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STATE OF ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF
CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
GUNTERSVILLE STATE PARK
Guntersville, Alabama
March 28, 2015

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings taken before Kayla Wilson,
Commissioner for the State of Alabama at
Large, at Guntersville State Park, 1155
Lodge Drive, Guntersville, Alabama, on
Saturday, March 28, 2015, commencing at
approximately 9:00 a.m.

1 BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

- 2 Mr. Dan L. Moultrie, Chairman
- Mr. N. Gunter Guy, Jr., Commissioner
- 3 Mr. John McMillan
- Dr. Gary Lemme
- 4 Mr. Bill Hatley
- Dr. Bob Shipp
- 5 Mr. Austin Ainsworth
- Dr. Warren Strickland
- 6 Mr. Grady Hartzog
- Mr. Joseph Dobbs, Jr.
- 7 Mr. T.J. Bunn, Jr.

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CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. If the
 12 March 28, 2015, meeting of the
 13 Conservation Advisory Board will come to
 14 order.

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I would like to welcome everyone to
 16 Gunterville State Park. The board is
 17 glad you are able attend today. The
 18 invocation will be given by Mr. Bill
 19 Hatley. Mr. Hatley.

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MR. HATLEY: Let us pray. Our gracious and
 21 eternal heavenly Father, we thank you
 22 for this day. We thank you for this
 23 place, its beautiful surroundings and

1 environment. We pray that you would
2 bestow thy richest blessings upon this
3 gathering and our endeavors be pleasing
4 in thy sight. For we ask in Jesus
5 Christ's name and for His sake, amen.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Hatley.
7 Very good.

8 If everybody would cut their phones
9 off also.

10 The next order of business is the
11 introduction of the board members. I'd
12 like to introduce our Commissioner of
13 Conversation, Commissioner Guy.

14 Next I'd like to introduce our
15 Deputy Commissioner, Curtis Jones.
16 Mr. Jones, you can move up to this row
17 if you want to.

18 Next I'd like to introduce our --
19 Alabama's Agriculture Commissioner,
20 Commissioner McMillan.

21 And our other ex-officio member here
22 today is Dr. Gary Lemme from the
23 Department -- Alabama Extension Service.

1 Dr. Lemme.

2 Next I'd like to introduce the board
3 members. And they'll give their
4 districts, and we'll start down with
5 Mr. Ainsworth.

6 MR. AINSWORTH: Austin Ainsworth, District 4.

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

8 MR. HARTZOG: Grady Hartzog, District 2.

9 MR. HATLEY: Bill Hatley, District 1.

10 MR. DOBBS: Joey Dobbs, District 6.

11 DR. STRICKLAND: Warren Strickland,
12 District 5.

13 DR. SHIPP: Bob Shipp, District 1.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, board, for
15 attending today. We're absent of two
16 members today. Both are traveling out
17 of the country.

18 The next order of business is the
19 approval of the February 28th meeting
20 minutes. Those minutes, because of an
21 illness in the family of the court
22 reporter, we were unable to get those
23 out. They will be posted as soon as

1 possible on the Website. So we will
2 hold the voting on those minutes until
3 the next board meeting.

4 The next order of business is the
5 Commissioner's comments. Commissioner
6 Guy.

7 COMMISSIONER GUY: Thank you, Dan.

8 First I just want to thank
9 Gunterville State Park, Michael
10 Jeffreys, all of our staff --

11 Greg Lein is here, our Parks
12 director, somewhere. Greg, thank you
13 for allowing -- he's right here in front
14 of me. I apologize.

15 -- all our Wildlife and Freshwater
16 Fisheries staff and other staff for
17 being here. I want to thank them for
18 all they do to help set all this up for
19 everybody. Thank you very much.

20 I want to recognize a couple of
21 special guests of mine. Mr. Connie Cook
22 and Mr. Jack McQuinn are friends of mine
23 that are attending today. And I really

1 appreciate them coming over. Connie has
2 been a friend of my family's for a long
3 time.

4 Right, Connie?

5 A long time. And Jack is a good
6 friend as well. Thank them for coming
7 along with everybody else today.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. I'd like to
9 also thank the press for being here,
10 Commissioner Guy. Hopefully they'll
11 write favorable comments today,
12 Mr. Bolton.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That's why Curtis is --

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Curtis, Mr. Bolton is your
15 responsibility.

16 The next order of business is the
17 public hearing. When your name is
18 called, please go to the microphone,
19 give your name, the subject you wish to
20 speak on. I will remind you that only
21 you may speak and that any interference
22 from the audience will not be tolerated.

23 The first speaker will be Steve

1 Carver speaking on Forever Wild. He's
2 not on y'all's list on the board, so we
3 added Steve at the end.

4 Steve, are you here?

5 MR. CARVER: Yes. Steve Carver. I sell real
6 estate here in Marshall County, Alabama,
7 and, of course, all over the northern
8 region. And I have a few questions on
9 Forever Wild as far as I've got some
10 investors that have property and they're
11 looking at Forever Wild and have several
12 questions.

13 And one of the questions that they
14 do have is -- the biggest concern is how
15 we arrive at a price if I have a
16 500-acre tract in Jackson County, let's
17 just say. Do we have an appraiser that
18 comes out and looks and what's basically
19 the process?

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Is that your total
21 time -- I mean, is that everything you
22 want to speak on? Because once I start
23 the comments back and forth -- I want

1 you to get your whole comments out
2 there, and then we'll let the board
3 address them.

4 MR. CARVER: That and the time frame that it
5 would take from start to finish to
6 contract the real estate through the
7 state, and the fact do we have earnest
8 money that's put up that's nonrefundable
9 when the state makes an option to
10 purchase through the Forever Wild
11 program, and then what have -- what kind
12 of funds have y'all allotted for Forever
13 Wild for this fiscal year, and do y'all
14 have a specific location you're looking
15 at. And that's basically it.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Those four
17 questions. Any other comments before we
18 start that?

19 Okay. Commissioner Guy, would you
20 like to take that --

21 COMMISSIONER GUY: Yes. So Ms. Powell is
22 here, and we might -- first of all,
23 she'll be happy to answer all your

1 questions more thoroughly probably
2 separate from the rest of the comments,
3 because you've got questions as opposed
4 to comments.

5 MR. CARVER: Right.

6 COMMISSIONER GUY: And we'll do that.

7 But, Patti, do you want to just try
8 to give him a brief overview of some of
9 the questions he has?

10 And then we'll be sure to get with
11 you after the meeting -- if you've got
12 time, Patti, to try to answer his
13 questions. Or we'll give you contact
14 information as well. We'll give you a
15 lot of information about the program
16 though.

17 Patti, do you mind just trying to
18 address some of them so -- for the rest
19 of the board and some others --

20 Dr. STRICKLAND: And, Steve, I think the next
21 meeting is, when, June 25th?

22 COMMISSIONER GUY: Yeah, June 25th.

23 DR. STRICKLAND: Yeah. That would be a good

1 meeting for you, the next Forever Wild
2 Board Meeting. And you can understand
3 the process.

4 MR. CARVER: A lot of this may be answered
5 through this meeting. I don't know.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Well, let Patti give a
7 quick overview for you of your questions
8 and we'll go from there.

9 MS. POWELL: And you're welcome to stay up
10 here. I just moved up so that the court
11 reporter can get me on this microphone.

12 Very generally as an overview, you
13 asked about how we establish a price.
14 Under the constitutional amendment that
15 was voted in establishing the Forever
16 Wild Land Trust program, the program
17 will -- on a motion of the board if they
18 take interest in a nomination -- and
19 I'll discuss more about the nomination
20 of a tract. If they take interest in a
21 nomination, they will make a motion for
22 a first appraisal. That motion comes at
23 one of our public meetings.

1 Just like Dr. Strickland was
2 mentioning, our next one will be in
3 June. Everything the board does occurs
4 out in front of the public meeting.
5 There are generally roughly quarterly
6 meetings that occur.

7 And after the board at a meeting
8 makes a motion for a first appraisal,
9 our staff, the State Lands Division -- I
10 didn't introduce myself. I'm Patti
11 Powell. I'm Director of the State Lands
12 Division. My division administers the
13 program.

14 So my staff would go through the
15 appraisal process. If the appraisal is
16 available in time for the next board
17 meeting, the board is able to consider
18 that appraisal and that tract and decide
19 if they would like to begin the
20 negotiation process toward purchase
21 which would not be above appraised
22 value. It would not be above appraised
23 value. And we would begin, also, the

1 appraisal process for the second
2 appraisal.

3 Assuming the second appraisal comes
4 in within 10 percent of the first, the
5 process usually stops there. If it does
6 not, then we move into a process for a
7 third confirming appraisal. And that
8 would have to reconcile a
9 greater-than-10-percent difference
10 between the first two appraisals. All
11 of those actions would occur
12 quarterly -- roughly quarterly, not
13 exactly quarterly -- at a meeting.

14 Time frame?

15 There is no set time frame. It
16 depends upon after a tract is nominated
17 and scored it makes it onto our short
18 list. If the board decides to take
19 action for a first appraisal at a
20 meeting, the rest of the steps would
21 follow at a subsequent meeting.

22 There is -- really there is not
23 earnest money. That would be -- it's

1 usually not normally. Sometimes there
2 are options to purchase, but those are
3 usually tied to other tracts with
4 separate funding and grant funding
5 coming in. That is not standard for a
6 Forever Wild purchase.

7 Each -- the funding for the program
8 is capped at 15 million a year that
9 comes into the program. The amount
10 available for the board to spend depends
11 upon the funds within the Board's
12 spending authority and how much they
13 spend in that year. So I would have to
14 get that detail to you by June as to
15 what that figure would be.

16 And then tracts can be nominated in
17 any areas of the state. The board
18 determines which tracts it's interested
19 in. But I'll be happy to get with you
20 and run through the entire process.

21 COMMISSIONER GUY: And there is a Website,
22 Foreverwild.com, that has a lot of the
23 information. Whatever you need

1 additional help with, just call the
2 Department or the Lands Division, and we
3 will put you in touch with somebody.

4 MR. CARVER: Okay. Thank you so much.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Ms. Powell.

6 DR. STRICKLAND: And, Steve, I think the next
7 board meeting is going to be in northern
8 Alabama. So it might give you a little
9 bit of insight. I think it's June 25th.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog, yes.

11 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

13 MR. HARTZOG: Patti, what do you think our
14 allocation is going to be this next
15 fiscal year?

16 MS. POWELL: We have been running and
17 receiving the cap of 15 million a year.
18 I just don't off the top of my know --

19 MR. HARTZOG: So we've been receiving the cap?

20 MS. POWELL: Yeah. We've been receiving the
21 cap, yes.

22 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Hartzog.

1 MR. HARTZOG: Hats off to Patti and Chuck and
2 all by getting the Forever Wild dollars
3 being able to be matched by Pittman
4 Robertson because that gives us a great
5 purchasing power for --

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Absolutely. Absolutely.

7 MR. HARTZOG: So commend the two of y'all.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Ms. Powell.

9 MS. POWELL: Thank you.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Carver.

11 MR. CARVER: Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. The next speaker
13 will be Randy Blelew.

14 MR. BLELEW: Randy Blelew. Limestone County.
15 I'm here to speak about overharvest of
16 catfish --

17 COMMISSIONER GUY: Step a little bit closer to
18 the microphone, please, sir.

19 MR. BLELEW: I'm here to speak about
20 overharvesting of catfish in the
21 Tennessee River.

22 I am a commercial fisherman, have
23 been. And to my knowledge we have got

1 people that has come in from out of
2 state, and they're more or less just
3 catching every fish they can catch on
4 catfish. There's no limit on equipment.
5 There's no limit on what size of the big
6 fish.

7 A few years ago we protected the big
8 fish. What are we doing to protect the
9 little fish? If you can catch a
10 thousand fish a day, that's good. If
11 you catch a thousand fish tomorrow,
12 that's okay. Where are the rivers in
13 the future? When do we say enough is
14 enough?

15 You know, it ain't an endless
16 supply, I don't believe. It's a natural
17 resource for everybody. Where can we
18 draw the line and have guidelines on
19 smaller fish? Because we did protect
20 the big fish, but there's nothing about
21 how much gear can go to the river or how
22 many small fish can be caught. There's
23 nothing at all. That's about what I

1 needed to say.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I appreciate your
3 concerns.

4 Dr. Strickland, this is in your
5 district. You want to set up a time to
6 talk with him at a future date?

7 DR. STRICKLAND: Yeah. Randy, why don't we
8 just sit down and just -- you know,
9 these are some big issues that you're
10 bringing up, and I don't think we can
11 address all of them right now. And
12 we'll sit down with some of my office
13 and see what we can come up with.

14 MR. BLELEW: After the meeting?

15 DR. STRICKLAND: Yeah. And maybe -- yeah,
16 let's start after the meeting.

17 MR. BLELEW: Okay. Thank you.

18 DR. STRICKLAND: Thanks, Randy.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Blelew.

20 The next speaker is Tony Cooley.

21 MR. COOLEY: I'm Tony Cooley and I own Cooley
22 Grocery just a few miles from here. My
23 store is at the entrance to Gunter'sville

1 Dam. And I'm here to talk about the
2 stocking -- or nonstocking of hybrid and
3 saltwater stripe below the dam.

4 I started contacting the biologist
5 at the Tanner office several years ago
6 talking about this. And we've had a few
7 stockings, I think, back in '07 and '08,
8 but we haven't had any since. We did
9 have a recent hatch last year, and some
10 of these saltwaters now are up to three
11 to five pounds. But we don't have a lot
12 of reproduction, but we do have some.

13 And I contacted the -- been
14 contacting the biologist and not had
15 much luck getting any stock. And I'm
16 not really satisfied with his answers,
17 telling me that there's not much
18 interest in saltwater-stripe fishing in
19 Gunter'sville Dam. But there's a lot of
20 interest. I've seen this, guys. I've
21 been there -- my store -- for 36 years
22 in one location. These guys are
23 passionate about this. And we just

1 don't have any left. Back in the '80s
2 and into the '90s we'd see a lot of 25,
3 30-pound fish. We might see two
4 25-pound saltwater stripe all year now.

5 And I've been urging the biologist
6 to try to get some stocked, and his
7 reason for not stocking, they're blaming
8 it on the bass fishermen. They -- he
9 says the bass fishermen complain about
10 saltwater stripe eating the smaller
11 bass. And that may be true to some
12 extent, but I just don't believe that.
13 As a matter of fact, he told me it was
14 not true. And that's my problem. He's
15 basing his decisions on what he's saying
16 is a lie. I hate to say that, but
17 that's what I've been told.

18 And I called him this week and same
19 response. And he's also said something
20 else and I don't think it's true. He
21 said there's not many people fishing for
22 these saltwater stripe. That's
23 absolutely not true. The numbers are

1 down because there's not near as many
2 fish. But there would be -- years there
3 would be -- I mean, everybody down at
4 the dam would be saltwater-stripe
5 fishing or hybrid fishing. And these
6 guys are passionate about this.

7 And, anyway, I'd like to -- I think
8 we need to stock these stripe. You
9 know, we stock a lot of them in other
10 lakes. And Coosa River is loaded with
11 them. But we just can't get any in the
12 Guntersville Dam. And I really believe
13 that would help our fishing. I don't
14 believe it affects the other fish.
15 There's plenty of shad in the dam -- at
16 the dam. They feed mostly on these
17 shad, and they like topwater fish and
18 other types of fish. And it's just --
19 it's a great sport and it could be big.
20 I know it's centrally located. Most of
21 the hybrid and saltwater stripe in
22 Alabama are caught at Guntersville Dam.
23 There's a few below Wilson and Wheeler.

1 But it's a great activity. These
2 guys are passionate about it. There's
3 just not much left anymore.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Director Sykes, would
5 you -- would Nick like to give a quick
6 comment on that?

7 MR. NICHOLS: Nick Nichols, assistant chief
8 with Fisheries.

9 It's true we have stocked striped
10 bass and hybrid-striped bass in the
11 Tennessee River on numerous occasions
12 over recent years but not recently. And
13 he's referring to comments from the
14 district biologist that we do not appear
15 to have quite as many folks in the
16 Tennessee River Valley that are actively
17 pursuing striped bass and hybrid-striped
18 bass fishing. And we can look at that a
19 little closer and certainly evaluate
20 district stockings up here in the
21 future.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Nick, if you could do
23 that and get that back to the board,

1 that would be great.

2 Mr. Cooley, thank you for your
3 comments today.

4 The next speaker is Michael Key.

5 MR. KEY: I am Mike Key from Walker County,
6 owner of Sipsey Fork Outfitters.

7 Ladies and gentlemen, the myth that
8 catch-and-release rainbow trout is a
9 beneficial practice on the Sipsey Fork
10 has surfaced again. According to a
11 partial study and preliminary report --

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the mic a
13 little bit closer, if you would.

14 MR. KEY: -- by the Freshwater Fisheries
15 section, at least three of four trout
16 stocked in the Sipsey Fork are never
17 harvested by anglers. Even less are
18 harvested from the proposed
19 catch-and-release area where we have the
20 highest trout densities. What happens
21 to the remaining approximately
22 75 percent or more of trout?

23 The majority die of malnutrition,

1 starvation, or natural predation because
2 the fishery cannot support enough food
3 to sustain them or provide to them. We
4 have increased the number of some of
5 these trout released and increased the
6 number of fish released to approximately
7 20,000 annually, which means more and
8 larger fish in the same habitat with the
9 same amount of food available. The
10 previous size and number of stocked
11 trout before the increase in itself is
12 actually more than the fishery can
13 support. Bait fish, aquatic, and
14 terrestrial insect populations are not
15 sufficient to even maintain the original
16 body weight for most of these trout.
17 Even if we had a trout population that
18 reproduced naturally in the Sipsey Fork,
19 that was -- the Sipsey Fork -- the
20 Sipsey Fork cannot support these trout.

21 The overall health of the Sipsey
22 Fork that was correctly developed as a
23 put-and-take trout fishery should be our

1 major concern. The partial creel limit
2 showed the need for an increase in the
3 creel limit and the need to encourage
4 and to harvest more trout as very
5 practical and sound management to ensure
6 a healthy fishery, especially in the
7 proposed catch-and-release area. But a
8 complete study by Freshwater Fisheries
9 is needed before any creel limit or
10 other changes are made.

11 Catch and release is a personal
12 choice that is actually poor management
13 on this fishery. And I've been guilty
14 of it myself. How many decades did it
15 take us to convince hunters that we
16 drastically needed to harvest does in
17 order to prevent habitat destruction and
18 gain a balance that benefits and will
19 improve the overall health and quality
20 of our deer herd?

21 It is our responsibility as stewards
22 to manage and utilize our natural
23 resources wisely. It is also our

1 responsibility to treat everyone fairly
2 and equally. We should never promulgate
3 or legislate any regulations, codes, or
4 rules, particularly for private
5 commercial interest or gain, that causes
6 a separation or exclusion in any part,
7 in any whole, to any lawful person or
8 group upon public land and waters within
9 the state of Alabama. We should never
10 prohibit from or penalize anyone for
11 lawful harvest of a renewed resource
12 that is otherwise wasted.

13 MS. JONES: Time.

14 MR. KEY: Sound fishery management involves
15 the harvest of surplus, sustaining the
16 balance of the habitat and aquatic
17 populations while providing an intended
18 use and benefit for all.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Key.

20 MR. KEY: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Hartzog.

22 MR. HARTZOG: How did you ascertain the data
23 on three-fourths of the fish were dying

1 from malnutrition and not being
2 harvested?

3 MR. KEY: I talked with --

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,
5 please, Mr. Key.

6 MR. KEY: I talked with Chris McKee and the
7 other biologist in my section on the
8 Sipsey Fork, and I talked to Freshwater
9 Fisheries. And a preliminary report
10 gives that data that 75 percent of those
11 fish are never harvested by anglers.

12 And some other data -- some other
13 numbers that I didn't have time to
14 mention is there's an average of 16
15 anglers on a weekday on the Sipsey Fork,
16 and it's a two-and-half-mile fishery.
17 That puts an angler every 300 yards
18 apart if you were to space them out, so
19 pressure is not a problem. On the
20 weekends there's about 21 average on
21 that two-and-a-half-mile stretch, so
22 that's over 200 yards right there
23 between anglers.

1 So that's where I got my data. And,
2 like I say, it's a preliminary or
3 partial report. It's ongoing and we
4 need to see it completed, you know, and
5 finished out.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We're currently reviewing
7 all the trout-stocking data and have
8 spoken with the Commissioner on it.
9 We'll get back with you at a future
10 date. We appreciate that, your report
11 today. That is currently being
12 reviewed. Thank you very much, Mr. Key.

13 MR. KEY: Thank you.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is Dawn
15 Anderson. Ms. Anderson.

16 MS. ANDERSON: I apologize. I am not going to
17 speak because I was misinformed about an
18 issue.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I couldn't hear her.

20 COMMISSIONER GUY: For the record, we've got a
21 court reporter. You said you didn't
22 want to speak because you were
23 misinformed?

1 MS. ANDERSON: Yes, sir.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: She's not going to speak
3 because she was misinformed about an
4 issue.

5 Okay. The next speaker, then, is
6 Tony Boutwell.

7 MR. BOUTWELL: I will not be speaking either.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Tony Boutwell also will
9 not speak.

10 The next speaker is Douglas Hamrick.

11 MR. HAMRICK: Good morning. I'm Douglas
12 Hamrick from Good Ol' Boys Hunting Club
13 in Fayette County, and I want to say
14 some positive things about our hunting
15 club.

16 It is a dog club. We have 55
17 members in our club. And each year we
18 hold a youth hunt for the youth. We had
19 67 to show up this past year. A lot of
20 those was kids that did not have a
21 father to carry them to the hunting club
22 and things like that.

23 We do everything in our power to --

1 the club is managed by Mr. John Ward,
2 who does an outstanding job. He stays
3 on top of everybody and keeps us all
4 straight. We have tracking collars
5 that -- that keep our dogs -- and
6 two-way radios that keep our dogs from
7 getting on other people's land, and we
8 get along great with the people around
9 us. But there is some very good dog
10 clubs out there that is doing that.

11 And we do realize there are some
12 rebels out there that does not do as
13 they're supposed to do. And we agree
14 with them. They make us all look bad.
15 But there was also some rebels on the
16 roadway coming up here today, you know,
17 people passing on two lines and
18 everything else.

19 And I encourage those "anti" dog
20 hunters to get videotapes. You know, I
21 heard a lot of reports in Montgomery
22 about this one did this and this one did
23 that. They called the game wardens and

1 came up short. So I would encourage
2 some of the "anti" people to, you know,
3 get videotape. Everybody has a camera
4 phone. Everybody has a video camera on
5 their phone. You know, kind of help
6 some of these game wardens, you know,
7 get out and prove what you say they're
8 doing.

9 But there are some good clubs out
10 there. We're in a great club and
11 well-managed. Any questions?

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much,
13 Mr. Hamrick. Thank you.

14 The next speaker is Clifton Smith.

15 MR. SMITH: I won't be speaking.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Smith also declines to
17 speak.

18 The next speaker is Calvin Crowder.

19 MR. CROWDER: Good morning. My name is Calvin
20 Crowder from Talladega, Alabama, in
21 Talladega County. We own property
22 adjacent to the national forest and also
23 have a leased property that's adjacent

1 not only to my property. It is adjacent
2 to the forest as well.

3 I have an ongoing problem with dog
4 deer hunters repeatedly running their
5 dogs on my private property as well as
6 my hunting club. I'm here before the
7 board today to request that we push for
8 some type of law that gives private
9 property owners some type of recourse in
10 regard to dog deer hunters that
11 repeatedly run their dogs on private
12 property and on land that is leased for
13 hunting that does not belong to them, of
14 course.

15 I have read something that there is
16 a possibility of a permit system that
17 may be in place. If y'all feel that
18 that is the best way to approach the
19 situation, I would support that.

20 And just so that everyone's aware,
21 those in the audience and you, the
22 problem I particularly have is with a
23 particular club out of Pell City who,

1 it's my understanding, has lost their
2 lease in their area, and they're all
3 coming into the Talladega Forest where I
4 am at. And I have spoken with them in a
5 very defiant manner, I guess you might
6 say, to make them aware that they do not
7 have permission to run their dogs on my
8 property and yet they continue to do it.

9 And, also, in reflection of their
10 disregard for my private property owner
11 rights, I have also personally witnessed
12 them breaking the law by having shooters
13 on the road. And I understand that's a
14 law-enforcement issue. That's not what
15 I'm here to ask for. But it just is an
16 example of how they have a total
17 disregard of how they run their hunting.
18 Thank you for your time.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Crowder, just a
20 minute.

21 Commissioner.

22 COMMISSIONER GUY: Jeff is -- you might want to
23 just say something --

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Our district
2 representative for your district, Jeff
3 Martin, is out of the country today.
4 We'll make sure and get your information
5 to him. Have you talked with him?

6 MR. CROWDER: No, I have not.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We'll make sure and
8 get that -- you can contact or get with
9 Betsy after the meeting, and she'll give
10 you Mr. Martin's contact information.
11 But start at your district
12 representative and then go from there.

13 MR. CROWDER: Appreciate it very much.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you.

15 The next speaker is Eric Ray.

16 MR. RAY: My name is Eric Ray. I own
17 property adjacent to the Talladega
18 National Forest. But I'm here to
19 represent a group of other landowners in
20 our area that -- and I want to address a
21 problem that we have -- that we've had
22 for the last several years. And it's
23 the same problem that Mr. Crowder has.

1 Dogs that are owned by dog hunters are
2 driving deer off of our property onto
3 the national forest where they shoot the
4 deer.

5 I'd like to point out that with
6 current GPS technology the dog hunters
7 know exactly where their dogs are. And,
8 therefore, I think the dog hunters
9 should be held accountable for their
10 dogs being on private property. I don't
11 like to make complaints without coming
12 up with some kind of thoughts to correct
13 the problem.

14 So we think there should be a
15 regulation that states that when
16 tracking a dog that is on private
17 property without written permission,
18 that the hunter, slash, dog owner should
19 stop the dog and whistle his dog to him
20 rather than continue hunting.

21 Further, a hunter who knowingly
22 hunts, trespasses, shoots on or toward
23 private property or allows his dogs to

1 hunt on private property should be
2 subject to stiff penalties including but
3 not limited to fines, revocation of
4 hunting license, revocation of
5 dog-hunting permit, and prosecution for
6 repeat offenses.

7 None of the landowners we represent
8 would harm a dog that runs on their
9 property. We also have dogs. And we do
10 not advocate preventing the use of dogs
11 for hunting. We just want the dogs and
12 the hunters to stop trespassing on our
13 land. We know that the hunters know
14 that their dogs are on private property.

15 We have observed the practice of
16 releasing dogs in locations that would
17 result in them driving deer across
18 private property onto public land. We
19 would like to see regulations, rules,
20 and laws --

21 MS. JONES: Time.

22 MR. RAY: -- enforced and have sufficient
23 penalties to discourage that practice.

1 If that doesn't stop the practice, we
2 would advocate for the elimination of
3 dog hunting in Talladega County.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Ray.

5 Director Sykes is in the ongoing
6 evolution of the permit system. If you
7 would take those comments and please
8 keep them in a folder whenever y'all
9 discuss that.

10 And, again, that's Jeff Martin's
11 district. If you would contact
12 Mr. Martin. Betsy will give you the
13 contact information after the meeting.
14 Thank you very much.

15 MR. RAY: Thank you.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That concludes our
17 speakers for the day. The next order of
18 business is old business. I'll start
19 down the list of our notes here.

20 Mr. Hatley, I show you have old
21 business.

22 MR. HATLEY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

23 At the last board meeting -- well,

1 let me preface something. At the last
2 board meeting I told the board and all
3 present that I would take -- I told
4 everyone present that I would pursue
5 some activity and action in south
6 Alabama in reference to Monroe County
7 and Baldwin County relating to dog deer
8 hunting.

9 Since that time I have done some
10 thorough investigation. I have talked
11 with Don Knight. I have talked with
12 Susan Morrow. And I feel like they have
13 made tremendous strides in Baldwin
14 County particularly. And at this time,
15 Mr. Chairman, I will not make any
16 motions as it relates to Baldwin County.

17 I will, however, make a motion at
18 this time relating to Monroe County. I
19 hereby move that all of Monroe County be
20 placed on a permit system as it relates
21 to dog deer hunting within the confines
22 of said county.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

1 DR. SHIPP: I'll second.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: There's a motion and a
3 second.

4 Mr. Hatley, any further discussion?

5 (No response.)

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'd like to ask,
7 Mr. Hatley, do you feel there's enough
8 evidence or data of continued ongoing
9 problems with landowners and dog hunters
10 to justify a permit system?

11 MR. HATLEY: I do. And, like I said,
12 Mr. Chairman, we have this motion on the
13 floor, but I think there is enough
14 evidence. And, also, that's why I
15 backed off on the Baldwin County issue
16 at this time, because they're making
17 tremendous strides.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Any other
19 discussion from the board?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. With Mr. Hatley's
22 motion, all those in favor, please raise
23 their hand.

1 (All board members raise hand.)

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show that
5 the motion passes unanimously.

6 Mr. Hatley, any other motions? Any
7 other new business?

8 MR. HATLEY: No.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Old business. Excuse me,
10 Mr. Hatley.

11 The next I'm showing is Mr. Hartzog.

12 MR. HARTZOG: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have two
13 motions I'd like to make. The first
14 motion is I hereby make a motion to
15 approve all departmental regulations
16 adopted since the last approval.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. I tell you what.

18 Let's move those motions -- Mr. Hartzog,
19 we're going to move those into new
20 business instead of old business.

21 MR. HARTZOG: Okay.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: And no other motions
23 besides that general-housekeeping motion

1 that you just referred to?

2 MR. HARTZOG: No.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. Next, Mr. Joey
4 Dobbs. Mr. Dobbs.

5 MR. DOBBS: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I have a
6 comment and a motion.

7 After multiple letters from and
8 conversations with landholders in
9 Chilton County, all of them voicing
10 complaints about dog deer hunting and
11 continued encroachment on their
12 properties, and knowing that there is
13 maybe only one permit in that -- in that
14 county --

15 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Mr. Chairman, could you
16 get them to speak into the microphone?

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Hold on just a
18 moment. Thank you very much.

19 Mr. Dobbs, if you'd start back over.

20 MR. DOBBS: Mr. Chairman, thank you. I'd like
21 to make a comment and a motion.

22 After multiple letters from and
23 conversations with landholders in

1 Chilton County, all of them voicing
2 complaints consistently about dog deer
3 hunting and continued encroachment on
4 their properties, I would like to offer
5 the following motion, that motion
6 knowing that there's only -- that I
7 understand there's only one permit
8 holder in that county.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let's confirm that.

10 Director Sykes, is that correct, how
11 many permits in Chilton County?

12 One. That's correct, Mr. Dobbs.

13 MR. DOBBS: So at this time, Mr. Chairman, I
14 would like to make a motion that deer
15 hunting by the use of dogs in Chilton
16 County be prohibited beginning with the
17 2015-2016 hunting season.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: There's a motion. Is
19 there a second?

20 MR. AINSWORTH: Second.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a
22 second. Is there any discussion on this
23 issue with the board?

1 Please reread the motion, Mr. Dobbs.

2 MR. DOBBS: A motion that deer hunting by the
3 use of dogs in Chilton County be
4 prohibited beginning with the 2015-2016
5 hunting season.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other discussion?

7 Mr. Ainsworth?

8 MR. AINSWORTH: Nothing.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: No discussion from the
12 board.

13 Mr. Dobbs' motion is to eliminate
14 dog deer hunting in Chilton County. All
15 those in favor raise your hand.

16 (All board members raise hand.)

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

18 All opposed?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the motion -- the
21 motion passes. Let the record show that
22 it passed unanimously.

23 Mr. Dobbs, any other business?

1 MR. DOBBS: Not at this time. Thank you,
2 Mr. Chairman.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Down my list,
4 that's all I see on the list. Any other
5 old business from the board?

6 (No response.)

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We'll move into new
8 business.

9 Mr. Hartzog, you've got two motions
10 of general housekeeping, I think, or one
11 of the two motions.

12 MR. HARTZOG: Yes, sir. I hereby make a
13 motion to approve all departmental
14 regulations adopted since the last
15 approval.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Is there a second?

17 MR. BUNN: Second.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a
19 second on a housekeeping reg. All those
20 in favor raise your hand.

21 (All board members raise hand.)

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

23 (No response.)

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: None. Let the record show
2 that it passed unanimously.

3 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman, I have another
4 motion, please, sir.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

6 MR. HARTZOG: I hereby move that the
7 department adopt the seasons and bag and
8 creel limits and other regulations as
9 contained in the packets provided to the
10 board for the February the 28th, 2015,
11 meeting, which packets are attached to
12 this motion as Exhibits A and B, with
13 the understanding that there could be
14 some additional minor revisions during
15 the administrative procedural process.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Read that one more time,
17 Mr. Hartzog.

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19 department adopt the seasons and bag and
20 creel limits and other regulations as
21 contained in the packets provided to the
22 board for the February the 28th, 2015,
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2 the understanding that there could be
3 some additional minor revisions during
4 the administrative procedures process.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Another housekeeping
6 motion. Is there a second?

7 MR. BUNN: Second.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a
9 second. Any discussion?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All those in favor?

12 (All board members raise hand.)

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The motion passes
16 unanimously.

17 One minute, please.

18 Okay. Director Sykes, I think you
19 have something on CPI you'd like to
20 address.

21 MR. SYKES: I do. And this is basically
22 another housekeeping -- at the last
23 meeting Dr. Strickland proposed this,

1 but just some terminology.

2 Director Blankenship and I
3 recommended that the board approve the
4 CPI cost adjustments to hunting and
5 fishing licenses and the issuance fees
6 as they appeared in your packets on
7 February the 28th and that the board
8 recommend approval of these increases to
9 the legislative council.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. I need a motion to
11 approve the CPI increases to both
12 hunting and fishing licenses and
13 issuance fees and to recommend approval
14 of the increases to the legislative
15 council.

16 DR. SHIPP: So move.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion. Is
18 there a second?

19 DR. STRICKLAND: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a
21 second. Any discussion?

22 (No response.)

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All those in favor raise

1 your hand.

2 (All board members raise hand.)

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

4 (No response.)

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let the record show again
6 it passes unanimously.

7 Any other old or new business from
8 the board?

9 (No response.)

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. The next order
11 of business is the date and location of
12 the next advisory board meeting. The
13 date has not been set, and the location
14 will be announced as soon as possible.
15 The Commissioner has assured we'll get
16 that out as soon as possible on the
17 Website.

18 Dr. Strickland.

19 DR. STRICKLAND: I am sorry to interrupt you,
20 but there is one new business that I
21 would like to bring before the board at
22 this time.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let's go back to revisit

1 new business. Go ahead, Dr. Strickland.

2 DR. STRICKLAND: Jackson County -- a lot of
3 the counties in northern Alabama turkey
4 season opens March 15th. Jackson County
5 is adjacent to Madison County, and I've
6 had quite a few of the turkey hunters to
7 ask why can't Madison County not open
8 with the earlier season, March 15th or
9 mid-March. And I had talked to some of
10 the biologists -- Chuck -- to ask Chuck
11 if you could look into that to see if
12 there are any biological reasons why we
13 could not consider opening Madison
14 County March 15th instead of April 1st.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Director Sykes.

16 MR. SYKES: We'll be more than happy to look
17 at that and have a presentation for you
18 before the next board meeting meets.

19 DR. STRICKLAND: Thanks, Chuck. Sorry to
20 interrupt.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: No. That's fine,
22 Dr. Strickland.

23 Director Sykes, we also had a

1 comment before the meeting about a
2 restocking effort in this area up here.
3 I don't know if they approached you
4 about that, but if we could also look
5 into that.

6 MR. SYKES: They did. Michael spoke to me.
7 I'll have someone come up and evaluate
8 the habitat to see if it's suitable for
9 a restocking effort for turkeys up here.
10 We'll start working through that process
11 as well.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That would be great.

13 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman?

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog.

15 MR. HARTZOG: While Chuck is up, did we ever
16 do any more research down in the area
17 where -- I believe it was Geneva County
18 where the parks were closed for turkeys?

19 MR. SYKES: I'm going to let Ray address that
20 since he's in charge of that.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Metzler, if you could
22 come to the mic.

23 MR. METZLER: Our local biologists there, John

1 Powers and Bill Gray, did some camera
2 studies -- game camera studies that
3 basically showed that there were very
4 few turkeys in that area, and they
5 recommended keeping the season -- I
6 believe that's closed if I'm not
7 mistaken.

8 MR. HARTZOG: It's closed, yes.

9 MR. METZLER: And that was the recommendation
10 to keep it closed.

11 MR. HARTZOG: Yeah. I had several calls
12 wanting it opened and said that there
13 were tons of turkeys. And so, anyway --

14 MR. METZLER: We're going to continue to look
15 at it. We'll do more camera surveys
16 again next spring, this winter.

17 COMMISSIONER GUY: Ray, would you just state
18 your name for the record so the court
19 reporter --

20 MR. METZLER: Ray Metzler.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'd like to remind the
22 public and the board again and we've
23 mentioned it at several past meetings.

1 Director Sykes, you may have a quick
2 comment on this also. Eastern wild
3 turkeys seem to show a decline now in
4 the states where they are. We're
5 looking at that very seriously in
6 Alabama. There's other states that have
7 made adjustments to that.

8 Director Sykes, anything on the
9 eastern wild turkeys that you want to
10 bring to the forefront right now?

11 MR. SYKES: Pretty much southeastern-wide,
12 when I go to the meetings with my
13 counterparts in the other 13
14 southeastern states, they are all
15 experiencing somewhat of a decline in
16 their turkey population. We did not
17 have the data to support whether we did
18 or not. Common sense said that we're
19 not in a vacuum. If they're seeing
20 declines, more than likely we are too.
21 So we just embarked on a major study
22 with Auburn University, that they are
23 actually trapping turkeys right now to

1 do a five-year research project on
2 predation rates, survivability, and
3 things like that. So we are in the
4 process of gathering that data.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: That's great. Yes,
6 Mr. Dobbs.

7 MR. DOBBS: Mr. Chairman.

8 Mr. Sykes, where are we or how many
9 turkey harvest reports have you gotten
10 with regard to Game Check? Is that --
11 are we getting information?

12 MR. SYKES: We are actually -- turkey hunters
13 seem to be reporting better than deer
14 hunters. The numbers are pretty decent
15 right now. Still I think it's probably
16 less than 10 or 15 percent, but it's
17 better than 3 percent that we had during
18 deer season.

19 Each one of y'all in your packet had
20 the first edition of the "Full Fans and
21 Sharp Spurs" publication with our brood
22 studies and our gobble counts. We've
23 got an avid turkey hunter survey out now

1 where hunters from all over the state
2 are helping us gather quality
3 information from people on the ground
4 listening to turkeys, hunting turkeys.
5 We are doing everything we can to get
6 caught back up right now. And our staff
7 is doing a good job, and I thank the
8 turkey hunters from the state who are
9 participating in this as well. Between
10 Game Check information, the study with
11 Auburn, our avid turkey hunter survey,
12 and what our biologists and enforcement
13 officers are doing, as well as
14 landowners with our brood counts, we're
15 going to have some hard numbers over the
16 next couple of years that we can make
17 some quality decisions on.

18 MR. DOBBS: Good stuff. Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Commissioner Guy.

20 COMMISSIONER GUY: Mr. Dobbs, I was just
21 looking on our app, and we're showing 36
22 jake kills statewide, 644 adult kills.
23 And so I appreciate you bringing that up

1 because Chuck and I talk about this
2 often. The more we can get that
3 reported -- it's done by county -- and
4 you start seeing trends, that helps us
5 with the data that we need to evaluate
6 this.

7 So we do appreciate all the turkey
8 hunters reporting, you know, their
9 harvest. You know, it's no -- we don't
10 make anything -- you know, their private
11 information public. It's just the
12 information that we get. That's all
13 we're using, another tool, as we talk
14 about, to get it right.

15 And so thanks for bringing that up.
16 But we encourage everybody to go and see
17 that. And it actually indicates, you
18 know, each county and who has reported
19 turkey harvesting. It's very important,
20 so thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner.

22 Mr. Hartzog.

23 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Chairman, one more question.

1 Chuck, I know it's early in the
2 study, but has anything interesting come
3 up on the coyote trackings?

4 MR. SYKES: Right now it is way too early
5 because we've got some that we put the
6 collar on them and they change two or
7 three counties. We've had some that are
8 staying in the same area. So give us
9 until the next board meeting, and we'll
10 have some preliminary information for
11 you.

12 I think it's going to prove that
13 they are having an impact, but it's
14 going to be like most things in wildlife
15 management. It's not a cookie-cutter
16 formula from one end of the state to the
17 other one. It's going to be
18 site-specific, habitat-specific, and
19 there's going to be a lot of factors
20 that's going to play into it. So the
21 more information we have on this the
22 better we're going to be.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Director Sykes, and I

1 think it's pretty interesting. You and
2 I have talked ongoingly this year about
3 predator control. I talked to one of
4 the members of the Georgia coyote study
5 that actually was -- his job was to band
6 female coyotes, track them to the dens.
7 First he said it was very hard locating
8 the den. Immediately when they put
9 cameras in those dens the female
10 abandoned the den. They're very hard to
11 track.

12 But one of the neatest deals that
13 the board needs to know, they're
14 ranging -- some of the coyotes down in
15 south Georgia range 150-square miles of
16 travel. And I know you have reports of
17 that being, also, that they have huge,
18 huge ranges.

19 MR. SYKES: And they're just like people.

20 Each one of them is different. One may
21 go for that. One may stay in 500 acres
22 their whole life. So it's -- it's
23 complicated.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We look forward to that.

2 As those predators numbers increase, I
3 think that's going to be -- have huge
4 impacts on our game population, so we
5 welcome that as a board.

6 Mr. Bunn.

7 MR. BUNN: Chuck, what are the other southern
8 states saying the biggest contributing
9 factor is in the decline of the wild
10 turkey?

11 MR. SYKES: You know this as well as anybody.
12 There's not going to be one thing.
13 There's going to be changes in habitat.
14 There are going to be changes in hunters
15 and the way they act. There's going to
16 be changes in predator populations.
17 Tennessee right now is looking at
18 spreading chicken litter on areas to see
19 if that's an issue.

20 I mean, there's -- there's a lot of
21 things. There are weather factors. I
22 mean, turkeys are very
23 weather-dependent. You get a cold, wet

1 spring and the hatch is not going to be
2 as good. So there's a bunch of things
3 that not just us are looking at, but
4 there's a lot of states that's looking
5 at it right now. And that's one of the
6 beauties of us getting together with my
7 counterparts. We don't have to reinvent
8 the wheel. If Tennessee is looking at
9 something, we don't have to do that. We
10 can use their data and we can look at
11 another aspect of it.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Dr. Strickland.

13 DR. STRICKLAND: Chuck, you know, probably the
14 biggest threat to turkey numbers are
15 predators, as we pointed out. Do we
16 have any management program to try to
17 address nest predators?

18 MR. SYKES: We do. We do. The board passed
19 that last year. Commissioner signed the
20 regulation. We do have a nuisance
21 permit just like farmers can get for
22 deer on ag crops. Any landowner can
23 contact their district office and get a

1 permit to trap raccoons and possums 365
2 days a year for wildlife management
3 purposes. So we did get that changed
4 last year.

5 DR. STRICKLAND: And has that been -- I guess,
6 has that been communicated to the
7 landowners?

8 MR. SYKES: We have communicated the best that
9 we could. I know Mr. Bunn has taken
10 full advantage of it. He told me last
11 night he's caught 90 on his property
12 since February the 1st. So there are
13 landowners that are taking full
14 advantage of it. It's there -- it's the
15 same way with the hog and the coyote.
16 We're giving the landowners every
17 opportunity they can to manage their
18 property the way they see fit.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. I think the
20 board can applaud Chuck and his staff.
21 They are providing tools in a toolbox
22 for landowners, and that's all that we
23 can ask for as a board.

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Any other new or old business?

(No response.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hatley, have you
game-checked the two turkeys you killed
this year?

MR. HATLEY: Yes, I did.

(Brief interruption with multiple
speakers.)

CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Being no further
business, this meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting adjourned at
approximately 9:56 a.m.)

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2 Alabama Department of Conservation and
3 Natural Resources Advisory Board Meeting
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7 the proceedings held.

8 I further certify that I am neither of
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