: I'm Bill Herren. I live in  
17 Walker County, and we own property in  
18 Fayette County. We just want to say  
19 specifically that we are specifically  
20 thankful that we have the ban in the  
21 area where we do for our children and  
22 grandchildren and we hope for the  
23 future.

1           We appreciate the work you do.  
2           In attending these meetings, we've come  
3           to appreciate the fact that you truly  
4           work for conservation. You work with  
5           the people. And we believe that we as  
6           people are to be good neighbors. And  
7           you worked in this case in getting a  
8           ban. Our neighbors have been better  
9           neighbors. We've not had any problems.  
10          We have a better working relationship.  
11          And so we just express our appreciation,  
12          our gratitude, and our thankfulness for  
13          the work that you do and the work that  
14          you've done. Thank you.

15          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you for your kind  
16          words for the board, Mr. Herren.

17                 Is there anybody else that I missed  
18                 or that wishes to speak?

19                         (No response.)

20          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next order of  
21          business, then, will be old business.  
22          I'll start with an open issue from the  
23          last meeting.



1                   There is a motion to be considered  
2                   regarding the CPI increase for  
3                   licenses. Mr. Hatley.

4           MR. HATLEY: Yes. Mr. Chairman, I move the  
5           entire increase in license fees for  
6           Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries and  
7           Marine Resources licenses, based on the  
8           Consumer Price Index as provided under  
9           Sections 9-11-68 and 69 of the Alabama  
10          Code, be approved.

11         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

12         DR. STRICKLAND: Second.

13         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a second.

14                   Is there any discussion?

15                   (No response.)

16         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The motion as  
17                   Mr. Hatley just read it, all in favor  
18                   raise your hand.

19                   (All board members raise hand.)

20         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

21                   (No response.)

22         CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show that  
23                   the vote was unanimous.

1           Okay. We have a motion regarding  
2           revisions to 220-2-.02, including use of  
3           laser sights for disabled. I believe,  
4           Mr. Jones, you have that motion.

5           MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
6           motion to approve all the DCNR  
7           regulations adopted since the last  
8           Conservation Advisory Board meeting.

9           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. That is a  
10          housekeeping motion, but we need that  
11          approved also. Can we get a second on  
12          that?

13          MR. AINSWORTH: Second.

14          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. This motion is a  
15          housekeeping motion. Okay. We'll get  
16          to the other motion for you.

17                 But on this open motion we've got on  
18          the table, we've got a second. Is there  
19          any discussion?

20                         (No discussion.)

21          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: It's a housekeeping  
22          motion. All those in favor raise your  
23          hand.

1 (All board members raise hand.)

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Show that the motion  
5 passes unanimously.

6 Okay. There is a motion --  
7 Mr. Jones, I thought we gave it to you.  
8 Hold on. I'll find it. Let's see.

9 MR. JONES: I've got it.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Jones.

11 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to make a  
12 motion to approve the proposed revisions  
13 to the legal arms and ammunition  
14 regulation as set forth in the revised  
15 220-2-.02 regulation contained in the  
16 Conservation Advisory Board packet for  
17 this meeting.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

19 MR. HATLEY: Second.

20 DR. STRICKLAND: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: A motion as Mr. Jones just

1 read it, all in favor raise your hand.

2 (All board members raise hand.)

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show it was  
6 unanimous.

7 Okay. The next motion is --  
8 Mr. Hatley, you had -- the last two or  
9 three meetings in a row you had talked  
10 about fall turkey season. Do you bring  
11 a motion to the board?

12 MR. HATLEY: I have, Mr. Chairman. I'd like  
13 to make the following motion: That the  
14 Department of Conservation eliminate all  
15 fall turkey seasons in the state of  
16 Alabama, period.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Do we have a second?

18 MR. JONES: Second.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any discussion?

20 Yes, Dr. Lemme.

21 DR. LEMME: Mr. Moody, is there a biological  
22 reason to close turkey season during the  
23 fall?

1 MR. MOODY: No.

2 MR. HATLEY: Negative.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other discussion?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. All that are in  
6 favor of the motion that Mr. Hatley has  
7 as he just read it, raise your hand.

8 (With the exception of Dr. Lemme,  
9 the remainder of the board members  
10 raise their hands.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

12 (Dr. Lemme raises hand.)

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show that  
14 one opposed, the rest in favor. And the  
15 opposed was Dr. Lemme.

16 Okay. Motion number four,  
17 Mr. Dobbs. You had talked about the  
18 game check system and wanting a method  
19 to tally deer. And do you have a motion  
20 on the game check system, Mr. Dobbs?

21 MR. DOBBS: Yes, I do, Chairman Moultrie.

22 My motion that I would like to bring  
23 before is to approve a regulation

1           establishing a game check system as  
2           described by Commissioner Gunter Guy at  
3           the February 2013 Conservation Advisory  
4           Board meeting.

5           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Is there a second?

6           MR. AINSWORTH: Second.

7           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a  
8           second.

9                        Is there any discussion on the game  
10           check system as described by  
11           Commissioner Guy?

12                        (No response.)

13           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. If there's no  
14           discussion, all those in favor of the  
15           game check system, raise your hand.

16                        (All board members raise hand.)

17           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

18                        (No response.)

19           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show it is  
20           unanimous.

21                        Okay. Mr. Dobbs, you had a motion  
22           on delineating an area around feeding.  
23           Do you have a motion today?

1 MR. DOBBS: I do, Mr. Chairman. The motion  
2 I'd like to bring is for this board to  
3 approve the proposed regulation  
4 delineating an area around supplemental  
5 feeding, which should read as follows:  
6 For the purpose of Section 9-11-244, the  
7 Code of Alabama 1975, and Rule  
8 220-2-.11, the Alabama Administrative  
9 Code, as it applies to the hunting of  
10 deer and feral swine, there shall be a  
11 rebuttable presumption that any bait or  
12 feed, as defined in Section 9-11-244,  
13 located beyond 100 yards from the hunter  
14 and not within the line of sight of the  
15 hunter is not a lure, attraction, or  
16 enticement to, on, or over the area  
17 where the hunter is attempting to kill  
18 or take the deer or feral swine. For  
19 the purpose of this regulation, not  
20 within the line of sight means being  
21 hidden from view by natural vegetation  
22 or naturally occurring terrain  
23 features. This regulation shall not

1           apply on public lands.

2           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE:   Okay.   Is there a second?

3           MR. AINSWORTH:   Second.

4           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE:   We have a second.

5                         Is there any discussion?

6                         And I want to start with one item of  
7           discussion.   Dr. Lemme during a break  
8           came up and made a point to me.   And,  
9           Dr. Lemme, I think it would be  
10          worthwhile for you to describe that to  
11          the audience about that it could assist  
12          someone who is trapping hogs with their  
13          property rights.

14          DR. LEMME:   Just wanted clarification on the  
15          impact of this proposal on the ability  
16          of a landowner to be operating a feral  
17          hog trap and using a grain attractant in  
18          that trap.   They're not hunting deer.  
19          They're trapping feral hogs.   Will this  
20          prevent that?

21          MR. DODD:   No.

22          DR. LEMME:   They'll still be able to trap  
23          feral hogs; right?



1 MR. DODD: Right.

2 DR. LEMME: Thank you.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Any other  
4 discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If no further discussion,  
7 all those that are in favor of the  
8 delineating area as Mr. Dobbs just read  
9 it, please raise your hand.

10 (With the exception of Commissioner  
11 McMillan, the remainder of the  
12 board members raise their hands.)

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

14 Mr. McMillan, do you have -- I  
15 mean, Commissioner McMillan.

16 COMMISSIONER McMILLAN: Yeah. I was just -- I  
17 don't think we're clear on the feral  
18 hog.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Let's back up,  
20 then. We'll hold the vote.

21 Mr. Dodd, would you go to the  
22 microphone, please, and clear this up.

23 DR. LEMME: The question is does it impact the

1           ability of the landowner during the deer  
2           season.

3           MR. DODD: No, sir. Currently we pretty much  
4           allow folks to trap pigs during deer  
5           season as long as they're not hunting in  
6           the immediate vicinity of the trap.

7           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Everybody clear?

8                       Commissioner McMillan, would you  
9           like to make a statement?

10          COMMISSIONER McMILLAN: Not right now.

11          Later.

12          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. That will be  
13          fine.

14                 Okay. Back to the vote. As the  
15          motion was read from Mr. Dobbs, all  
16          those in favor?

17                       (All board members raise hand.)

18          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

19                       (No response.)

20          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show  
21          unanimous.

22                 The next motion is for  
23          Mr. Blankenship, who is not here.

1           Mr. Hatley, I believe you're going  
2           to have that motion.

3       MR. HATLEY: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I move  
4           that the proposed regulations concerning  
5           the saltwater fish, creel, possession,  
6           and size limits -- size limits that was  
7           presented by the Marine Resources  
8           division at the February 9th, 2013,  
9           Conservation Advisory Board meeting be  
10          approved.

11       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

12       DR. STRICKLAND: Second.

13       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a second. Is  
14          there any discussion?

15                    (No response.)

16       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Being no discussion, all  
17          those in favor as a motion as Mr. Hatley  
18          read it, raise your hand.

19                    (All board members raise hand.)

20       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

21                    (No response.)

22       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show the  
23          vote is unanimous.

1 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Hartzog.

3 MR. HARTZOG: Just out of curiosity, where do  
4 we stand -- I saw where Senator Sessions  
5 raised the issues on the snapper. Do we  
6 have anything to report on that,  
7 Gunter?

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Commissioner Guy.

9 COMMISSIONER GUY: The short answer to that is  
10 not really. I will call on the Marine  
11 Resources folks that are here to add to  
12 anything I have. But we have been  
13 talking with all the legislative  
14 delegation trying to get their help on  
15 expanding, really, our ability to manage  
16 out to a further distance. And,  
17 actually, at first most of them were  
18 talking about nine miles, but we've  
19 actually been trying to get it out to 20  
20 fathoms, I believe.

21 They're shaking their head that I'm  
22 actually getting that right.

23 And so I think there is some support

1           for that, Mr. Hartzog. But it's going  
2           to take a lot of work and it's going to  
3           take a lot of calls up there to try to  
4           get anybody on board. And anybody that  
5           can help with that cause, we would  
6           appreciate it. And we're still working  
7           on the very short snapper season and  
8           hoping that maybe we can get some help  
9           there too.

10          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is that sufficient,  
11           Mr. Hartzog?

12                    Is that sufficient?

13          MR. HARTZOG: Uh-huh (positive response).

14          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good.

15                    Okay. The next motion we show was,  
16           Mr. Hartzog, that you had a motion on  
17           Elmore County.

18          MR. HARTZOG: Yes. And I want to reintroduce  
19           that motion for Elmore County for a dog  
20           deer permit and the motion to read as  
21           follows: To place the following portion  
22           of Elmore County under the permit  
23           system. And the description is the line

1           should run along the Coosa County/Elmore  
2           County line from the east bank of Lake  
3           Jordan to Highway 9, then south along  
4           Highway 9 to the intersection of 231,  
5           then south along 231 to the intersection  
6           of Highway 14, then west along Highway  
7           14 to the east bank of the Coosa River,  
8           then north along the east bank of the  
9           Coosa River and Lake Jordan back to the  
10          Coosa County/Elmore County line.

11          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

12          MR. HATLEY: Second.

13          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a second. Is  
14                there any discussion?

15                        (No response.)

16          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Being no discussion, all  
17                those in favor of the motion as  
18                Mr. Hartzog read it, please raise your  
19                hand.

20                        (All board members raise hand.)

21          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

22                        (No response.)

23          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show

1 unanimous vote.

2 Okay. The next motion shows -- was  
3 by Mr. Bunn, had talked about Wilcox  
4 County. Mr. Bunn, do you have a motion  
5 to make?

6 MR. BUNN: I have a motion to put Wilcox  
7 County -- the whole county, that is --  
8 under the permit system.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Is there a second?

10 MR. MARTIN: Second.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Second. Any discussion on  
12 Wilcox County?

13 MR. HARTZOG: The motion reads here "close."

14 MR. BUNN: That's right, but I'm going to put  
15 it under permit.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: He's changed that motion.

17 MR. HARTZOG: Okay. Okay.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog, if you'll  
19 address the chair. He's changed that.

20 MR. HARTZOG: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Mr. Bunn, you've  
22 got a motion and a second on the table.  
23 Any more discussion?

1 (No response.)

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. All those in favor  
3 of the motion as Mr. Bunn read it,  
4 please raise your hands.

5 (All board members raise hand.)

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show  
9 unanimous.

10 We've got an item that was brought  
11 up several meetings ago, Florida  
12 pompano, by Dr. Shipp. That's going to  
13 be continued with no action today until  
14 that is addressed more.

15 Mr. Dobbs, you had brought up about  
16 a minimum acreage for dog deer hunting.  
17 I understand there's no motion today,  
18 but would you like to discuss that  
19 issue?

20 MR. DOBBS: No motion today, Mr. Chairman.

21 But it's something that we're still  
22 reviewing and I have some questions.  
23 And once I get the answers to those and



1           provide those to you, we will discuss  
2           that at the next meeting.

3           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Very good. I would  
4           suggest in your thoughts to make sure to  
5           contact Don Knight and get all their  
6           input as thoroughly as you can on such a  
7           sensitive issue.

8           MR. DOBBS: Thank you.

9           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next item  
10          showing in old business is,  
11          Dr. Strickland, I believe you were going  
12          to bring forward the season and bag  
13          limits motion, which includes to  
14          generally approve seasons and bag limits  
15          and including shifting deer season in  
16          the proposed area of southwest Alabama  
17          and includes a reduction in unantlered  
18          deer harvest in northeast Alabama in the  
19          mapped areas included. And it includes  
20          reopening southwest Mobile County  
21          turkey, and it includes Mr. Hartzog's  
22          proposal to shift dove season in the  
23          south back one day to include Friday of

1 Thanksgiving.

2 Dr. Strickland, do you have a  
3 motion?

4 DR. STRICKLAND: Yes. Thank you,  
5 Mr. Chairman. I guess I will just  
6 reiterate that motion.

7 I'd like to make a motion to approve  
8 the revised proposed seasons and bag  
9 limits as set out in March 9, 2013, the  
10 Department of Conservation and Natural  
11 Resources draft, including, but not  
12 limited to, the shifting of the deer  
13 season in southwest Alabama, the  
14 restricted unantlered deer season in  
15 portions of northern Alabama, the  
16 reopening of the southwest Mobile County  
17 turkey-hunting area, and the shifting of  
18 the dates of the south zone dove season  
19 back one day to include the Friday  
20 before Thanksgiving.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Is there a second  
22 for the motion?

23 MR. HATLEY: Second.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: There is a second.

2 Discussion? Any discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: No discussion.

5 Okay. All those in favor of the  
6 motion as Dr. Strickland read it, please  
7 raise your hands.

8 (All board members raise hand.)

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show the  
12 vote is unanimous.

13 The next order of business is new  
14 business.

15 (Brief interruption.)

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We had one more item. Let  
17 me go back to old business.

18 We have a motion to approve an  
19 expenditure of the Wildlife Heritage  
20 License funds. I need someone to bring  
21 this motion, please, Mr. Hatley or  
22 Mr. Jones.

23 MR. JONES: Mr. Chairman, I'd like to move to

1           approve the expenditure of the \$73,000  
2           of the Wildlife Heritage License funds  
3           for the research project of Auburn  
4           University to determine adult mortality  
5           rates and home range movement patterns  
6           for whitetail deer as required by  
7           Section 9-11-71 of the Alabama Code.

8           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

9           DR. STRICKLAND: Second.

10          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: There is a second.

11                            Any discussion?

12          MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

13          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog.

14          MR. HARTZOG: Just out of curiosity, what  
15                            areas are they going to study? I mean,  
16                            what exactly is the research project?

17          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Commissioner.

18          MR. HARTZOG: I mean, that was a broad  
19                            definition of mortality rates and home  
20                            range --

21          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Moody, would you  
22                            approach the microphone.

23          MR. MOODY: If it's okay with you,

1           Mr. Chairman, I would like our assistant  
2           chief of Wildlife who is in charge of  
3           the Auburn research project, Ray  
4           Metzler, to address this.

5           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That will be fine.

6           MR. METZLER: We're going to do this study on  
7           four sites, Barbour and Oakmulgee WMAs  
8           and two private sites, one located in  
9           Pickens County, one located in Marengo  
10          County. Tentatively what Dr. Ditchkoff,  
11          the primary designee at Auburn  
12          University, would like to do is 15 VHF  
13          collars, which is a mortality collar, on  
14          each site. There will be 15 VHF collars  
15          and then 30 GPS collars split between  
16          the four sites. 15 VHF collars on each  
17          site and 7 or 8 GPS collars on each  
18          site.

19          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I would like to ask before  
20          we open other discussion on this --  
21          because the issue, especially with  
22          extending the season -- and  
23          Dr. Ditchkoff has raised this issue time

1           and time again -- on post-rut mortality,  
2           that an emphasis be placed on post-rut  
3           mortality within the study. Let's get a  
4           full report on post-rut mortality  
5           because that's something we need to look  
6           at in an extended season.

7           MR. METZLER: I'll certainly bring that up to  
8           Dr. Ditchkoff and make sure he's aware  
9           of it.

10          MR. MOODY: Mr. Chairman, I was just going to  
11          make sure that everybody remembered --  
12          and I thought Ray could address this.  
13          This is required by statute, I believe,  
14          from that -- from those funds as I  
15          understand it. So for anybody that  
16          wondered why we're doing it, it's  
17          required by statute.

18          MR. DOBBS: We discussed it.

19          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: With deer mortality rates  
20          and home range, does the board have any  
21          other things they would like to be  
22          emphasized during the study?

23                    Dr. Strickland?

1 DR. STRICKLAND: Pardon?

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: You're our deer expert  
3 most of the time. Do you have anything  
4 else that you would like to see  
5 emphasized during the study?

6 DR. STRICKLAND: No. I think it sounds like  
7 that it's going to be a fairly  
8 comprehensive study that you have.

9 And you said there's going to be one  
10 private landowner?

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Two.

12 MR. METZLER: Two private landowners, one in  
13 Pickens County and one in Marengo  
14 County. I mean, that's tentative. We  
15 haven't signed any contracts with  
16 anybody yet. Right now those are the  
17 intentions.

18 DR. STRICKLAND: And, again, how long will the  
19 study -- how long will this take?

20 MR. METZLER: Two years.

21 DR. STRICKLAND: Two years. Okay.

22 MR. METZLER: Two study seasons and in the  
23 third year the -- it will be two

1           master's degree students at Auburn.

2           They'll have the third year to analyze  
3           the data and get --

4       DR. STRICKLAND: And that will be presented  
5           back to the board?

6       MR. METZLER: Oh, yes.

7       CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Dobbs.

8       MR. DOBBS: Will there be -- I didn't hear for  
9           sure, but there are fetal studies in  
10          this as well, or is this just collar?

11      MR. METZLER: The reproductive -- the  
12          whitetail deer reproductive health  
13          study, we're doing that in-house.

14      MR. DOBBS: Okay.

15      MR. METZLER: We're going to continue with  
16          that. This basically will be limited to  
17          mortality and home range.

18      MR. DOBBS: Thank you.

19      CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog.

20      MR. HARTZOG: Well, one point. You said it  
21          was a two-year study and the report  
22          coming out the third year. Is there any  
23          way of giving this board interim reports



1           as to what they are finding so that we  
2           can be better -- more knowledgeable as  
3           to --

4           MR. METZLER: Yeah. I don't see any problem  
5           with that. Do you, Gary?

6           MR. MOODY: No.

7           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Excellent.  
8           Anything else?

9           Yes, Dr. Strickland.

10          DR. STRICKLAND: One other -- how are you  
11          going to track -- what methodology are  
12          you going to use to track or establish  
13          mortality?

14          MR. METZLER: We'll have our yagi antenna with  
15          a little receiver. The transmitter on  
16          the deer -- or on the collar, when it  
17          goes into mortality mode, it puts off a  
18          different tone. So they'll pick that up  
19          on their receiver.

20          DR. STRICKLAND: Thank you.

21          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other questions?

22   (No response.)

23          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Okay. We've

1 got a motion and a second. Any more  
2 discussion?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If not, as Mr. Jones read  
5 the motion, all those in favor?

6 (All board members raise hand.)

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show  
10 unanimous.

11 Okay. Now we get to new business.  
12 One thing I'd like to say in new  
13 business is, especially during these key  
14 issues, one of the speakers brought  
15 forth that these board members are  
16 pulled many, many directions and they do  
17 an awful good job doing what they do  
18 representing everybody. And they  
19 really, really do a good job, and I'd  
20 like to congratulate the board on their  
21 efforts to continue doing the good job  
22 in researching that y'all do.

23 Also, in new business I'd like to

1 say -- we were talking about doing it  
2 every meeting, for a college student to  
3 come and enlist and join us and help us  
4 to get a meeting up under their belts to  
5 put on their resume.

6 Davis Blair, thank you for  
7 attending.

8 Okay. Any other new business?

9 And I'd like to start with Wildlife  
10 and Freshwater Fisheries.

11 Commissioner.

12 COMMISSIONER GUY: Director Sykes, would you  
13 mind just addressing the plans for the  
14 fetal studies for this year that I  
15 mentioned earlier. Just an overview, I  
16 think, would be helpful to the board.

17 MR. SYKES: The studies have already started  
18 in some parts of the state, and we  
19 are -- I've met with Gary, Ray, and  
20 actually some of the division  
21 biologists. We are looking to close  
22 some of the gaps. We've got new  
23 landowners participating. We're

1           actually using some private individuals  
2           this year to help. We understand that  
3           we've got to get more data, and we are  
4           headed in that direction. So we are  
5           trying to close in the holes.

6           COMMISSIONER GUY: Okay. Does anybody have  
7           any questions?

8           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The board -- I am anxious  
9           for this board to ask new Director Sykes  
10          some biological questions because he's  
11          as good as I've ever seen. He is very,  
12          very sharp on the issues.

13                    Okay. Any other new business?

14                    Commissioner McMillan, yes.

15          COMMISSIONER McMILLAN: Yes. Thank you,  
16          Mr. Chairman. I felt compelled to make  
17          a couple of remarks this morning.

18                    For one thing, I'm the only member  
19          on this board that has to go before the  
20          voters of the state. I came -- and I  
21          could do what most commissioners of  
22          agriculture have done and that's just  
23          skip these meetings. I feel like I can

1 be a productive member of this board.

2 I came here this morning really  
3 undecided on the two key motions that we  
4 voted on and actually felt like I had  
5 more problems with the supplemental  
6 feeding motion than I did with the  
7 extension of the season. After  
8 listening to you folks and listening to  
9 my fellow board members here, I felt  
10 like, particularly with a commitment  
11 from Commissioner Guy and the comments  
12 that he made which went into my  
13 decision-making as well, that, number  
14 one, the worst thing that could ever  
15 happen with this board would be if the  
16 legislature starts passing laws to make  
17 decisions that need to be made by this  
18 board because we've got the flexibility  
19 to come back and correct any mistakes  
20 that get made.

21 I'm extremely interested in seeing  
22 how the game check system is going to  
23 work. I think that's going to be a huge

1           asset to this board. And I'm also  
2           extremely supportive of Chuck and having  
3           him on board. And as soon as he finds  
4           out where his marketplace is and a few  
5           more things, I think he's going to be a  
6           huge asset to us.

7           But I just wanted you-all to know,  
8           particularly those of you that I had  
9           conversations with this morning and  
10          before, that I think we're on the right  
11          track. I think that we've got the right  
12          people in the right spots. And if we do  
13          make mistakes, I'll be -- number one,  
14          I'll be one of the first ones pushing to  
15          see that we do what needs to be done in  
16          the way of research. And, secondly,  
17          I'll be the first one to say we made a  
18          mistake and that we need to reassess  
19          it. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

20          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner  
21          McMillan. And, Commissioner McMillan,  
22          Mr. Hatley and I have the longest  
23          tenure on the board, and I will

1 reiterate you're the only agricultural  
2 commissioner that has never missed a  
3 meeting, has been here, always offers  
4 input. And I think anybody looking for  
5 a good agricultural commissioner should  
6 take that into their mind when they go  
7 to vote.

8 Okay. Other new business?

9 Yes, Mr. Jones.

10 MR. JONES: I was just going to ask if the  
11 department would take a look at the  
12 turtle harvest regulations and get back  
13 with us on a recommendation.

14 MR. SYKES: I spoke with Mr. Harbin and his  
15 wife earlier, and I'm going to meet with  
16 Mark Rouleau and Mark Sasser who are  
17 ultimately familiar with the turtle  
18 issue. We will address that next week,  
19 and we'll keep you informed.

20 MR. JONES: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Mr. Hartzog.

22 MR. HARTZOG: Yes, sir. In looking at the  
23 small game hunters losing supposedly the

1           ten days because of the influx of losing  
2           their hunting rights during the February  
3           extension, in talking with Gary Moody,  
4           biologically -- he said, in fact, in  
5           some states the squirrel season is going  
6           on into May or whatever. Is it -- I'd  
7           ask that if Gary would give us a  
8           recommendation at the next meeting for  
9           us to consider and maybe vote on maybe  
10          extending the season for small game  
11          into -- somebody told me at one time it  
12          used to run to March 15th anyway. Is  
13          that true?

14                    It never has. Okay.

15          MR. MOODY: Not that I'm aware of.

16          MR. HARTZOG: But look at the possibility of  
17                    extending that season until March the  
18                    10th to give the small game hunters the  
19                    same opportunity we give everybody else.

20          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other questions from  
21                    the board on small game?

22                    I think, Mr. Moody, they're asking  
23                    for any reason to or not to extend that



1 season. If you could provide the board  
2 with that information.

3 Any other questions in new business,  
4 items that need to be discussed?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next order of  
7 business is the date and location of the  
8 next Advisory Board meeting. The date  
9 has not been set and the location hasn't  
10 been set. We're open to listening.  
11 We're looking at many areas. And it  
12 will be announced as soon as we get a  
13 location and a date.

14 DR. STRICKLAND: Mr. Chairman?

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

16 DR. STRICKLAND: I just want to remind you in  
17 our last discussion you said you were  
18 going to look at northern Alabama. I'm  
19 going to hold you to that.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That will be fine.  
21 Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER GUY: I've got it down.

23 DR. STRICKLAND: And my good board member is

1           going to volunteer his place.

2           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Jones, I appreciate  
3           that.

4           MR. JONES: Thanks. Appreciate it.

5           CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I believe we had it the  
6           last time in north Alabama at  
7           Guntersville; is that correct? Would  
8           that be a good location, do you think,  
9           Dr. Strickland?

10          DR. STRICKLAND: That would be very  
11          acceptable.

12          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dobbs?

13          MR. DOBBS: One thought that may be a piece of  
14          new business going forward is that the  
15          Department of Conservation, while we've  
16          got some tags, maybe they consider the  
17          issuance of a vanity tag of some design  
18          that would promote the Heritage fund,  
19          that would promote programs for youth or  
20          whatever the recommendations would be  
21          from Mr. Harders or Dr. Moody.

22          CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Dr. Moody, again,  
23          please handle that for us.

1                   Okay. Very good. Anything else?

2                   Mr. Hartzog again.

3           MR. HARTZOG: One last comment and I'll be  
4           quiet.

5                   On the extension of the February  
6           10th -- you know, we look at mean  
7           conception dates, and apparently that is  
8           the data we are going to rely on. But I  
9           really think we -- we really need to  
10          study the data that comes back from the  
11          game check in making our decision and  
12          not just use mean conception dates.  
13          Because the concern of a lot of people  
14          that I've heard from -- and, of course,  
15          it's perception, again -- is that do we  
16          have as many does out there as we used  
17          to; are the coyotes taking the does that  
18          they have taken; if we increase the  
19          season and 77 percent of the does are  
20          already bred by January the 31st and we  
21          now look at also allowing take of the  
22          does during the February season, are we  
23          doing the resource justice for future

1 growth and maintaining of that herd.

2 So I'd love for us to not only look  
3 at mean conception dates, but look at  
4 the data that comes back to us from the  
5 game check as to what actually is being  
6 taken out there and what the percentage  
7 of population has been taken and make  
8 our decision not just on mean conception  
9 dates but on other data other than mean  
10 conception date.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I think our data will be  
12 so much better than anything we've ever  
13 had.

14 MR. HARTZOG: Oh, I know. I mean, we don't  
15 have any.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The game check is going to  
17 be unbelievable.

18 One thing that we want to bring  
19 up -- and Director Sykes and I had  
20 talked about it. There was a study done  
21 at Cedar Creek Institute. Director  
22 Sykes was familiar with the guy doing  
23 the study. And, you know, we've had a

1 lot of people saying that we've had more  
2 doe mortality than usual in the state of  
3 Alabama, especially in the northern  
4 season. And we tried to figure that  
5 out. And this study is pretty  
6 interesting, that it went into saying  
7 that the -- like when we closed the gun  
8 season, probably there was additional  
9 pressure on the does because people were  
10 used to killing a deer a day and they  
11 probably continued that for a while.  
12 And if they shot the does that they had  
13 studied, the mama does -- the older mama  
14 does were shot and left to the younger  
15 does to reproduce, that the study  
16 confirmed, just as in the cattle  
17 industry, they're not good mamas and  
18 that population will drop and quality  
19 will drop until they get time to be good  
20 mamas.

21 Now, that being said, that may be a  
22 possibility of what happened in lieu of  
23 what -- when we closed the buck season

1 from adding pressure on those. But that  
2 study is in Director Sykes' hands. He  
3 knows the guy who did it. He's going to  
4 look at it. And I think it's good that  
5 we look at anything like that. And,  
6 Director Sykes, we appreciate you  
7 looking at that. But that could be one  
8 reason of our doe mortality.

9 Anything else?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Being there's no further  
12 business, this meeting is adjourned.

13 (Meeting adjourned at  
14 approximately 12:39 p.m.)

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