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THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION

AND NATURAL RESOURCES

ADVISORY BOARD

FEBRUARY 18TH, 2006

SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA

9:00 A.M.

1 A P P E A R A N C E S

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3 ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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5 DAN L. MOULTRIE, CHAIRMAN

6 M. BARNETT LAWLEY, COMMISSIONER

7 LOUIS W. COLES

8 DR. A. WAYNE MAY

9 DR. WARREN STRICKLAND

10 JAMES PORTER

11 ROSS M. SELF

12 BILL HATLEY

13 JOHNNY JOHNSON

14 GEORGE HARBIN

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16 ALSO PRESENT:

17 ROBIN NUMMY, SECRETARY

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2 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: WE'RE GOING TO
3 TRY AND OPEN IT FAST SO YOU CAN GET OUT
4 OF THIS WEATHER. CAN I HAVE A SHOW OF
5 HANDS OF ANYBODY NORTH OF HERE? RAISE
6 YOUR HAND IF YOU'RE NORTH OF THE HERE.
7 I'M SORRY. WE'LL GET YOU OUT AS QUICK AS
8 WE CAN; OKAY?

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CALL TO ORDER

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(WHEREUPON, THE INVOCATION WAS

1 GIVEN BY MR. HATLEY.)

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3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
4 MR. HATLEY. I'M GOING TO VARY FROM THE
5 AGENDA JUST A LITTLE BIT. THE BOARD IS
6 AWFUL PLEASED AND HONORED TO HAVE THE
7 MAYOR OF TUSCALOOSA, MR. WALT MADDOX,
8 HERE WITH US TODAY.

9 MAYOR MADDOX: GOOD MORNING. I
10 WAS GOING TO OPEN UP AND SAY, THE SUN
11 ALWAYS SHINES ON THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA.
12 BUT OBVIOUSLY, THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE
13 APPROPRIATE FOR TODAY. I WANT TO THANK
14 THE CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD FOR
15 COMING TO TUSCALOOSA. AND THIS IS FIRST
16 TIME YOU'VE COME TO OUR TOWN. WE WANT TO
17 WELCOME YOU AND LET YOU KNOW THAT YOU ARE
18 ALWAYS WELCOME IN THE CITY OF TUSCALOOSA.
19 AND IN APPRECIATION OF YOU HAVING THE
20 MEETING HERE, WE WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT
21 YOU, AND THE BOARD AS A WHOLE, A KEY TO
22 OUR CITY. THIS IS A TOKEN TO LET YOU
23 KNOW YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO THE CITY

1 OF TUSCALOOSA. AND THIS IS SOMETHING WE
2 DON'T DO OFTEN. THIS IS ONLY THE SECOND
3 KEY WE'VE GIVEN AWAY DURING MY TERM, AND
4 THE OTHER ONE WENT TO SECRETARY RICE.
5 AND PLEASE KNOW THAT WE APPRECIATE I'M SO
6 HAPPY TO HAVE A PUBLIC HEARING THAT I'M
7 NOT INVOLVED IN. GOOD LUCK, AND GOD
8 BLESS, AND WELCOME TO TUSCALOOSA, AND
9 HAVE SAFE TRAVELS HOME. THANK YOU, VERY
10 MUCH.

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12 (APPLAUSE)

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14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.

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17 INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS

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20 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: WE REALLY

21 APPRECIATE THAT AND WE'RE PROUD TO BE

22 HERE. WE HAVE HAD A COUPLE OF TURKEY

23 HUNTS IN TUSCALOOSA AND WE'RE VERY

1 APPRECIATIVE FOR WHAT THEY HAVE DONE FOR
2 CONSERVATION AND COMMON GOALS. AT THIS
3 TIME I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE BOARD.
4 THIS TIME WE'RE GOING TO START FROM THE
5 LEFT WITH LOUIS COLES. GO AHEAD AND
6 INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND TELL PEOPLE WHERE
7 YOU ARE FROM.

8 MR. COLES: THANK YOU
9 MR. CHAIRMAN. I'M LOUIS COLES FROM
10 ENTERPRISE AND I REPRESENT THE SECOND
11 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT.

12 DR. MAY: I'M WAYNE MAY AND I'VE
13 SPENT FORTY SOMETHING YEARS IN
14 TUSCALOOSA. AND NOW I RESIDE IN EUTAW,
15 ALABAMA AND I'M REPRESENTING DISTRICT
16 SEVEN.

17 DR. STRICKLAND: WARREN
18 STRICKLAND; HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DAN MOULTRIE,
20 DISTRICT SIX; BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA.

21 MR. PORTER: MY NAME IS JIM
22 PORTER AND I'M FROM BIRMINGHAM; FROM THE
23 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT SIX.

1 MR. SELF: ROSS SELF, GULF
2 SHORES. AND I'M REPRESENTING THE
3 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT ONE.

4 MR. HATLEY: BILL HATLEY, I
5 REPRESENT CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT NUMBER
6 ONE; GULF SHORES, ALABAMA.

7 MR. JOHNSON: I'M JOHNNY JOHNSON.
8 I LIVE HERE IN TUSCALOOSA AND REPRESENT
9 THE SEVENTH DISTRICT.

10 MR. HARBIN: I'M GEORGE HARBIN
11 REPRESENTING THE FOURTH DISTRICT. AND
12 I'M FROM A ETOWAH COUNTY.

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15 DCNR DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

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18 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I
19 APPRECIATE EVERYBODY THAT CAME HERE IN
20 THIS WEATHER. AND WE APPRECIATE WHAT
21 YOU'VE DONE WITH THE ADVISORY BOARD. IN
22 THE ESSENCE OF TIME, RATHER THAN GIVEN
23 THE REPORT IN LENGTH, LIKE YOU HAVE IN

1 THE PAST, IF Y'ALL BARE WITH US, WE'RE
2 GOING TO MAKE THEM VERY BRIEF. AND WE'RE
3 ONLY GOING TO REPORT ON ANY CHANGES OF
4 REGULATIONS THAT THEY WOULD LIKE THE
5 BOARD TO CONSIDER AT THE MARCH MEETING.
6 SO, AT THIS TIME, I WOULD CALL ON THE
7 MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION, MR. VERN
8 MINTON.

9 MR. MINTON: THANK YOU
10 MR. COMMISSIONER. I'M PLEASED TO BE UP
11 HERE IN "BAMA COUNTRY" I GUESS YOU WOULD
12 CALL IT. MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER,
13 BOARD MEMBERS, YOU HAVE IN FRONT OF YOU A
14 PACKET WITH THE ADDITIONAL REPORT IN IT.
15 I WOULD APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD JUST LOOK
16 THROUGH IT, AND WHILE I'M TALKING, IF YOU
17 HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, I'LL BE HAPPY TO
18 ANSWER THOSE AT MY CONCLUSION.

19 IN 2005, I GUESS, PROBABLY, THE
20 DOMINATING THEORY OF MARINE RESOURCES WAS
21 HURRICANES. WE'VE HAD OUR SHARE, AND
22 MORE THAN OUR SHARE, AND POSSIBLY SOMEONE
23 ELSE'S SHARE TOO. WE'RE RECOVERING AND

1 WE'VE BEEN HIT HARD WITH HURRICAINA
2 KATRINA. GULF SHORES AND ORANGE BEACH
3 WAS HIT EQUALLY AS HARD WITH IVAN. WE'VE
4 HAD THREE OR FOUR HURRICANES IN OUR
5 AREAS.

6 THE MAJOR DAMAGES WERE
7 INFRASTRUCTURE. BAYOU LA BATRE IS
8 RUNNING AT ABOUT EIGHTY PERCENT STRENGTH
9 WITH THE SEAFOOD INDUSTRY. BUT WE'RE
10 STILL DOWN IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO
11 PRODUCE PRODUCT, BECAUSE ALABAMA IS
12 PRIMARILY A PROCESSING STATE, AND RANKS
13 IN THE TOP EIGHT OR NINE IN THE COUNTRY
14 IN TERMS OF VALUE PRODUCT.

15 WE GET A LOT OF OUR PRODUCTS IN
16 LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI. THOSE STATES
17 ARE STILL DOWN AND THEY EXPECT TO BE OUT
18 OF BUSINESS UNTIL SOMETIME IN THE FUTURE.

19 THE HARDEST HIT WAS THE
20 INDUSTRIES WITH OYSTERS. THOSE AREAS
21 WEST OF LOUISIANA, PARTICULARLY, HAVE
22 BEEN HIT VERY HARD. THE BUSINESS THAT WE
23 HAVE RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE BEEN RESEARCHING

1 A PROPOSAL TO CHANGE THE SHRIMPING LAWS
2 AND REGISTRATIONS TO ALLOW FOR TWO
3 THINGS. ONE, WE WANT TO BE ALLOWED TO
4 SELL SHRIMP AND OTHER LIVE BAIT FOR A
5 VESSEL THAT IS LOCATED IN A POSITION TO
6 (INAUDIBLE). AND THE OTHER ONE IS TO
7 SELL FISH ONLY TO BOATS THAT WERE GOING
8 OFFSHORE.

9 ONE OF THE PUSHING THINGS ON THIS
10 IS THAT WITH THE REAL ESTATE PRICES THE
11 WAY THEY ARE NOW, PEOPLE CANNOT LITERALLY
12 FIND MONEYS OR CAPITAL INVESTORS TO COME
13 IN TO THIS TO SELL LIVE BAIT FROM A
14 SHORE-BASED FACILITY.

15 WE HAVE RECREATIONAL FISHING THAT
16 IS BOOMING. AND WE SPEND CLOSE TO A
17 MILLION DOLLARS A YEAR ON RECREATIONAL
18 INSHORE REEFS. WE FEEL LIKE THIS IS A
19 PROPOSAL THAT HAS MERIT. WE'VE LOOKED AT
20 THE BIOLOGICAL RESOURCES AND DON'T FEEL
21 THAT IT WILL IMPACT THE RESOURCE ITSELF,
22 IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO CONTROL IT. WE
23 HAVE DRAFTED A REGULATION FOR YOU TO

1 CONSIDER, AND I GUESS THIS WILL BE TALKED
2 ABOUT AT A LATER DATE. THAT'S ALL I HAVE
3 MR. COMMISSIONER.

4 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THANK YOU
5 FOR YOUR BRIEF REPORT. RICK, DO WE HAVE
6 ANYTHING FROM THE ADMINISTRATION
7 DEPARTMENT?

8 MR. LILES: COMMISSIONER, I WANT
9 TO POINT OUT THAT IN THE PACKET IS THE
10 INFORMATION FOR THE FY07. THE PUBLIC CAN
11 ACCESS THAT CLAIM AT ALABAMA.GOV. I
12 WOULD ASK YOU TO REVIEW IT. IT'S THE
13 DEPARTMENT'S PLANS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR
14 '07, WHICH IS NEXT YEAR. I THINK THERE'S
15 SOME INTERESTING THINGS TO BE FOUND.

16 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THANK YOU.
17 MAJOR KELLY?

18 MAJOR KELLEY: IN YOUR
19 INFORMATION PACKET THERE'S AN IN-DEPTH
20 REPORT THERE. I CAN'T GET THIS TO WORK.

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22 (WHEREUPON, THE SPEAKER INDICATED THAT
23 THE MICROPHONE WAS NOT ON. ADJUSTMENTS

1 WERE MADE TO THE MICROPHONE SYSTEM.)

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3 THERE'S AN INFORMATION PACKET IN
4 THERE THAT HAS AN IN-DEPTH REPORT ON
5 TOPICS OF INTEREST FROM LAST YEAR. AND I
6 THINK YOU MAY HAVE RECEIVED SOME
7 REGULATIONS THAT WE HAD THOUGHT ABOUT
8 BRINGING UP AT THIS TIME. AND WE WANT TO
9 REFINE THEM A LITTLE BETTER AND WE'LL
10 BRING THEM UP AT THE NEXT MEETING.

11 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: OKAY. WE
12 DON'T HAVE ANYONE HERE FROM PARKS BECAUSE
13 THEY ARE HAVING A PARKS MANAGERS MEETING
14 AT JOE WHEELER STATE PARK THIS WEEKEND.
15 SO, WE WILL POSTPONE IT UNTIL OUR MARCH
16 MEETING. GREG LEIN FROM THE LANDS
17 DIVISION?

18 MR. LEIN: COMMISSIONER AND
19 BOARD, WE HAVE A PACKET ON THE STATE
20 LANDS DIVISION BEFORE YOU. WE HAVE NO
21 REGULATIONS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER
22 TODAY. THERE WAS ONE REGULATION THAT'S
23 PROCEDURALLY IN PLAY RIGHT NOW. AND THAT

1 JUST DEALS WITH SETTING AN AMENDMENT FEE
2 FOR SUBMERGED PIPELINE IN EASEMENTS THAT
3 WAS REQUESTED BY THE GOVERNOR. THANK
4 YOU.

5 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THE
6 WILDLIFE AND FRESHWATER FISHERIES?

7 MR. PUGH: GOOD MORNING. THERE
8 ARE FORTY-THREE TOPICS IN YOUR REPORT
9 FROM US, AND I PROMISE I'M NOT GOING TO
10 TALK ABOUT ALL OF THEM. THERE IS ONE
11 THING I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT AND THAT'S THAT
12 WE JUST FINISHED THE SAFEST GUN DEER
13 SEASON IN THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE. AND
14 IT'S PROOF THAT HUNTER EDUCATION IS
15 WORKING. A WHOLE GENERATION OF HUNTER
16 EDUCATION GRADUATES HAVE ENTERED THE
17 RANKS OF HUNTERS, AND IT'S WORKING.

18 HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT HUNTER
19 EDUCATION IS AN OBSTACLE TO RECRUITMENT
20 OF HUNTERS. SO, WE HAVE A BILL IN THE
21 LEGISLATURE THAT WE REALLY HOPE PASSES,
22 THAT WOULD ALLOW SOMEBODY THAT'S
23 SIXTEEN YEARS OR OLDER WHO GOES TO BUY A

1 HUNTING LICENSE, WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED
2 THE HUNTER'S EDUCATION, TO HUNT WITH
3 SOMEONE TWENTY-ONE YEARS OF AGE OR OLDER
4 WHO HAS A LICENSE. A "LEARNER'S PERMIT"
5 IS HOW ONE PERSON CHARACTERIZED IT.

6 AS FAR AS REGULATION CHANGES,
7 THERE'S ONE REGULATION DEALING WITH THE
8 MUSSEL BUYER'S LICENSE THAT I WOULD LIKE
9 FRED HARDERS TO OUTLINE FOR YOU. AND
10 THEN, I GUESS, WE CAN GO STRAIGHT INTO
11 THE SEASONS AND LIMITS RECOMMENDATIONS.
12 A REMINDER ABOUT THE SEASONS AND LIMITS,
13 THE RECOMMENDATIONS COME FROM OUR FIELD
14 STAFF.

15 WE ACTUALLY REQUIRE FIELD PEOPLE
16 AT THE DISTRICT LEVEL TO PROVIDE US
17 INPUT. THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SITS DOWN
18 WITH THE ENFORCEMENT AND WILDLIFE AND
19 FISHERIES SECTION CHIEFS, AND THEY HAVE
20 THE AWESOME TASK OF TAKING THE FIELD
21 INPUT AND REFINING IT, AND PUTTING IT IN
22 THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT YOU SEE.

23 I KNOW FROM EXPERIENCE, ALL OF

1 THE FIELD PEOPLE DON'T RECOMMEND THE SAME
2 THING. SO, IT'S A CHALLENGING TASK AT
3 LEAST.

4 MR. HARDERS: GOOD MORNING. THE
5 PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO CHANGE THE MUSSEL
6 REG IS TO TIGHTEN UP. WHERE RIGHT NOW,
7 IF A MUSSEL HARVESTER DOES NOT SELL THE
8 SHELL WITHIN THE STATE OF ALABAMA, WE
9 LOSE A NICKEL A POUND THAT WE CHARGE IF
10 WE DO. SO THIS WILL CORRECT THE
11 SITUATION BEFORE A MUSSEL LEAVES THE
12 STATE, WE WOULD RECEIVE THAT NICKEL A
13 POUND.

14 AS FAR AS THE SEASON AND BAG
15 LIMITS, EACH ONE OF YOU RECEIVED, IN THE
16 PACKET, THE PROPOSED CHANGES WE HAD.
17 THEY ARE HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. WE DID
18 NOT HIGHLIGHT DATE CHANGES. SO, INSTEAD
19 OF ME GOING OVER EACH ONE, IF YOU HAVE
20 ANY QUESTIONS, SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ABOUT
21 THE PROPOSED CHANGES, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO
22 ANSWER THEM.

23 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: ARE THERE

1 ANY CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR; IS THAT WHAT
2 YOU ARE SAYING IS IN YELLOW?

3 MR. HARDERS: JUST WHAT'S IN THE
4 BACK THAT'S HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW. THE
5 ONLY THINGS WE DIDN'T HIGHLIGHT WAS DATE
6 CHANGES, DUE TO THE CALENDAR.

7 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: ALL RIGHT.

8 MR. HARDERS: DO YOU WANT ME TO
9 GO OVER THE LIST, OR JUST MOVE ON?

10 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: WELL, DOES
11 ANYBODY ON THE BOARD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS?

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DOES ANYONE
13 ON THE BOARD HAVE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS
14 FOR MR. HARDERS?

15 MR. PORTER: REFRESH MY
16 RECOLLECTION ABOUT THE DUCK SEASONS. I
17 KNOW -- OBVIOUSLY THE FEDERAL FOLKS
18 CONTROL THAT, BUT I'VE HAD A LOT OF CALLS
19 FROM FOLKS THAT WERE UPSET THAT THE DUCK
20 SEASON DIDN'T GO TO THE END OF THE MONTH.
21 I THINK IT ENDED THE TWENTY-EIGHTH OR
22 TWENTY-NINTH OF JANUARY. JUST WALK ME
23 THROUGH HOW WE CAME TO THAT DATE.

1 MR. HARDERS: I'LL LET GARY
2 HANDLE THAT.

3 MR. MOODY: DAVID HAYDEN IS HERE
4 AND HE KNOWS MORE ABOUT DUCKS THAN I'LL
5 EVER KNOW. AND HE'S OUR REPRESENTATIVE
6 ON THE FLYWAY COUNSEL. HE'S ALSO THE
7 REPRESENTATIVE TO WASHINGTON. AND HE
8 GOES UP THERE AND CONSULTS WITH PEOPLE
9 AND GIVES ADVICE. AND BASICALLY, ON THAT
10 PARTICULAR ISSUE, IT'S THE LAST SATURDAY
11 OF JANUARY -- LAST SUNDAY, LAST SUNDAY.
12 AND THEN WE GO BACK FROM THAT. WE CAN'T
13 GO TO THE END OF THE MONTH, UNLESS IT
14 HAPPENS TO BE ON A SUNDAY.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANYMORE
16 QUESTIONS? VERY GOOD. ACCORDING TO THIS
17 ONE PAGE FOR 2006 AND 2007, THE BAG LIMIT
18 PROPOSED CHANGES; COULD YOU READ THROUGH
19 THAT PLEASE?

20 MR. PUGH: WE RECOMMENDED THE
21 FOLLOWING: ADD AN EXTRA DAY TO SPECIAL
22 YOUTH DEER HUNTING SEASON, LIBERALIZE THE
23 HUNTERS' CHOICE SEASON IN BLOUNT,

1 CULLMAN, LAUDERDALE, LAWRENCE, LIMESTONE,
2 MARSHALL, MORGAN, AND WINSTON COUNTIES.
3 HUNTERS' CHOICE SEASONS ON NATIONAL
4 FOREST SEASONS ADDED IN CALHOUN, CLAY,
5 CLEBURNE, AND TALLADEGA COUNTIES.
6 TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY HUNTING RESTRICTION
7 ON NATIONAL FOREST LAND WAS REMOVED FROM
8 FRANKLIN, LAWRENCE AND WINSTON COUNTIES.
9 EXPANDED AREA IN LAUDERDALE COUNTY TURKEY
10 SEASON. ALLIGATOR SEASON IS UNDER
11 DEVELOPMENT FOR MOBILE DELTA. CORRECTED
12 USE OF RIMFIRE FIREARMS FOR NIGHTTIME
13 HUNTING OF RACCOON AND OPOSSUM.
14 PROHIBITION OF HARVEST OF SHOAL BASS,
15 REDUCE THE WALLEYE LIMIT FROM FIVE TO
16 TWO. ALLOW HARVEST OF SPOTTED BASS
17 BETWEEN THIRTEEN AND SIXTEEN INCHES IN
18 HARRIS RESERVOIR.
19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
20 VERY MUCH.
21 DR. MAY: ON THE DOVE SEASON --
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23 (WHEREUPON THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED

1 DR. MAY: ARE WE GOING TO MAKE
2 THAT DECISION BEFORE THE PUBLIC AS A
3 REQUEST TODAY?

4 MR. MOODY: MR. CHAIRMAN?

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I COULDN'T
6 HEAR THE QUESTION.

7 DR. MAY: WHAT I'M ASKING IS, DO
8 WE HAVE TO MAKE A DECISION ON THE TIMES
9 -- THE TIME THAT WE'RE GOING ON THE DOVE
10 SEASON?

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I BELIEVE THE
12 TOPIC IS BROUGHT UP, AND THEN WE VOTE ON
13 IT IN THE NEXT MEETING.

14 DR. MAY: (INAUDIBLE) WE DON'T
15 GET ANY PUBLIC INPUT?

16 MR. PUGH: CORRECT ME IF I'M
17 WRONG, BUT THE BOARD IS NOT GOING TO VOTE
18 ON ANYTHING TODAY.

19 DR. MAY: THAT'S CORRECT. I JUST
20 WANTED TO MAKE SURE.

21 MR. PUGH: (INAUDIBLE) AGAIN,
22 THIS IS A GENERAL COMMENT ON DOVE SEASON
23 DATES. THIS MIGHT SOUND LIKE A BROKEN

1 RECORD, THE DOVE SEASON DATES ARE THE
2 PRODUCT OF DECADES OF PUBLIC INPUT. AND
3 VERY OFTEN, AS BOARD MEMBERS, AND
4 CERTAINLY AS PROFESSIONAL STAFF, WE HEAR
5 FROM INDIVIDUAL HUNTERS AND GROUPS OF
6 HUNTERS THAT WANT TO CHANGE THOSE DATES.
7 AND TIME AND TIME AGAIN WE HAVE A SILENT
8 MAJORITY THAT IS PERFECTLY HAPPY WITH THE
9 WAY IT IS.

10 DR. MAY: I WAS HOPING TO HAVE
11 PUBLIC INPUT TODAY.

12 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: THAT'S THE
13 IDEA OF THIS PROCESS, TO WEIGH THE
14 NECESSARY CHANGES AND NOT READ DOWN THE
15 LIST OF CHANGES THEY ARE PROPOSING. SO
16 YOU HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT TO US
17 IN THE DEPARTMENT ON WHAT YOUR FEELINGS
18 ARE ON THE REGULATIONS BEFORE THE NEXT
19 BOARD MEETING.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. MOODY,
21 DID YOU HAVE ANYMORE COMMENTS?

22 MR. MOODY: YES. ONE CHANGE WE
23 ARE ALSO PROPOSING, AND I'M NOT SURE IT'S

1 ON THE LIST, BUT QUITE A FEW WHITE-WINGED
2 DOVES HAVE BEEN SEEN THE GULF COAST SINCE
3 LAST YEAR. PROBABLY PART OF THAT IS DUE
4 TO THE HURRICANE STORMS AND WINDS, BUT
5 BECAUSE OF THE WAY THE FEDERAL REGS ARE
6 WRITTEN, ANYBODY THAT KILLS ONE IS
7 ILLEGAL. WHAT WE ARE REQUESTING FROM THE
8 BOARD IS APPROVAL TO ADD THAT SPECIES TO
9 THE BAG LIMIT. WE WILL ASK ALSO THE FISH
10 AND WILDLIFE SERVICE TO INCLUDE THE
11 WHITE -- WINGED DOVE IN THE BAG LIMIT FOR
12 ALL.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DID WE ADD
14 THE EURASIAN COLLARED-DOVE?

15 MR. MOODY: NO, WE DID NOT AND WE
16 ARE NOT RECOMMENDING THAT. THAT'S AN
17 ENTIRELY DIFFERENT SPECIES AND IT'S AN
18 EXOTIC SPECIES. AND IT IS NOT REGULATED
19 BY THE FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE IN ANY
20 WAY. (INAUDIBLE).

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT WAS
22 MY -- I JUST WANTED NO ONE TO BE IN
23 TROUBLE IF WE DID ADD THAT.

1 MR. PUGH: NO PROBLEM.

2 MR. COLES: MR. CHAIRMAN?

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YES, SIR?

4 MR. COLES: WOULD IT BE PROPER AT
5 THIS TIME TO MAKE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
6 ANY OTHER CHANGES?

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THIS WOULD BE
8 THE TIME CONCERNING SEASON AND BAG
9 LIMITS. YES, GO AHEAD.

10 MR. COLES: I WOULD LIKE TO
11 PROPOSE THEN THAT FOR THE SPECIAL YOUTH
12 TURKEY HUNTING SEASON, WHICH IS THE
13 SATURDAY BEFORE THE SEASON OPENS; CAN WE
14 EXPAND THAT TO BE THE FIRST FULL WEEKEND,
15 BEING THE FIRST SATURDAY AND SUNDAY TO
16 HAVE THE SPECIAL YOUTH TURKEY HUNTING AND
17 COULD THAT BE ALSO EXTENDED TO STATEWIDE,
18 AND NOT RESTRICTED TO WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT
19 AREAS?

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: COULD YOU
21 GIVE ME A COPY OF THAT ITEM? THAT WAS
22 PRETTY IMPORTANT. IF YOU COULD, GIVE ME
23 THAT.

1 MR. COLES: SURE. MY SECRETARY
2 IS RIGHT OVER TO MY LEFT.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANYBODY HAVE
4 ANY QUESTIONS? VERY GOOD.

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8 APPROVAL OF MINUTES
9 OF THE LAST MEETING

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12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
13 ORDER OF BUSINESS IS ANY CORRECTIONS TO
14 THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF MAY 2005?
15 IF NOT, THE MINUTES STAND APPROVED AS
16 READ.

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18 REPORTS BY DISTRICT
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21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
22 ORDER OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE MEMBER'S
23 REPORT BY DISTRICT. AND I'LL ASK THE

1 BOARD MEMBERS TO DO LIKE THE OTHER PEOPLE
2 BEFORE, AND LET'S PLEASE BE BRIEF IF WE
3 CAN. WE WANT TO GET THESE PEOPLE ON THE
4 ROAD BEFORE THE BAD WEATHER HITS. BEFORE
5 WE GET INTO THE REPORTS BY DISTRICT, IF
6 HARLAN STARR WOULD COME UP. HARLAN STARR
7 HAS TO LEAVE AND WE WANT HARLAN TO HAVE
8 ONE COMMENT HERE. LET HIM HAVE THAT
9 MICROPHONE.

10 MR. STARR: MR. CHAIRMAN,
11 COMMISSIONER, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, THANK
12 YOU. I'M HARLAN STARR, CEDAR BLUFF,
13 ALABAMA. I AM THE CHEROKEE COUNTY
14 REPRESENTATIVE TO THE NATIONAL WILD
15 TURKEY FOUNDATION. I JUST WANT TO
16 REITERATE MR. COLES' MOTION TO WIDEN THE
17 DAYS OF THE YOUTH TURKEY SEASON, AND
18 EXTEND IT TO STATEWIDE INSTEAD OF JUST
19 SPECIFIC WMA'S AND ALSO MAKE IT A TWO-DAY
20 SEASON, THE SATURDAY AND SUNDAY BEFORE
21 THE NORMAL HUNTING SEASON; AND THAT'S IT.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Y'ALL ARE
23 FULLY ENDORSING THAT?

1 MR. STARR: WE FULLY ENDORSE
2 THAT.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DISTRICT ONE,
4 ROSS SELF.

5 MR. SELF: THANK YOU
6 MR. CHAIRMAN. I'LL BE AS BRIEF AS I
7 POSSIBLY CAN. I'VE GOT TWO PAGES. I
8 JUST WANT TO TOUCH BRIEFLY ON THE
9 SHRIMPING. AS MANY OF YOU MAY RECALL, WE
10 CLOSED THE UPPER BAY OF MOBILE BAY
11 SHRIMPING IN ONE OF OUR PREVIOUS MEETINGS
12 WITH THE THOUGHT THAT, IN RESEARCH, THAT
13 IT INDICATED THAT THIS WILL IMPROVE
14 SHRIMPING. AND I WANT TO REPORT THE
15 VOLUME CAUGHT IN THE MOBILE BAY THIS FALL
16 IS GREATER THAN IT'S BEEN IN MANY, MANY,
17 MANY YEARS.

18 WE DON'T WANT TO JUMP TO
19 CONCLUSIONS AND SAY IT'S STRICTLY BECAUSE
20 OF THE BAY CLOSING, BUT IT CERTAINLY DOES
21 INDICATE THAT. AND IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS
22 WE'LL KNOW FOR SURE IF THAT ACTUALLY WAS
23 A CONTRIBUTING FACTOR, OR THE

1 CONTRIBUTING FACTOR.

2 I WANT TO MAKE ONE COMMENT ABOUT
3 OYSTER DREDGING. THAT'S BEEN A
4 CONTROVERSIAL ISSUE THAT WE PASSED LAST
5 YEAR TO ALLOW OYSTER DREDGING IN
6 PORTERSVILLE BAY. AND THE FISHERMAN
7 HARVESTED ELEVEN THOUSAND SACKS OF
8 OYSTERS SINCE THE PROGRAM BEGAN AND
9 VALUED AT TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-EIGHT
10 THOUSAND DOLLARS. AND MORE THAN FORTY
11 DREDGERS WERE LICENSED AND THE AVERAGE
12 NUMBER PEOPLE USING THESE DREDGES WAS
13 BETWEEN TWENTY AND TWENTY-FIVE PER DAY.

14 THE OUTWARD APPEARANCE RIGHT NOW
15 INDICATED THAT THIS OYSTER DREDGING
16 PROGRAM IS GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS
17 SUCCESS. IT'S SUCCESSFUL RIGHT NOW AND
18 WE'RE OPTIMISTIC IN THE FUTURE THAT IT
19 WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUCCESSFUL. MOST OF
20 EVERYTHING ELSE I GOT DEALS WITH THE WORK
21 THE MARINE RESOURCES DID WITH HURRICAINA
22 KATRINA AND HURRICAINA IVAN. AND I JUST
23 CAN'T SAY ENOUGH GOOD THINGS ABOUT THE

1 RESCUE MISSIONS THEY MADE. THEY RESCUED
2 LIVES DAILY FOR WEEKS AFTER THE
3 HURRICANE STRUCK, RESCUING PEOPLE. AND
4 THEY SAVED A LOT OF LIVES AND HELPED A
5 LOT OF FOLKS. AND I THINK THEY DESERVE A
6 BIG HAND.

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8 (APPLAUSE)

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10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU

11 MR. SELF. ALSO IN DISTRICT ONE,

12 MR. HATLEY.

13 MR. HATLEY: THANK YOU,

14 MR. CHAIRMAN. I PROBABLY WILL REITERATE

15 WHAT ROSS HAS ALREADY IS SAID. ONE THING

16 I WOULD LIKE TO DO AT THIS TIME,

17 MR. CHAIRMAN, IS AFTER HAVING MET WITH

18 SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR DISTRICT UP IN THE

19 BALDWIN COUNTY AREA, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK

20 THE STAFF AT THIS TIME TO PLEASE

21 CONSIDER, OR TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION, AND

22 REPORT BACK TO US A POSSIBILITY, OR THE

23 FEASIBILITY, OF ESTABLISHMENT OF A FROG

1 SEASON -- A FROG SEASON WITH BAG LIMITS
2 UPON THE SAME.

3 IT'S A BIG CONCERN DOWN THERE
4 RIGHT NOW. AND WE UNDERSTAND WE HAVE A
5 BIG INFLUX OF PEOPLE COMING OUT OF
6 FLORIDA AND MISSISSIPPI AND
7 COMMERCIALIZING FROGS. AND PEOPLE IN OUR
8 DISTRICT ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THAT. ALSO,
9 I'LL LIKE TO COMMEND AT THIS TIME,
10 MR. CHAIRMAN, THE ENFORCEMENT STAFF, AND
11 ALSO THE DOG HUNTERS OF OUR AREA. THE
12 JOB THEY HAVE DONE THIS YEAR IN
13 ELIMINATING OR GREATLY REDUCING THE
14 PROBLEMS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST IN
15 OUR AREA. AND I WANT TO MAKE THAT A
16 PUBLIC COMMENT.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.
18 DISTRICT TWO, MR. LOUIS COLES.

19 MR. COLES: THANK YOU.
20 MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER, AND MEMBERS
21 OF THE BOARD, DISTINGUISHED GUESTS, I AM
22 VERY PLEASED AND PROUD TO REPORT THE
23 PERMIT SYSTEM FOR THE THREE COUNTIES IN

1 MY DISTRICT, BEING GENEVA, COVINGTON, AND
2 HENRY COUNTY, HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS
3 SUCCESS. AND THIS HAS BEEN THE SECOND
4 SEASON WE HAVE BEEN UNDER THE PERMIT
5 SYSTEM AND THERE HAS BEEN A DRASTIC
6 IMPROVEMENT. FOR INSTANCE, FOR THE THREE
7 COUNTIES IN THE 2004-2005 SEASON, WE HAD
8 TWENTY-TWO VERIFIED COMPLAINTS FROM
9 ADJACENT LANDOWNERS. THIS PAST SEASON WE
10 HAD, IN THE TOTAL OF THESE THREE
11 COUNTIES, WE HAD EIGHT. IT DROPPED FROM
12 TWENTY-TWO TO EIGHT. UNVERIFIED
13 COMPLAINTS WENT FROM TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR
14 BEFORE LAST; THIS PAST SEASON WAS
15 FOURTEEN. ROAD HUNTING IS VIRTUALLY
16 NON-EXISTENT NOW.

17 IT HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS
18 IMPROVEMENT. IT IS DUE TO THE DILIGENCE
19 OF CAPTAIN HERRING AND THE PEOPLE ON HIS
20 STAFF THAT WORKED THIS AND WORKED OUT THE
21 PROBLEMS BETWEEN LANDOWNERS AND DOG DEER
22 HUNTERS. AND DUE TO THE COOPERATION OF
23 BOTH SIDES OF THAT ISSUE; THE DOG HUNTERS

1 AND THE LANDOWNERS. THE PERMIT SYSTEM IS
2 WORKING IN SOUTHEAST ALABAMA. AND I'M
3 PROUD TO REPORT THAT OTHER THAN THAT,
4 WE'VE HAD A VERY QUIET HUNTING SEASON AND
5 I APPRECIATE THAT.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
7 MR. COLES. NEXT, FROM -- DISTRICT THREE
8 IS NOT HERE TODAY. OUT OF DISTRICT FOUR,
9 GEORGE HARBIN.

10 MR. HARBIN: THANK YOU
11 MR. CHAIRMAN. (INAUDIBLE) THE RECENT
12 CHANGES WE MADE IN SOME OF THE LAWS UP
13 THAT WAY SEEM TO BE WORKING REAL GOOD.
14 AND IT'S THE BEST SEASON WE'VE HAD IN
15 YEARS. AND THAT'S GOING TO HAVE TO BE
16 LOOKED INTO AT A FURTHER DATE. THE
17 FOURTH DISTRICT IS REAL QUIET AND PEOPLE
18 SEEM TO BE GETTING HAPPIER EVERY DAY.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
20 MR. HARBIN. OUT OF DISTRICT FIVE -- AND
21 I WAS ABSENT AT THE LAST MEETING AND I
22 DIDN'T GET THE CHANCE TO INTRODUCE
23 DR. STRICKLAND. I HOPE THEY DID A GOOD

1 JOB OF THAT. I KNOW THE PEOPLE OF THE
2 ALABAMA OUGHT TO REJOICE TO HAVE SOMEBODY
3 WITH AS MUCH KNOWLEDGE OF (INAUDIBLE)
4 LAND AND GAME. AND I DON'T KNOW WHO
5 INTRODUCED DR. STRICKLAND LAST TIME.
6 DR. STRICKLAND IS NOT ONLY ONE OF THE TOP
7 BOW HUNTERS IN THE STATE, BUT ALSO ONE OF
8 THE TOP BOW HUNTERS IN THE U.S. AND IN
9 THE WORLD. HE'S TRAVELED WORLDWIDE. AND
10 HE'S PROBABLY DONE AS MUCH HUNTING AND
11 LAND STEWARDSHIP AS ANYBODY I KNOW. I'M
12 EXTREMELY HAPPY TO HAVE HIM ON THE BOARD
13 WITH US. DR. STRICKLAND, DISTRICT FIVE.
14 DR. STRICKLAND: THANK YOU VERY
15 MUCH MR. CHAIRMAN. THINGS HAVE BEEN
16 RELATIVELY QUIET IN DISTRICT FIVE. I
17 REPRESENT THE NORTHERN PART OF THE STATE
18 IN HUNTSVILLE. BUT THERE ARE A COUPLE OF
19 ISSUES, OR CALLS THAT I'VE RECEIVED, THAT
20 SEEMS TO BE OF SOME CONCERN, AND THIS
21 ALSO IS SOMETHING I WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS
22 WITH SOME OF THE BIOLOGIST, AND IT REALLY
23 HAS TO DO WITH THE ARCHERY SEASON. AND

1 ACTUALLY, IT AFFECTS THE GUN SEASON AS
2 WELL.

3 IN OUR PART OF THE STATE, THE RUT
4 REALLY DOESN'T GET STARTED UNTIL MID
5 JANUARY, SOMETIMES IT'S THE END OF
6 JANUARY AND FEBRUARY BEFORE WE HAVE THE
7 PEAK OF THE RUT. I'VE HAD A LOT OF
8 HUNTERS WANTING ME TO ADDRESS THE
9 BIOLOGISTS. IS THERE A POSSIBILITY THAT
10 THAT SEASON COULD BE EXTENDED WHERE WE
11 COULD GET TO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT
12 THE PEAK OF THE RUT? FOR INSTANCE, THIS
13 YEAR, IN A LOT OF COUNTIES THAT I
14 REPRESENT, THE BUCKS DID NOT START. WE
15 DID NOT EXPERIENCE THE PEAK OF THE RUT.
16 IT DID NOT START UNTIL AFTER THE SEASON
17 CLOSED. I'M SURE THERE'S A GOOD REASON
18 FOR THOSE DATES.

19 MR. MOODY: THERE'S A LOT OF
20 BACKGROUND IN THOSE DATES. AND WE
21 CERTAINLY (INAUDIBLE). AND A COUPLE OF
22 THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND IS (INAUDIBLE)
23 MORE THAN JANUARY AND THAT'S JUST A FACT.

1 AND IT HAD A LOT TO DO WITH SUCCESS AND
2 NOT SUCCESS IN SOME AREAS. WE HAVE DONE
3 EXTENSIVE STUDIES, AND BILL GRAY, WHO HAS
4 BEEN AT SEVERAL OF THESE MEETINGS AND
5 CO-AUTHORED TWO DIFFERENT BOOKS ON DEER
6 MANAGEMENT IN ALABAMA, AND I'M SURE ALL
7 OF YOU HAVE SEEN THE BOOKS, AS AN
8 ON-GOING STUDY AND PART OF THE WORK OF
9 LOOKING AT REPRODUCTIVE TIMES AND RATES
10 ALL ACROSS THE STATE, AND SOME OF THE
11 QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN RIGHT CLOSE TO THE
12 HUNTING AREAS, AS A MATTER OF FACT. WHAT
13 HE HAS FOUND IN ANALYZING THE DATA, RUT
14 IN ALABAMA DOES VARY. WE HAD EARLY RUTS,
15 WE ALWAYS THOUGHT WE HAD; SOME IN OCTOBER
16 AND NOVEMBER IN SOME AREAS. AND IN VERY
17 FEW PLACES, BANKHEAD AND CHOCOLOCCO ARE
18 SOME, TWO OF THE NORTHEAST AREAS. AND
19 THEN WE'VE GOT SOME OTHER NOTABLE AREAS
20 AND THE CHATAHOOCHEE RIVER THAT COMES IN
21 IN DECEMBER. AND THEN A FEW OTHERS START
22 IN JANUARY AND -- MID TO LATE JANUARY.
23 NOW, YOU DO HAVE SOME FEBRUARY

1 RUTTING, THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT.
2 BUT WHAT HIS STUDIES HAVE INDICATED IS,
3 WHERE YOU HAVE THOSE LATE RUT SEASONS,
4 MORE TIMES THAN NOT, IT HAS TO DO WITH
5 THE BALANCE OF BUCK/DOE RATIO. AND IT
6 GENERALLY MOVES THE RUT BACK AND
7 COMPRESSES IT; AND YOU REALLY GET THE
8 JANUARY RUT SEASON THAT YOU BIOLOGICALLY
9 SHOULD HAVE, AND CAN HAVE, IN A
10 PARTICULAR AREA.

11 WHAT I WOULD RECOMMEND IS IF THE
12 LANDOWNERS THAT HAVE CONCERNS ABOUT
13 WHAT'S GOING ON WITH THEIR PROPERTY, IF
14 THEY LET US KNOW, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO
15 MEET WITH THEM AND LOOK AT THE HARVEST
16 DATA AND GET THE RUT WHERE IT NEEDS TO BE
17 IN JANUARY.

18 DR. STRICKLAND: SO, IN OUR PART
19 OF THE COUNTY, NORTHERN ALABAMA,
20 HUNTSVILLE AREA, YOU FEEL THAT MOST OF
21 THE RUTTING IS TAKING PLACE IN JANUARY.

22 MR. MOODY: WE THINK IT IS. WE
23 FEEL IT SHOULD BE. IF IT'S WELL-MANAGED,

1 THAT'S WHAT WE WILL SEE.

2 DR. STRICKLAND: THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH. ONE OTHER THING TOO, I'VE HAD
4 SEVERAL OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT
5 AGENTS SEND LETTERS WITH REGARDS TO DOG
6 HUNTING. AND THE COMPLAINTS, I THINK
7 WE'VE DEFINITELY GOTTEN THE MESSAGE OUT.
8 THE COMPLAINTS ARE DOWN AND THE DOG
9 HUNTERS ARE BEING MORE RESPONSIBLE WITH
10 RADIO COLLARS AND TRYING TO KEEP THEIR
11 DOGS OFF OF OTHER PROPERTIES. AND I
12 THINK THAT THE WORD IS GETTING OUT WITH
13 DOG HUNTERS. THE COMPLAINTS ARE DOWN
14 COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS YEARS. THIS IS
15 WHAT I'VE BEEN RECEIVING, LETTERS OF
16 COMMUNICATION FROM THE LOCAL LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES. AND THAT'S ABOUT
18 ALL I HAVE FOR THE CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
19 FIVE. AND DAN, THANK YOU FOR THAT PRETTY
20 ELABORATIVE INTRODUCTION THERE.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I BELIEVE IT
22 WAS UNDERSTATED, IF ANYTHING, WARREN.
23 DISTRICT SIX, MR PORTER.

1 MR. PORTER: THANK YOU
2 MR. CHAIRMAN. WITH THE IDEA OF KEEPING
3 OUR COMMENTS BRIEF, I'VE GOT A LETTER I
4 WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT AND PUT INTO THE
5 RECORD. IT'S BY A YOUNG LADY. SHE'S IN
6 HER TWENTIES, AND A VERY ATTRACTIVE,
7 VIVACIOUS, YOUNG LADY THAT PARTICIPATED
8 IN THE HUNT AT OAK MOUNTAIN PARK. THE
9 COMMENTS ARE EXTREMELY FAVORABLE. SHE
10 CAN'T SAY ENOUGH ABOUT THE FOLKS PUTTING
11 IT ON. AND HAVING BEEN INVOLVED A COUPLE
12 OF THE YEARS, SHE CAN SEE THE TANGIBLE
13 DIFFERENCE THAT IT'S MAKING THERE.

14 IT TENDS TO BE A LITTLE
15 CONTROVERSIAL IN THE BIRMINGHAM AREA, BUT
16 DEFINITELY, IT WAS THE RIGHT CALL. AND I
17 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS LETTER -- SO I
18 WON'T HAVE TO READ IT INTO THE RECORD.
19 SHE WRITES THAT SHE HAS NOT MANAGED TO
20 SHOOT WELL ENOUGH WITH HER BOW TO SHOOT
21 ONE YET, BUT SHE'S STILL TRYING. IT'S
22 VERY FAVORABLE. AND SHE SAID YOU CAN SEE
23 THE DIFFERENCE IN THE HERD AND EVERYTHING

1 OUT THERE. AND IT WAS GREAT AND A
2 SOMEWHAT COURAGEOUS MOVE. AND
3 MR. LAWLEY, IT'S WORKING. AND I WOULD
4 LIKE TO MAKE THAT PART OF THE RECORD, IF
5 WE COULD.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANYTHING ELSE
7 MR. PORTER?

8 MR. PORTER: NO.

9 MR. SELF: ARE THEY THROUGH WITH
10 THE REPORTS?

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: NO, SIR.
12 ROSS, DISTRICT SIX, I'M ALSO IN FAVOR --
13 I'LL TAKE A LITTLE BIT OF THE CHAIRMAN'S
14 ABILITY TO GO STATEWIDE.

15 TWO THINGS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP,
16 WELL A LOT OF THINGS HAVE, AND I GET ALL
17 KINDS OF PHONE CALLS, AND THERE ARE TWO
18 THINGS THAT STAND OUT. ONE OF THEM IS AN
19 OUTSTANDING DEER. YOU KNOW THERE'S A LOT
20 OF GOOD DEER BEING TAKEN IN THE STATE.

21 I HAVE A DEER BEHIND HERE IN THIS
22 BOX THAT WAS TAKEN IN COFFEE COUNTY. AND
23 IT'S PROBABLY WAY UP IN THE TOP TEN DEER

1 IN THE STATE. IT'S TYPICAL AND
2 NONTYPICAL. MICHAEL MORRELL (SPELLED
3 PHONETICALLY) AND WAYNE PARKER FROM THAT
4 AREA, CALLED AND TOLD ME ABOUT THE DEER.
5 AND THEY'VE BEEN NICE ENOUGH TO TAKE THIS
6 DEER UP TO SHOW EVERYBODY.

7 MICHAEL MORRELL COME ON UP, AND
8 WE HAVE A HECK OF A DEER TO SHOW Y'ALL.

9 MR. PARKER: GO AHEAD AND TAKE
10 THIS DEER OUT OF HERE. IF Y'ALL CAN'T
11 SEE, THIS DEER CAME FROM -- THIS DEER,
12 NOT ONLY WAS TAKEN IN COFFEE COUNTY, BUT
13 IT WAS TAKEN DOG HUNTING. MICHAEL, YOU
14 SHOT HIM, YOU TELL THE STORY.

15 MR. MORRELL WE HAD RUN AN AREA A
16 COUPLE OF WEEKS BEFORE AND SHOT A NICE
17 SEVEN POINT. AND WE WENT BACK TO RUN THE
18 SAME AREA. AND THE OTHER DEER THAT WE
19 SAW WAS A NINE POINT, BUT THIS ONE CAME
20 OUT AND SAW ME AND TURNED AND RAN BACK IN
21 THE WOODS. FOUR SHOTS AND ABOUT TWELVE
22 MINUTES LATER, WE FOUND HIM. WAYNE'S
23 DOGS WERE RUNNING THE DEER. BUT THIS

1 DEER HAS NEVER BEEN SEEN BY ANYBODY IN
2 THE COUNTY. I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE COME
3 FROM, BUT I'M GLAD HE RUN IN FRONT OF ME.

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5 (APPLAUSE)

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7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT DEER
8 ENDS UP SCORING ONE EIGHTY-SEVEN AND AN
9 EIGHTH. AND THAT WOULD PUT HIM IN THE
10 TOP OF THE ALABAMA RECORD BOOKS. AND
11 JUST A TREMENDOUS DEER FOR COFFEE COUNTY
12 AND THE STATE OF ALABAMA TO HAVE. AND
13 YOU HEAR IN TRAVELING, YOU GOT A LOT OF
14 DEER IN ALABAMA, BUT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
15 GOOD DEER. I'M GOING TO CARRY THIS
16 PICTURE WITH ME NOW. NO, WE HAVE GOOD
17 DEER IN ALABAMA AND THIS IS AN EXAMPLE OF
18 ONE OF THEM.

19 MR. PARKER: I WANTED TO ADD A
20 LITTLE BIT OF WHAT HE HAD SAID ABOUT THIS
21 RUTTING SEASON. OUR DOG SEASON IN
22 AUTAUGA COUNTY RUNS OUT
23 JANUARY FIFTEENTH. AND AROUND THE TIME

1 THE DOG SEASON RUNS OUT, OUR BUCKS WAS IN
2 FULL RUT; AND IT EVEN SLOWED DOWN A
3 SECOND. AND A LOT OF WHAT HE SAID ABOUT
4 A HERD, WE TOOK A LOT OF DOES OUT IN OUR
5 AREA. AND EVEN NOW, WHERE I LIVE, YOU
6 SAW A LOT OF DOES WITH TWO HERDS. AND
7 THE HERD IS REAL BALANCED. PRETTY WELL
8 IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR, IT WAS GONE; BUT
9 IT WAS IN FULL RUT. THE WEEK AFTER DOG
10 SEASON WENT, WE KILLED NUMEROUS, I DON'T
11 KNOW HOW MANY, BUT IT WAS A LOT OF DEER.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK Y'ALL
13 VERY MUCH FOR BRINGING THE DEER UP AND
14 TELLING US THE STORY ON THAT.

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16 (APPLAUSE)

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18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ALSO, THE
19 OTHER REPORT THAT I'M GETTING IS THAT,
20 MIRACULOUSLY, ALL THE DEER -- WE GET
21 REPORTS SAYING THAT, MIRACULOUSLY, ALL
22 THE DEER IN THE STATE DISAPPEARED. I WAS
23 FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO HEAR FROM ONE OF MY

1 FRIENDS AT AUBURN UNIVERSITY LAST WEEK,
2 AND HE WAS TELLING ME THEY WERE RUNNING
3 STUDIES ON THE DEER. THESE COUNTIES, AND
4 I KNOW MR. MOODY HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN
5 CALLING THE DEPARTMENT AND SAYING WE
6 DON'T SEE ANY DEER ANYMORE, AND WE THINK
7 THIS IS WRONG AND THAT IS WRONG,
8 (INAUDIBLE) THEY CAN RADIO COLLAR FAWNS
9 TO FIND OUT AND SEE WHAT WAS WRONG WITH
10 THE DEER. HE WAS NICE ENOUGH TO DRIVE UP
11 FROM AUBURN, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE HIM
12 A QUICK SEGMENT HERE TO REPORT ON THAT.
13 AND I KNEW YOU WOULD FIND IT A GREAT
14 INTEREST. AND DR. DITCHKOFF, WOULD YOU
15 COME UP?

16 DR. DITCHKOFF: MR. MOULTRIE,
17 THANKS FOR PUTTING ME ON THE SPOT HERE.
18 TWO ISSUES, I GUESS. NUMBER ONE, SOME OF
19 YOU MAY BE HEARING THAT THERE IS NO DEER
20 LEFT IN THE STATE. A LOT OF INDIVIDUALS
21 HAVE BEEN CALLING AUBURN UNIVERSITY
22 WONDERING WHERE ALL THE DEER HAVE GONE.
23 AND I'M SURE I'M GOING TO SAY SOME THINGS

1 HERE THAT IS NOT GOING TO BE POPULAR WITH
2 THE SOME OF THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE
3 AUDIENCE.

4 THERE'S A LOT OF REASONS WHY YOU
5 MAY NOT BE SEEING DEER. IT'S A
6 POSSIBILITY THAT DEER NUMBERS ARE DOWN,
7 OR THERE'S A POSSIBILITY THEY ARE EXACTLY
8 WHERE THEY SHOULD BE, BUT WE ARE JUST NOT
9 SEEING THEM AS HUNTERS. THIS IS ONE OF
10 THE WARMEST WINTERS, ON AVERAGE, THAT
11 WE'VE HAD. THE WARM WINTER IS GOING TO
12 CONTRIBUTE TO THE BEHAVIOR OF THE DEER.
13 THEY ARE NOT GOING TO RUT HEAVILY OR MOVE
14 WELL DURING THE DAY. THAT'S ONE REASON
15 WE DON'T SEE THE DEER.

16 ADDITIONALLY, WARM WINTERS
17 CONTRIBUTE TO THE FACT THAT DEER DON'T
18 HAVE TO MOVE AROUND TO GET FOOD. THEY
19 ARE NOT BURNING AS MUCH ENERGY. THIS IS
20 RESULTING IN THEM NOT FEEDING MUCH AND
21 YOU ARE NOT SEEING DEER ON FOOD PLOTS.
22 AND THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS THAT THERE
23 WAS A MAST CROP WITH LOTS OF ACORNS THIS

1 YEAR. DEER DO NOT HAVE TO RUN TO FOOD
2 PLOTS TO GET FOOD BECAUSE THEY HAVE
3 ACORNS, WHICH CONTRIBUTED TO THIS FACT.

4 TWO WEEKS LATER IN THE WINTER,
5 DEER WERE NOT COMING OUT ON FOOD PLOTS.
6 YOU COMBINE ALL OF THIS, AND YOU HAVE THE
7 FACT THAT HUNTERS DID NOT SEE AS MANY
8 DEER THIS SEASON.

9 A LOT OF PEOPLE SAY, WE NEED TO
10 CUT BACK ON DOE DAYS. I DO NOT FEEL --
11 IT'S MY OPINION THAT WE DO NOT NEED TO
12 CUT BACK ON DOE DAYS. THE LAST EIGHT
13 YEARS WE'VE HAD SOME OF THE LARGEST DOE
14 HARVESTING ON RECORD. HERE IN THIS
15 STATE, WE NEED TO GET DOE NUMBERS DOWN
16 AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS.

17 WITH REGARDS TO THE RESEARCH
18 WE'VE BEEN DOING, WE DID SEE THE EFFECT
19 OF THE COYOTES ON WHITETAIL DEER FAWNS.
20 THIS IS THE PRELIMINARY DATA, WE CAUTION
21 THAT THIS IS PRELIMINARY. WE DID HAVE
22 RADIO COLLARS ON TEN WHITETAIL DEER FAWNS
23 IN TALLAPOOSA COUNTY. NINE OUT OF TEN OF

1 THOSE FAWNS DIED BY COYOTE PREDATION.

2 THIS IS A SMALL SAMPLE SIZE, IT
3 WAS ONLY TEN FAWNS. IT WAS ONLY FROM A
4 SMALL STUDY AREA. IT IS NOT NECESSARILY
5 REPRESENTATIVE OF WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE
6 WHOLE STATE, BUT WITH THAT BEING SAID,
7 DEER NUMBERS ARE AT AN ALL TIME HIGH HERE
8 IN ALABAMA. THAT MEANS, FOR COYOTES,
9 IT'S A GREAT TIME TO BE A COYOTE. SO,
10 THE MORE COYOTES THERE ARE OUT THERE,
11 THAT MEANS THERE'S GOING TO BE MORE
12 PREDATION.

13 IT'S BIOLOGICAL AND I DON'T KNOW
14 HOW TO SAY IT RIGHT; IT'S A GOOD TIME TO
15 BE A COYOTE IN ALABAMA. WITH THAT BEING
16 SAID, IT IS POSSIBLE, JUST POSSIBLE, THAT
17 THERE COULD BE INCREASED PREDATION ON
18 DEER BY COYOTES. FOR MY ESTIMATION,
19 THAT'S A GOOD THING. BECAUSE I THINK WE
20 NEED HELP REDUCING DEER NUMBERS FURTHER
21 THAN WHAT THEY ARE. THEY ARE INDIVIDUALS
22 IN THE STATE THAT ARE EXTREMELY CONCERNED
23 ABOUT THIS. I'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT THERE

1 ARE PEOPLE OUT THERE ACTIVELY POISONING
2 COYOTES. BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT SEEING THE
3 DEER AND, OBVIOUSLY, THE COYOTES ARE
4 KILLING THEM. I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE
5 CASE.

6 COYOTES COULD NOT REDUCE THE DEER
7 NUMBERS IN THE STATE MORE THAN THEY
8 SHOULD BE; IT'S GOING TO BE HUNTERS.
9 COYOTES ARE LIKELY CONTRIBUTING, OR
10 HELPING. IF DEER NUMBERS ARE GOING DOWN,
11 THEY ARE LIKELY HELPING OUR CASE.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'LL LET THE
13 BOARD ASK ANY QUESTIONS OF YOU WHILE
14 YOU'RE AVAILABLE. I APPRECIATE YOU
15 COMING TO SPEAK. IS THERE A NATIONAL
16 AVERAGE OF WHAT A FAWN'S SURVIVAL RATE IS
17 FROM COYOTE PREDATION? WHAT IS THE
18 AVERAGE, OR IS THERE AN AVERAGE, OR A
19 SOUTHEAST AVERAGE, OR AN ALABAMA AVERAGE?
20 AND MAYBE GARY SHOULD ADDRESS THAT. IF
21 YOU COULD, SPEAK TO US ON THAT.

22 DR. DITCHKOFF: IN THE SOUTH
23 THERE IS APPROXIMATELY 1.7 FAWNS BORN PER

1 DOE. THAT MEANS THAT ON AVERAGE DOES
2 HAVE 1.7 FAWNS, OR A HUNDRED DOES TO A
3 HUNDRED AND SEVENTY FAWNS. ON AVERAGE,
4 WE HAVE .75 FAWN'S PER DOE. IT COULD BE
5 THAT ONE OF THOSE FAWNS ARE DYING PER
6 SOME CAUSE PRIOR TO PREDATION. SO,
7 MORTALITY IS VERY HIGH.

8 IN ORDER TO UNDERSTAND, FOR A DOE
9 TO REPLACE HERSELF, SHE ONLY NEEDS TO
10 PRODUCE ONLY ONE FAWN IN HER LIFETIME, OR
11 TWO FAWNS IN HER LIFE, AND SUCCESSFULLY
12 RAISE ONE. SO, WE DO NOT WANT
13 (INAUDIBLE) RECRUITMENT RATES. LIKE I
14 SAID, .75 FAWNS, ON AVERAGE, PER DOE.
15 THE LOWEST THAT I'VE HEARD OF IS BETWEEN
16 .25 AND .45 FAWNS PER DOE. THAT WAS IN
17 OKLAHOMA. THEY HAD EXTREMELY HIGH
18 PREDATION RATES. I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE
19 PREDATION RATE HERE; THE NUMBER WAS
20 TEN PERCENT IN THE ONE STUDY AREA. AND
21 IT'S JUST ONE AREA AND NOT NECESSARILY
22 REPRESENTATIVE.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANY

1 QUESTIONS?

2 DR. MAY: I WOULD LIKE TO ASK A
3 QUESTION NOT RELATING TO THE COWS, BUT ON
4 THE SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING. HAS ANY PLACE
5 DONE A STUDY ON SUPPLEMENTARY FEEDING AND
6 WHITETAIL DEER IN THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
7 NOT ON DEER FARMS, BUT RUNNING LOSE?

8 DR. DITCHKOFF: SOMEONE DID A
9 FEEDING STUDY WITH DEER LOOKING AT WHAT?

10 DR. MAY: JUST LOOKING AT THE
11 EFFECTS OF THE FEEDING.

12 DR. DITCHKOFF: THERE HAVE BEEN
13 NUMEROUS STUDIES WITH REGARDS TO HOW THE
14 SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING MAY AFFECT ANTLERS,
15 INCREASE BODY WEIGHT, SURVIVAL. AND
16 EVIDENCE SUGGESTS THAT SUPPLEMENTAL
17 FEEDING CAN IMPROVE NUTRITION.

18 DR. MAY: THAT'S BEING DONE IN
19 THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT?

20 DR. DITCHKOFF: THERE HAVE BEEN
21 SOME DONE IN NATURAL ENVIRONMENT. I'M
22 NOT REALLY FAMILIAR WITH THE SPECIFICS OF
23 THE STUDIES. THE PHILOSOPHY I TAKE, IF

1 THE DEER'S EATING IT, IT'S PROBABLY
2 BENEFICIAL TO THEM. TO WHAT EXTENT?
3 IT'S DEBATABLE. SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING
4 WOULD BE A POSITIVE THING AND I'M A
5 STRONG PROPONENT THAT SUPPLEMENTAL
6 FEEDING IS NOT NECESSARILY THE PROBLEM.
7 THE PROBLEM IS THAT WE'RE TRYING TO FEED
8 TOO MANY DEER RIGHT NOW. I WOULD CAUTION
9 YOUR STATEMENT WITH WHAT I'M SAYING. IT
10 CAN IMPROVE NUTRITION. YOU'RE SUPPOSED
11 TO SUPPLEMENT ONCE A YEAR, BUT IT CAN BE
12 BENEFICIAL.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE:

14 DR. STRICKLAND?

15 DR. STRICKLAND: YOUR STUDIES ON
16 THE COYOTE WAS EXTREMELY INTERESTING.
17 WHAT WOULD YOU RECOMMEND IF A LANDOWNER
18 FEELS HE MAY HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
19 PREDATION? HOW SHOULD HE APPROACH THE
20 PROBLEM, OR IS THERE ANYTHING YOU CAN DO
21 ABOUT THAT?

22 DR. DITCHKOFF: I HONESTLY DON'T
23 THINK THERE'S ANYTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT

1 COYOTES. NUMBER ONE IS, WHERE IS THE
2 EVIDENCE THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM? WE'RE
3 JUMPING TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT'S A
4 PREDATION PROBLEM OR IT'S WARM WEATHER
5 AND THAT SORT OF THING. WHAT WOULD YOU
6 DO? I DON'T THINK YOU CAN DO ANYTHING,
7 BECAUSE THEY ARE A SPECIES THAT IS TO
8 EXTREMELY HARD TO REDUCE IN NUMBERS.

9 YOU CAN'T ERADICATE THEM. IF YOU
10 GET RID OF THE ONES YOU HAVE, YOU JUST
11 HAVE MORE COMING IN. YOU'RE CREATING A
12 SOCIAL INSTABILITY WHICH COULD BE
13 POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. AND JUST TO
14 INDICATE SOMETHING, I HEARD SOMEBODY SAY
15 ABOUT A WEEK AGO, IF WE HAD A PROBLEM
16 WITH COYOTES -- LET ME REPHRASE THIS. IF
17 YOU HAD SHEEP, AND THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE
18 THAT COYOTES WERE KILLING THE SHEEP, BUT
19 YOU DIDN'T WANT IT TO BE A PROBLEM, YOU
20 COULD BE KILLING COYOTES WHO AREN'T
21 KILLING YOUR SHEEP, AND MAKING ROOM FOR
22 NEW COYOTES WHO MAY PREY UPON YOUR SHEEP
23 MORE THAN THEY ALREADY WERE. YOU COULD

1 TECHNICALLY INCREASE COYOTE PREDATION. I
2 DON'T KNOW IF THAT HOLDS TRUE EVERYWHERE,
3 BUT YOU DON'T KNOW THE IMPACT.

4 DR. STRICKLAND: SO BASICALLY, WE
5 HAVE TO LIVE WITH COYOTES.

6 DR. DITCHKOFF: BASICALLY, YEAH.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. HARBIN?

8 MR. HARBIN: ARE YOU SAYING WE'RE
9 NOT HAVING ANY PROBLEMS WITH THE
10 POPULATION OF COYOTES?

11 DR. DITCHKOFF: WHAT DO YOU MEAN
12 BY PROBLEMS?

13 MR. HARBIN: I MEAN FROM A
14 HOUSEHOLD PET TO A BABY DEER.

15 DR. DITCHKOFF: DO I THINK THE
16 COYOTES ARE INCREASING IN THIS STATE?
17 POSSIBLY. I THINK A HIGH NUMBER OF DEER
18 HERDS IS CONDUCIVE TO A HIGH NUMBER OF
19 COYOTES.

20 MR. HARBIN: WHAT WOULD YOU
21 SUGGEST TELLING THOSE PEOPLE HAVING
22 PROBLEMS IN THE BACKYARD WITH COYOTES?

23 DR. DITCHKOFF: I THINK THAT'S A

1 DIFFERENT ISSUE. IT'S OBVIOUSLY AN ISSUE
2 IF YOU'VE GOT PROBLEMS COYOTES PREDATING
3 LIVESTOCK, GETTING INTO DOG FOOD, AND
4 POSSIBLY TAKING PETS. THAT'S AN ISSUE
5 THAT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH WITH
6 INDIVIDUAL COYOTES. BUT REALISTICALLY,
7 THERE IS NOT AN EFFECTIVE WAY TO GET RID
8 OF THESE THINGS.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. PORTER?

10 MR. HARBIN: MAYBE WE COULD FIND
11 A WAY --

12 DR. DITCHKOFF: WELL, I'M SURE
13 YOU CAN FIND A WAY. IT'S BEEN
14 DEMONSTRATED TIME AND AGAIN THAT YOU CAN
15 DO THINGS TO POISON THEM.

16 MR. HARBIN: YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE
17 EVERY DOMESTIC ANIMAL AROUND A RISK OF
18 POISONING THEM.

19 DR. DITCHKOFF: WELL I UNDERSTAND
20 THAT. POISONING IS NOT LEGAL. I'M NOT
21 ADVOCATING THAT.

22 MR. HARBIN: WE'VE GOT A LOT OF
23 COMPLAINTS OUT OF ONE COUNTY ALONE, JUST

1 FROM THE TURKEY HUNTS.

2 DR. DITCHKOFF: I UNDERSTAND.

3 I'VE HEARD THE SAME THING. I'VE TALKED

4 TO TURKEY HUNTERS AND THEY SAID THEY HAVE

5 SEEN COYOTES AROUND TURKEY EGGS; AND THEY

6 OBVIOUSLY KNOW WHAT THEY ARE TALKING

7 ABOUT.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. PORTER,

9 YOU'VE GOT A QUESTION?

10 MR. PORTER: WELL, JUST AN

11 OBSERVATION. I WOULD AGREE WITH

12 DR. DITCHKOFF ABOUT THE SIZE OF THE HERD.

13 I KNOW ON THE PARTICULAR PLACE WHERE I'M

14 PRIVILEGED TO HUNT, WE'VE SEEN MORE DEER

15 THAN WE'VE EVER SEEN HARVESTED AND THE

16 BIGGEST DEER THAT'S EVER BEEN HARVESTED

17 ON THESE GROUNDS. AND YOU FIND THAT WHEN

18 YOU GET OUT IN THE WOODS AND HUNT A DEER,

19 YOU SEE PLENTY OF DEER. YOU DON'T HAVE

20 PROBLEMS SEEING DEER.

21 WE DON'T TEND TO HUNT IN GREEN

22 FIELDS. WE ARE OUT IN THE WOODS HUNTING

23 AND HARVESTING A HEALTHY DEER. BUT I DO

1 HAVE A QUESTION THAT RELATES TO THE
2 QUESTION THAT DR. MAY ASKED YOU. HAVE
3 YOU DONE ANY STUDIES CONCERNING
4 SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING CONCERNING THE
5 SPREAD OF THE OPPORTUNITY OR PROBLEM OF
6 CHRONIC WASTING DISEASE?

7 DR. DITCHKOFF: I HAVE NOT DONE
8 ANY STUDIES MYSELF CONCERNING THE SPREAD
9 OF ANY DISEASE WITH REGARDS TO
10 SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING. THE ISSUE WITH
11 SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING IS THE FACT THAT
12 WHEN YOU DO PROVIDE A FOOD SOURCE IN A
13 CONCENTRATED AREA, YOU DO INCREASE
14 ANIMAL-TO-ANIMAL CONTACT. YOU DO
15 ARTIFICIALLY CONCENTRATE THEM. THAT
16 BEING SAID, YOU DO TEND TO INCREASE THE
17 PROBABILITY OF TRANSFERRING DISEASE.
18 IT'S THE SAME FUNCTION WE SEE WITH
19 HUMANS. WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S WHAT IS
20 OCCURRING HERE IN ALABAMA, OUR BIGGEST
21 CONCERN WITH DISEASE CURRENTLY IN ALABAMA
22 IS EHD. AND THAT IS NOT SPREAD BY
23 ANIMAL/HUMAN CONTACT, SO IT'S NOT A

1 CONCERN.

2 IF WE HAD TUBERCULOSIS OR CHRONIC
3 WASTING DISEASE, SUPPLEMENTAL FEEDING
4 WOULD PROBABLY BE A CONCERN. IT
5 ESSENTIALLY BECOMES A POLITICAL ISSUE
6 WHETHER OR NOT IT'S A CONCERN. THE SAME
7 WITH THE FOOD PLOTS AS WELL. WHENEVER
8 YOU ARTIFICIALLY CONCENTRATE ANIMALS, YOU
9 INCREASE THE PROBABILITY OF SPREADING
10 SOME DISEASES.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ANY OTHER
12 QUESTIONS FROM THE BOARD? DR. DITCHKOFF,
13 I APPRECIATE YOU DRIVING FROM AUBURN ON A
14 BAD WEATHER DAY AND YOUR OPINIONS MATTER.

15 DR. DITCHKOFF: THANK YOU.

16

17 (APPLAUSE)

18

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I'M GOING TO
20 HAVE ONE MORE QUICK ITEM FROM MY
21 DISTRICT. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO GARY MOODY
22 TO TALK ABOUT (INAUDIBLE) THE
23 DEPARTMENT'S "WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST OF THE

1 YEAR" AWARD FROM THE SOUTHEAST UNITED
2 STATES. BILL GRAY WAS THE RECIPIENT.
3 GARY, WOULD YOU TALK TO US ABOUT THAT?

4 MR. MOODY: IT IS QUITE A
5 RECOGNITION AND WE'RE REALLY PROUD OF IT;
6 AND ALL OF US SUPPORT EACH OTHER. BILL
7 HAS BEEN A LEADER OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS
8 ON A NUMBER OF ISSUES, AND OUT FRONT
9 HELPING US GET SOME THINGS DONE THAT I
10 MENTIONED EARLIER. AND EVERY YEAR, THE
11 SOUTHEAST ASSOCIATION OF FISH AND
12 WILDLIFE AGENCIES RECOGNIZES ONE
13 PROFESSIONAL WILDLIFE BIOLOGIST AND
14 FISHERY BIOLOGIST ACROSS THE WHOLE
15 REGION. AND WE NOMINATED BILL FROM
16 ALABAMA AS OUR BIOLOGIST OF THE YEAR.
17 AND BILL WAS SELECTED THIS YEAR AS THE
18 BIOLOGIST OF THE SOUTHEASTERN UNITED
19 STATES. AND I THINK THAT IS A VERY
20 DISTINGUISHED HONOR AND SOMETHING TO
21 CERTAINLY BE PROUD OF AND ONE WE'RE PROUD
22 OF. HE EARNED IT AND DID A GREAT JOB.
23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.

1 CONGRATULATIONS TO BILL GRAY. DISTRICT
2 SEVEN, DR. WAYNE MAY.

3 DR. MAY: RELATIVELY FEW
4 COMPLAINTS ON DOG DEER HUNTING IN PICKENS
5 AND GREENE COUNTY (INAUDIBLE), BUT
6 NOTHING REAL DRASTIC THAT WE CAN'T
7 RESOLVE LOCALLY. GARY, I THINK YOU
8 MENTIONED THE AWARD THAT SGT. GRAY
9 RECEIVED BACK IN NOVEMBER. (INAUDIBLE)
10 THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AWARD THAT WAS GIVEN
11 BY PALS?

12 MR. ANDRESS: WOULD YOU LIKE ME
13 TO?

14 DR. MAY: I WOULD LIKE FOR YOU,
15 IF YOU WOULD, TO MENTION IT TO THE
16 PUBLIC. I WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM.

17 MR. ANDRESS: JUST BACK ON THAT,
18 SGT. TODD DRAPER FROM TUSCALOOSA COUNTY,
19 BACK SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, WITH THE HELP OF
20 ANOTHER OFFICER, MANAGED TO ARREST A
21 NUMBER OF PEOPLE DUMPING GARBAGE ON THE
22 ROADSIDE HERE IN TUSCALOOSA COUNTY, A
23 PRETTY SERIOUS DUMP SITE. AND PEOPLE

1 AGAINST A LITTERED STATE, OR PALS,
2 SELECTED HIM AS THE OUTSTANDING LITTER
3 ENFORCEMENT OFFICER THIS YEAR. AND HE
4 CERTAINLY DESERVES A LOT OF RECOGNITION
5 FOR THAT. AND HE DID A LOT TOWARD
6 CONTROLLING THAT KIND OF ILLEGAL ACTIVITY
7 IN THE STATE.

8 DR. MAY: I JUST WANTED TO
9 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION TO HIM TOO. YOU
10 KNOW, ONE MY PET PEEVES IS LITTER. ALSO
11 THERE'S (INAUDIBLE) AND THE NEW RIFLE
12 RANGE WE HAVE IN THE COUNTY IN THE
13 WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA. AND IT'S
14 AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC, IF ANYONE WANTS
15 TO USE IT. GREENE COUNTY, IT'S NOT HAD
16 MANY REPORTS ON DOG DEER HUNTING UNTIL
17 JUST RECENTLY. AND LIKE I SAID EARLIER,
18 I HOPE IT'S SOMETHING THAT CAN BE
19 RESOLVED LOCALLY. AND THERE'S BEEN A FEW
20 COMPLAINTS IN PICKENS COUNTY. AND THE
21 REASON I BROUGHT UP THE DOVE SHOOTINGS
22 EARLIER IS, I'VE HAD MORE REQUESTS, THEY
23 REALLY WEREN'T COMPLAINTS, THEY WERE

1 REQUEST, BECAUSE THEY WERE NOT SEEING
2 DOVE.

3 I ACTUALLY SAW MORE DOVES AFTER
4 THE SEASON. I UNDERSTAND NOW, I TALKED
5 TO JEFF MAKEMSON, THE CERTIFIED
6 BIOLOGIST, AND I DIDN'T REALIZE WE HAD
7 FIVE OR TEN HATCHES A YEAR. AND IT'S
8 HARD TO REALLY SAY WHEN YOU'RE SHOOTING
9 TOO YOUNG A DOVE.

10 I KNOW I SAW IN MY NEIGHBORHOOD A
11 DOVE NEXT DOOR ON MY FRONT PORCH. AND
12 SHE HAD A COUPLE OF HATCHES AFTER DOVE
13 SEASON CAME IN. AND KNOWING THAT A YOUNG
14 DOVE CAN'T MATURE EARLY ENOUGH TO START
15 MATING AND PRODUCING SOME OF THOSE YOUNG
16 DOVES; WE SHOOT TOO EARLY. IF WE OPEN
17 THE SEASON TOO EARLY ON TO THE LAST
18 SHOOTING SEASON, WE MAY PICK UP SOME
19 MIGRATORY BIRDS IF THEY HAVE COLD WEATHER
20 UP NORTH. I REALIZE THEY ARE MIGRATORY
21 BIRDS, BUT MOST OF THEM ARE LOCAL. I DO
22 WANT TO HEAR SOME INPUT BEFORE WE DECIDE
23 ON THE SEASONS. THAT'S ALL I GOT.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.
2 ALSO FROM DISTRICT SEVEN, MR. JOHNNY
3 JOHNSON.

4 MR. JOHNSON: THANK YOU DAN.
5 IT'S A PLEASURE TO BE HERE AND TO
6 REPRESENT DISTRICT SEVEN. WE HAVE A
7 GREAT DISTRICT HERE TO WORK WITH,
8 ESPECIALLY IN THE WILDLIFE AREA. AND
9 DR. MAY HAS COVERED A NUMBER OF THE
10 THINGS THAT I HAD DOWN HERE TO VISIT WITH
11 YOU ON. BUT I DO WANT TO MENTION A FEW
12 ADDITIONAL THINGS. I VISITED WITH A
13 NUMBER OF THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION
14 OFFICERS OUT THERE. THIS IS A GREAT
15 GROUP. IT'S ALWAYS A PLEASURE TO MEET
16 WITH THEM AND TO FIND OUT EXACTLY WHAT'S
17 GOING ON IN THE DISTRICT. AND THEY HAVE
18 PRETTY MUCH -- THEY'RE ON TARGET JUST
19 ABOUT EVERY TIME OUT HERE. IT'S A
20 PLEASURE TO WORK WITH THIS GROUP AND TO
21 CONTINUE TO WORK FOR THE BETTERMENT OF
22 THE WILDLIFE CONSERVATION OUT HERE IN
23 THIS PARTICULAR AREA.

1 I VISITED WITH A NUMBER OF
2 HUNTING CLUBS REGARDING PLANTING, SAFETY,
3 YOUTH HUNTS, DEER MANAGEMENT, TURKEY
4 MANAGEMENT, WHATEVER WE COULD DO TO
5 ASSIST ANYBODY OUT THERE. I VISITED WITH
6 SOME OF THE JUDGES IN REGARDS TO FINES
7 AND THE IMPORTANCE OF US STAYING ON THESE
8 THINGS AND THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE. LET'S
9 TRY TO DO WHAT WE CAN AND MAKE BELIEVERS
10 OF THE PEOPLE OUT THERE COMMITTING THESE
11 CRIMES. TRY TO STAY IN TOUCH WITH THE
12 LANDOWNERS AND INDIVIDUALS OUT THERE. I
13 VISITED AND TALKED WITH A NUMBER OF
14 INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS, HOW THEY FEEL
15 TOWARD WHAT'S GOING ON IN THIS DISTRICT.
16 AND THESE ARE THE PEOPLE THAT WE NEED TO
17 LISTEN TO AND TO HELP IN WHAT WAY THAT WE
18 CAN.

19 WE LIKE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT
20 CONSERVATION PRACTICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE
21 OUT THERE. AND IN ANY WAY THAT WE CAN,
22 WORK, AND WORK WITH THEM, IT'S A PLEASURE
23 TO. THANK YOU.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU

2 MR. JOHNSON. MR. SELF?

3 MR. SELF: THANK YOU

4 MR. CHAIRMAN. I ERRONEOUSLY, AND

5 UNINTENTIONALLY, FAILED TO MENTION THE

6 FINE WORK DONE BY MAJOR KELLY AND HIS

7 GROUP, THE MARINE POLICE DIVISION, DURING

8 THE HURRICANES. AND I JUST WANT TO

9 MENTION THAT THESE FOLKS WENT, IN MANY

10 CASES, ABOVE AND BEYOND THE CALL OF DUTY

11 TO SEE THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE WERE HELPED

12 DURING THE HURRICANE RESCUE EFFORTS.

13 THANK YOU.

14

15 (APPLAUSE)

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17 *****

18 OLD BUSINESS

19 *****

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21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WE'RE JUMPING

22 AROUND A LITTLE BIT, BUT WE'RE MAKING

23 REALLY GOOD TIMING TO GET EVERYBODY BACK

1 ON THE ROAD. WE'LL GO THROUGH OLD
2 BUSINESS REAL QUICK AND COME BACK AFTER A
3 BRIEF RECESS. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS
4 IS THE TOP OF THE OLD BUSINESS. WITH
5 THAT BEING SAID --

6 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN? WE SORT
7 OF MENTIONED THIS TO DR. LYE (SPELLED
8 PHONETICALLY) AT OUR LAST MEETING. AT
9 OUR PREVIOUS MEETING AT THE JOE WHEELER
10 STATE PARK, I ASKED THE WILDLIFE AND
11 FRESHWATER FISHERIES TO INSTITUTE A STUDY
12 REGARDING THE MORTALITY RATE OF DOVES
13 WITH REGARD TO THE EARLY SEASON OPENING.
14 AND THAT REPORT IS IN AND I'LL BE GLAD TO
15 SHARE IT WITH YOU.

16 DR. MAY: I APPRECIATE IT.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD;
18 ANY OTHER OLD BUSINESS? WITH THAT BEING
19 SAID, WE WILL RECESS FOR TEN MINUTES.
20 THE TIME NOW IS TEN O'CLOCK, PLEASE BE
21 BACK AT 10:10 AND WE CAN GET STARTED.

22

23 *****

1 RECESS

2 *****

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4 (AT THIS TIME, INSTRUCTIONS WERE
5 GIVEN BY MS. ROBIN NUMMY TO THE SPEAKERS
6 WHO WERE TO APPEAL TO THE BOARD ON BEHALF
7 OF A GROUP, AND THOSE WHO WERE
8 REPRESENTING THEMSELVES, ON TIME LIMITS,
9 SPEAKING INTO THE MICROPHONE, AND STATING
10 THEIR NAME AND COUNTY.)

11

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
13 ROBIN. THE NEXT ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE
14 PUBLIC HEARING. WHEN YOUR NAME IS
15 CALLED, COME TO THE FRONT WHERE THE
16 MICROPHONE IS STANDING. GIVE YOUR NAME
17 AND THE SUBJECT YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. I
18 WILL REMIND YOU TO SPEAK ONLY AT THE TIME
19 YOU WERE CALLED UPON. AND ANY
20 INTERFERENCE WITH THE SPEAKER WILL NOT BE
21 TOLERATED.

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23 *****

1 PUBLIC HEARING

2 *****

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4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE FIRST
5 SPEAKER ON THE TOPIC OF DOVE ZONES IS JOE
6 MATHIS; JOE?

7 MR. MATHIS: I WANT TO THANK
8 Y'ALL PERSONALLY FOR THE JOB Y'ALL ARE
9 DOING. IT'S A TOUGH JOB TO PLEASE
10 EVERYBODY IN ALABAMA, BUT YOU'RE DOING A
11 FINE JOB. I WANT TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT
12 THE DOVE SEASON. I KNOW DOVE HUNTING HAS
13 CHANGE A LOT OVER THE LAST TEN OR
14 FIFTEEN YEARS. (INAUDIBLE) IS AND A LOT
15 OF AGRICULTURE THAT I GREW UP WITH IN THE
16 LATE SEVENTIES AND EARLY EIGHTIES, ONE
17 THING I HAVE NOTICE OVER THE LAST FEW
18 YEARS, WE HAVE A LOT OF LOCAL DOVES
19 AUGUST TO THE EARLY PART OF SEPTEMBER.
20 AND IN ALABAMA, THE DOVE SEASON OPENS UP,
21 TRADITIONALLY, AROUND THE SECOND SATURDAY
22 OF SEPTEMBER. AND USUALLY BEFORE THE
23 FIRST -- BEFORE THE SECOND SATURDAY IN

1 SEPTEMBER, WE USUALLY HAVE A LITTLE COOL
2 SNAP. AND I THINK IT'S VERY COMMON --AND
3 YOU'VE ALL HEARD AT SOME TIME OR ANOTHER,
4 IF WE HAD A DOVE SEASON THAT OPENED A
5 LITTLE EARLIER, WE WOULD HAVE HAD A VERY
6 SUCCESSFUL DOVE SEASON VERSUS A
7 SEMI-SUCCESSFUL DOVE SHOOTING.

8 I KNOW THAT MISSISSIPPI AND
9 GEORGIA BOTH OPEN UP IN SEPTEMBER. AND
10 I'M A FORESTER FOR A TIMBER COMPANY AND A
11 WILDLIFE MANAGER AS WELL, AND I ALWAYS
12 GET AMAZED AT THE MONEY THAT IS GOING OUT
13 OF STATE. YOU KNOW, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO
14 SEND THE PEOPLE THAT WORK FOR THEM TO
15 MISSISSIPPI FOR A CLIENTELE HUNT. YOU
16 KNOW, WE COULD PROBABLY KEEP THEM RIGHT
17 HERE.

18 DR. MAY WAS TALKING EARLIER
19 ABOUT THE HATCH OFFS, AND I'M REALLY
20 CURIOUS TO SEE THE REPORT THAT YOU HAD ON
21 THE EARLY SEASON DOVES. AND I'M HERE TO
22 TALK TO THE BOARD ABOUT MAYBE OPENING UP
23 WITH MISSISSIPPI AND GEORGIA ON THE FIRST

1 SATURDAY IN SEPTEMBER, AS OPPOSED TO THE
2 SECOND. I THINK THAT WOULD HELP US OUT
3 AN AWFUL LOT WITH THE LOCAL BIRDS. AND,
4 YOU KNOW, THE BOARD WORKED WITH THE
5 MIGRATORY BIRDS, MOVING THE SEASON BACK.
6 AND I JUST WANT TO HEAR YOUR THOUGHTS ON
7 THAT.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I HAVE ONE
9 THOUGHT ON THAT, AND I WOULD LIKE TO GET
10 GARY AND CORKY TO COMMENT ON THE -- WE'VE
11 ASKED THAT QUESTION, AND I'VE HEARD THE
12 QUESTION COME BEFORE THE BOARD BEFORE.
13 AND IF I'M UNDERSTANDING THIS RIGHT,
14 CORKY, IF Y'ALL WILL ADDRESS THIS HERE.
15 YOU KNOW, THE TOP SEWN WHEAT REGULATION
16 THAT'S BEEN SO POPULAR IN THE STATE, IF
17 WE MOVE FORWARD, WE WOULD ELIMINATE THE
18 ENTIRE SECTION USING THE METHOD OF TOP
19 SEWN WHEAT TO HUNT DOVE. THAT WILL
20 CREATE SOME CONTROVERSY OVER -- BETWEEN
21 THE NON TOP-SEWN-WHEAT USER AND THE
22 TOP-SEWN-WHEAT USER WHO HAS THAT FIRST
23 SHOT AT THE DOVE. CORKY, WILL YOU

1 COMMENT ON WHAT WE DISCUSSED THAT ONE
2 TIME?

3 MR. PUGH: I'M GOING TO LET GARY
4 TALK ABOUT THE TOP SEWN WHEAT ISSUE.
5 WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE HISTORY OF THE DOVE
6 SEASON DATES AND THE PUBLIC INPUT TO THE
7 BOARD, YOU SEE IT GO BACK AND FORTH.
8 THERE HAVE BEEN INPUT TO THE BOARD MANY
9 TIMES IN THE PAST WANTING TO GO AWAY FROM
10 THE DATE. AND IT'S THE PEOPLE, LARGELY
11 WHAT THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS WILL ALLOW.
12 AND AGAIN I WOULD REMIND EVERYBODY THAT
13 THE DATES WE HAVE ARE THE PRODUCT OF,
14 LITERALLY, DECADES OF PUBLIC INPUT.

15 MR. MOODY: ADDRESSING THE ISSUE
16 OF TOP SEWN GRAIN, THERE ARE THREE ZONES
17 FIRST, THE TOP SEWN, AND THE MIDDLE
18 (INAUDIBLE), ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER FIRST,
19 WHICH IS THE FIRST SATURDAY, OR WOULD BE
20 SOMEWHERE PRETTY CLOSE TO THAT. IT WOULD
21 PRECLUDE PEOPLE USING THAT METHOD FROM
22 HAVING MUCH ADVANTAGE TO DRAWING BIRDS OR
23 ATTRACTING BIRDS TO THEIR PROPERTY. AND

1 THAT IS AN ISSUE AND WE CONSIDER ALL OF
2 THAT.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NORTH
4 ZONE IS STARTED OUT A WEEK EARLIER THAN
5 THAT, SO WE GIVE THEM ONE WEEK TO PREPARE
6 FIELDS; IS THAT CORRECT?

7 MR. MOODY: YEAH. IT'S AUGUST
8 TWENTY-FIFTH THERE. AND THAT'S THE
9 NORTHERN TIER COUNTIES. THERE'S A PLANT
10 ZONE OUT THERE, AND THERE'S A DIFFERENCE
11 THERE TOO. WE HAVE A PLANT ZONE AND THEN
12 WE HAVE A DOVE ZONE.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE PLANTING
14 ZONE ENCOMPASSES THE TWO ZONES WHERE THE
15 DOVES -- THERE'S THREE PLANTING ZONES,
16 BUT TWO OF THEM ARE IN THE NORTH SECTION;
17 IS THAT CORRECT?

18 MR. MOODY: YEAH. THERE'S THREE
19 IN THE NORTH SECTION. ONE IS IN THE
20 SOUTHERN TIER, (INAUDIBLE) BUT IT CAN BE
21 PRETTY CONFUSING. THE EARLIEST DATE IS
22 SET FOR THE FIFTEENTH.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WELL, I

1 APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT UP TO US.
2 CORKY AND I TALKED ABOUT THIS ISSUE AT
3 LENGTH ONE TIME. AND WE PULLED SOME OF
4 THE SHOP DATA OF SOLD SHOTGUN AND SHOTGUN
5 SHELLS. IT APPEARS THAT THOSE HUNTERS
6 HAD THE SAME CONCERN. AGAIN, IT APPEARS,
7 WE MAY GET THEM BACK THE NEXT TIME
8 (INAUDIBLE) WITH A LOT OF TENURE AT THIS
9 TIME. AND THE DOVE SEASONS ARE ALWAYS
10 CONTROVERSIAL WITH THE NEW ISSUES THAT
11 COME UP. WE WANT YOU TO BRING THEM UP
12 AND TALK ABOUT THEM. WE DON'T WANT TO
13 LOSE THEM TO OTHER STATES. ALWAYS TALK
14 ABOUT IT, BECAUSE THAT'S A GREAT ISSUE.
15 CORKY, ONE MORE COMMENT?

16 MR. PUGH: WE APPRECIATE YOUR
17 INPUT ON THAT. WE HOPE THAT EVERYBODY IS
18 UNDERSTANDING ON THE SUBJECT. WE'RE KIND
19 OF CAUGHT IN A CATCH 22 BETWEEN THE
20 PLANTING DATES THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS
21 ABSOLUTELY NO CONTROL OVER, AND THE
22 FEDERAL FRAMEWORK, WHICH IS SET BY THE US
23 WILDLIFE SERVICE.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE PLANTING
2 SCHEDULE OF ALABAMA IS SET BY AUBURN
3 UNIVERSITY EXTENSION SERVICE; IS THAT
4 CORRECT?

5 MR. PUGH: THAT IS CORRECT.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY.

7 MR. MATHIS: (INAUDIBLE).

8 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: STEP UP.

9 MR. MATHIS: ARE YOU ABLE TO WORK
10 WITH THESE OTHER REGULATIONS?

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: CORKY?

12 MR. PUGH: AS I UNDERSTAND IT,
13 THE AGRONOMISTS SET THE PLANTING DATES
14 BASED ON SCIENCE, NOT THAT WE WANT TO SET
15 THEM FOR THE GERMINATION OF SEEDS FOR
16 AGRICULTURAL PURPOSES.

17 MR. MATHIS: ONE MORE QUICK
18 COMMENT. AS A YOUNG FATHER, I HAVE A
19 FIVE-YEAR OLD. I WAS VERY BLESSED THAT
20 MY FATHER BROUGHT ME UP HUNTING, BECAUSE
21 I CAN'T THINK OF ANOTHER SPORT OR A
22 BETTER WAY TO GET YOUNGSTERS INVOLVED IN
23 HUNTING. YOU KNOW, DEER HUNTING,

1 TRADITIONALLY, IN ALABAMA AT FIFTEEN --
2 YOU KNOW, WHEN YOU INVOLVE LITTLE KIDS IN
3 THESE YOUTH HUNTS THAT THE STATE HAS
4 PROVIDED; AND I THINK THAT'S A WONDERFUL
5 IDEA. I COMMEND THE BOARD FOR PUSHING
6 THE YOUTH DOVE HUNTS. Y'ALL HAVE A GREAT
7 DAY.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
9 MR. MATHIS FOR YOUR COMMENTS. WE HAVE
10 ANOTHER PUBLIC OFFICIAL THAT I WANT TO
11 COME TO THE MICROPHONE BEFORE WE GET
12 GOING. WE HAVE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE
13 COLBERT COUNTY COMMISSION, MR. JAMES
14 BINGHAM. WOULD YOU APPROACH THE
15 MICROPHONE?

16 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: I WANT TO
17 REMIND EVERYBODY TO GET CLOSER TO THE
18 MICROPHONE. AND THE ACOUSTICS IN THIS
19 BUILDING ARE VERY POOR. SO, ALL OF THESE
20 MINUTES WILL BE ON THE WEB PAGE AT
21 WWW.OUTDOORALABAMA.COM. SO EVERYTHING
22 THAT WAS SAID TODAY WILL BE RECORDED FOR
23 EVERYBODY THAT CAN'T HEAR BACK THERE;

1 OKAY?

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. BINGHAM,
3 THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

4 MR. BINGHAM: THANK YOU FOR
5 INVITING ME TO COME. CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE,
6 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY, AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD, AND TO THE
8 WILDLIFE AND GAME, AND ALL THE FELLOW MEN
9 AND WOMEN HERE REPRESENTING HUNTING, I
10 THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. I
11 JUST WANTED TO COME. I AM JAMES C.
12 BINGHAM AND I'M CHAIRMAN OF THE COLBERT
13 COUNTY COMMISSION. WE PASSED IN THE
14 MEETING, I THINK ABOUT TWO WEEKS AGO, AND
15 I THINK Y'ALL GOT A COPY OF THIS, WHERE
16 WE WERE REQUESTING THAT YOU LET US KEEP
17 HUNTING LAWS AS THEY ARE IN COLBERT
18 COUNTY, INCLUDING DOG HUNTING AND ANY
19 CHOICE YOU LIKE TO HUNT. WE HAVE HAD NO
20 PROBLEMS COME BEFORE THE COUNTY
21 COMMISSION THAT WE KNOW OF, AND HAVE GOOD
22 RELATIONS WITH ALL OF THE HUNTING PEOPLE
23 UP THERE IN THAT AREA.

1 I AM A LANDOWNER UP THERE AND
2 ALSO I'VE BEEN A MEMBER OF THE WATERFALL
3 VALLEY HUNTING CLUB FOR ABOUT FORTY --
4 FOR ABOUT FORTY-TWO YEARS. AND I JUST
5 GOT TO RETIRE AND THEY SAID NOW I GET TO
6 HUNT FREE THE REST OF MY LIFE. I TURNED
7 SIXTY-FIVE LAST WEEK. BUT WE'VE HAD A
8 GREAT TIME OVER THE YEARS HUNTING MY
9 DOGS. AGAIN, LAST YEAR, I'VE GOT THIS
10 LITTLE BEAGLE, I RAN A DEER AND I KNOW
11 SOME BOY -- I THINK I REPORTED TO YOU
12 LAST YEAR AT JOE WHEELER, AND I RUN
13 ANOTHER LITTLE DEER AND HE KILLED IT, A
14 FELLOW IN A WHEELCHAIR. AND I ALSO TOOK
15 THAT YOUNG MAN OUT TO MY FARM TURKEY
16 HUNTING. AND HE GOT TO KILL A WILD
17 TURKEY. I ENJOY ALL TYPES OF HUNTING AND
18 I APPRECIATE YOU ALLOWING ME TO COME.

19 DOG HUNTING IS GOOD IN THAT AREA
20 IS GOOD FOR THE ECONOMY. THE MILLS IN
21 FRANKLIN COUNTY, IT'S A BIG DOG FOOD
22 PLACE. THEY'VE GOTTEN HURT BY FRANKLIN
23 COUNTY NOT BEING DOG, BUT WE STILL

1 SUPPORT THEM OVER THERE ON TOP OF THE
2 FRANKLIN COUNTY LINE. AND ONE OF THEM --
3 THE STORE TOLD ME THAT HE LOST OUT OF A
4 THOUSAND DOLLARS IN DOG FOOD WHEN THE DOG
5 HUNTING WAS STOPPED THERE AND SEVERAL
6 COUNTIES ON DOWN SOUTH. IT'S HURT THE
7 ECONOMY UP THERE. BUT, MAYBE EVERYTHING
8 WILL WORK OUT FOR THEM PEOPLE TO GET
9 BETTER HUNTING BOARD.

10 I WANT TO WELCOME YOU ON THE
11 BOARD DR. STRICKLAND. I LOOK FORWARD TO
12 WORKING WITH YOU. YOU ARE IN MY
13 DISTRICT, IF I CAN HELP YOU IN ANY WAY,
14 DON'T BE AFRAID TO CALL ME. ALSO, I
15 WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE FORMER BOARD
16 MEMBER, BUDDY WILLIS THAT IS HERE TODAY.
17 I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE HIM. HE'S
18 SUPPORTED COLBERT COUNTY REAL WELL AND
19 WE'RE PROUD OF HIM. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU FOR
21 COMING CHAIRMAN BINGHAM. OKAY, NEXT TO
22 THE MICROPHONE, MR. JACK CROPP FROM PELL
23 CITY.

1 MR. CROPP: MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS
2 OF THE BOARD, COMMISSIONER LAWLEY,
3 MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT,
4 MY NAME IS JACK CROPP. I'M FROM PELL
5 CITY IN ST. CLAIRE COUNTY. THAT'S
6 DISTRICT TWO UNDER THE STEWARDSHIP OF
7 MR. LAWLEY AND CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE THERE
8 HAS BEEN SEVERAL THINGS COME FORTH FROM
9 THE BOARD THAT HAVE PROVED TO BE AN ASSET
10 TO THE (INAUDIBLE) IN ALABAMA. MOST
11 NOTABLY IS THE LEGALIZING OF CROSSBOWS
12 AND EXTENSION OF THE BLACK POWDER SEASON.
13 AND Y'ALL TOOK A LITTLE BIT OF MY, WHAT I
14 WAS GOING TO SPEAK ABOUT AWAY FROM ME BY
15 PUTTING THE MEMBERS' TELEPHONE NUMBER
16 BACK ON THE ROSTER. I'M GLAD TO SEE YOU
17 PUT IT ON THE WEBSITE ALSO.

18 YOU KNOW, THE CONSERVATION
19 DEPARTMENT GETS A LOT OF BAD PRESS ON THE
20 INTERNET ARCHERY FORUMS FOR NOT HAVING A
21 BETTER HANDLE ON THE ARCHERY DEPARTMENTS
22 OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA. I WOULD LIKE TO
23 SEE THERE BE AN ARCHERY SEASON PERMIT.

1 AND SINCE THERE'S NO REASON WHY ARCHERY
2 HUNTERS SHOULD BE ABLE TO HUNT ALMOST
3 OVER A MONTH MORE THAN ANYBODY ELSE
4 WITHOUT PAYING FOR IT. I THINK THE
5 ARCHERY HUNTERS OUGHT TO FUND THAT
6 PROGRAM TEN OR FIFTEEN DOLLARS IN
7 ADDITION TO THE REGULAR LICENSE. AND
8 ALONG WITH THE ARCHERY SEASON PERMIT, I
9 WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE DEPARTMENT MAKE
10 AVAILABLE AN ARCHERY TURKEY TIME FOR
11 MAYBE FIFTEEN DOLLARS OR SOMETHING LIKE
12 THAT LIKE A LOT OF OTHER STATES DO.

13 WE ALL REALIZE THAT ARCHERY
14 HUNTERS, AS GOOD AS THEY ARE, ARE NOT
15 GOING TO HURT THE TURKEY POPULATION. AND
16 IT MAY MAKE IT A LITTLE MORE INTERESTING.
17 YOU KNOW, SEVERAL YEARS AGO, THE YOUNG
18 MAN FROM MISSISSIPPI THAT INVENTED THE
19 DRAWLOCK CAME BEFORE THE BOARD AND MADE A
20 PRESENTATION IN AN EFFORT TO GET THE
21 DRAWLOCK LEGALIZED IN ALABAMA, AS WELL AS
22 IN OTHER STATES. AND I THINK THE
23 CONVERSATION AND DISCUSSIONS THAT STARTED

1 FROM THAT, WENT FROM THAT PRESENTATION
2 AND LED TO THE LEGALIZATION OF CROSSBOWS.
3 AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, SINCE THERE'S NO
4 REASON NOT TO, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE
5 DRAWLOCK GIVEN THE SAME STATUS AS ANY
6 OTHER ARCHERY EQUIPMENT.

7 LAST BUT NOT LEAST, I WOULD LIKE
8 TO SEE THE BOARD TAKE THE POSITION THAT
9 COMPLAINTS AGAINST DOG DEER HUNTING, OR
10 COMPLAINTS AGAINST ANY KIND OF HUNTING
11 GROUP, BE SUBSTANTIATED WITH POLICE
12 REPORTS, COURT RECORDS, TO PROVE THAT
13 THERE WAS A PROBLEM AND THAT WHOEVER HAD
14 THE PROBLEM KNEW WHAT CAUSED THE PROBLEM
15 AND HAD MADE AN EFFORT TO PUNISH THOSE
16 WHO CAUSED THE PROBLEM BEFORE THEY CAN
17 COME DOWN HERE AND EXPECT YOU FOLKS TO
18 PUNISH EVERYBODY IN THE AREA, INCLUDING
19 THE INNOCENT.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. CROPP, I
21 KNOW YOU UNDERSTAND WHAT A DRAWLOCK IS.
22 IF YOU WANT TO EXPLAIN TO THE BOARD WHAT
23 A DRAWLOCK IS -- YOU USE THE TERM

1 DRAWLOCK. IF YOU WOULD, EXPLAIN THAT TO
2 THE BOARD.

3 MR. CROPP: THE DRAWLOCK IS A
4 DEVICE THAT MOUNTS ON TO A STANDARD
5 COMPOUND BOW THAT HOLDS THE BOW AT FULL
6 DRAW. AND A TRIGGER DEVICE ON IT IS VERY
7 SIMILAR TO THE RELEASE ON A REGULAR
8 RELEASE FOR A COMPOUND BOW. AND IT HOLDS
9 THE BOW BACK IN FULL DRAW INSTEAD OF A
10 MAN HAVING TO DO IT.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.
12 THANK YOU MR. CROPP.

13
14 (APPLAUSE)

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16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
17 SPEAKER IS MR. TYLER SILCOX FROM MONROE
18 COUNTY.

19 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: WE'RE GOING TO
20 HAVE TO TAKE A BREAK. THE ALABAMA POWER
21 COMPANY HAS TO SHUT DOWN AND COME BACK
22 UP.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: HOW LONG DO

1 THEY THINK THEY'LL BE?

2 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: THEY SAID THEY
3 ARE GOING TO TAKE ABOUT FIVE MINUTES.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ALL RIGHT.
5 WE WILL TAKE A QUICK RECESS. THE TIME
6 NOW IS 10:30; LET'S COME BACK AT FIFTEEN
7 'TIL.

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9 (WHEREUPON, A BRIEF RECESS WAS
10 TAKEN.)

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12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY. THE
13 NEXT SPEAKER IS TYLER SILCOX FROM MONROE
14 COUNTY.

15 MR. SILCOX: GOOD MORNING MEMBERS
16 OF THE BOARD. I APPRECIATE Y'ALL'S KIND
17 WORDS.

18
19 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER
20 INDICATED THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE
21 HEARD. ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE
22 MICROPHONE SYSTEM.)

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1 MR. SILCOX: HOW ABOUT THAT?
2 THAT'S A LITTLE BETTER. MEMBERS OF THE
3 BOARD, MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION, MY NAME
4 IS TYLER SILCOX. I'M FROM SOUTH MONROE
5 COUNTY. AND I CAME UP HERE TODAY ---
6 I'VE BEEN TALKING TO MY REPRESENTATIVE,
7 MR. ROSS SELF. OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS,
8 SOUTH MONROE COUNTY, NORTH ESCAMBIA
9 COUNTY -- AND I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S SHIFTS
10 IN MIGRATION ROUTES. WE'VE BEEN SEEING
11 MORE WHITE-FRONTED AND SNOW GEESE. MOST
12 OF THE GEESE ARE NOT STAYING, BUT THEY
13 ARE STOPPING.

14 UNFORTUNATELY, OUR GOOSE SEASON
15 RUNS FROM AROUND THE FIRST OF DECEMBER TO
16 THE END OF THE JANUARY. FEDERAL
17 GUIDELINES FOR THE STATE OF ALABAMA AND
18 MISSISSIPPI FLYAWAY ARE A HUNDRED AND
19 SEVEN DAYS FOR THE LIGHT GOOSE, WHICH ARE
20 SNOW GEESE, WHITE GEESE AND BLUE GEESE
21 AND UP TO (INAUDIBLE) FOR WHITE-FRONTED
22 GEESE. I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A
23 RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD AND TO THE

1 COMMISSION TO STAY THIS -- AND, ALSO, I
2 REPRESENT ABOUT FIFTEEN TO TWENTY
3 WATERFOWLERS DOWN THERE. AND THEY CHOSE
4 ME TO COME UP HERE.

5 WE WOULD LIKE TO GET WITH THE
6 WATERFOWL BIOLOGIST AND SOME OF THE
7 COMMISSION FOR MAYBE OPENING UP A COUPLE
8 OF COUNTIES, MONROE, SOUTH MONROE, AND
9 MAYBE DOING AN EXPERIMENT ON THAT. I
10 KNOW THE COMMISSION HAS SOME REPORTS FROM
11 THESE GEESE. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS, A LOT
12 OF SPECKLE BELLIES -- A LOT OF PEOPLE
13 THINK THEY ARE TAME GEESE THAT FLEW IN
14 FROM SOMEBODY'S POND, BUT THEY'RE NOT. I
15 WOULD LIKE TO WORK WITH THE COMMISSION
16 AND THE BOARD TO TRY AND GET THIS PASSED
17 AND MAYBE DO AN EXPERIMENTAL SEASON AND
18 SEE HOW THIS GOES. THAT'S IT.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD. I
20 WOULD SUGGEST THAT YOU GET WITH -- ARE
21 YOU GOING TO GET WITH MR. SELF? YOU'RE
22 IN HIS DISTRICT.

23 MR. SILCOX: YES, SIR. AND ALSO

1 CHARLES SHARP, DISTRICT FIVE BIOLOGIST;
2 AND PROBABLY SOME OF THE OTHER WATERFOWL
3 BIOLOGISTS COULD GET SOMETHING WORKED
4 OUT.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT WOULD BE
6 GREAT IF YOU GET MR. SELF OR MR. HATLEY
7 IN THAT AREA.

8 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD
9 LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT CORKY'S GROUP LOOK
10 INTO THIS MATTER. AND IF IT MEETS WITH
11 THE FEDERAL GUIDLINES, AND YOU CAN CONCUR
12 WITH THIS, I THINK IT'S PROBABLY A NEW
13 HUNTING OPPORTUNITY WE OUGHT TO EXPLORE,
14 KNOWING THAT THE SNOW GEESE HAS REALLY
15 BECOME A PEST FOR EVERYBODY IN MANY
16 STATES AND THEY ARE SPILLING OVER HERE.
17 AND THERE'S A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT
18 THESE BIRDS. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE US DO
19 THAT AND, IF YOU WOULD, STUDY THAT. AND
20 IF YOU COULD COME FORTH WITH A
21 RECOMMENDATION, WE'LL VOTE ON IT AT A
22 FUTURE MEETING.

23 MR. PUGH: WE WOULD BE MORE THAN

1 A HAPPY TO DO THAT.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU,
3 I'M GOING TO BREAK FROM THE AGENDA. IS
4 THERE ANYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE FROM THE
5 SHELTON STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE HERE, OR
6 FROM THE TUSCALOOSA CONVENTION AND
7 VISITOR BUREAU? BEV LEE, WOULD YOU COME
8 UP AND LET THE COMMISSIONER AND BOARD
9 PRESENT THESE TO THE APPROPRIATE PEOPLE,
10 PLEASE SIR? COMMISSIONER.

11 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: BEV, THESE
12 ARE JUST CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION TO
13 SHELTON STATE AND ALSO TO THE TUSCALOOSA
14 CONVENTION AND VISITOR'S BUREAU FOR ALL
15 YOUR HELP AND ALL THEIR HELP. IT'S A
16 GREAT MEETING FACILITY AND WE'RE GLAD TO
17 BE HERE.

18 MR. LEE: THANK YOU. AND WE'RE
19 GLAD TO HAVE YOU HERE. AND I'LL GET
20 THESE TO THEM.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
22 SPEAKER WILL BE JAMES SMOTHERS FROM
23 TUSCALOOSA, ALABAMA.

1 MR. SMOTHERS: MY NAME IS JAMES
2 SMOTHERS AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE
3 GENTLEMEN THAT SPOKE ON THE ARCHERY
4 SEASON. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE Y'ALL DO
5 SOMETHING ABOUT THE LICENSES. THE WAY
6 THEY ARE -- I WOULD THINK THERE SHOULD BE
7 THREE TYPES. AND YOU HAVE ONLY, NOW, THE
8 COUNTY AND STATE. I THINK IT SHOULD BE
9 WHAT TYPE OF HUNTING YOU'RE DOING,
10 BECAUSE THE ARCHERY PEOPLE ARE GETTING A
11 GREAT DEAL MORE FOR THIS MONEY, AS FOR
12 MAYBE THE MUZZLELOADERS.

13 AND I TALKED TO THE GUYS TODAY
14 ABOUT MAKING A CORRECTION THAT WAS ON
15 YOUR WEBSITE, THAT YOU'RE PAYING FOR YOUR
16 LICENSE. IT SHOWED ON THE WEBSITE, THE
17 FOREIGN RANGES. YOU COULD ONLY USE A
18 MUZZLELOADING AND TWO OF THEM FOREIGN
19 RANGES. AND THEY SAID IT WAS AN
20 OVERSIGHT AND A MISPRINT, THAT YOU SHOULD
21 BE ABLE TO USE IT ON ALL OF THEM.

22 THE MUZZLELOADING SEASON IS THE
23 SHORTEST SEASON OF ALL. EVEN ON THE

1 FOREVER WILD LANDS, THE SEASON ENDS
2 BEFORE THE NORMAL DEER SEASON ENDS. AND
3 WITH THE MUZZLELOADERS, YOU CAN'T EVEN
4 HUNT SMALL GAME, BUT WE PAY THE FULL
5 PRICE. AND I THINK IT SHOULD BE BROKEN
6 UP IN MAYBE THREE DIFFERENT LICENSE FEES.
7 MAYBE Y'ALL COULD LOOK AT THAT AND FIGURE
8 IT OUT. THANK YOU, VERY MUCH.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
10 MR. SMOTHERS. PETE BARBER, FROM MOBILE.

11 MR. BARBER: GOOD MORNING
12 MR. CHAIRMAN, COMMISSIONER, MEMBERS OF
13 THE BOARD. I CAME TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF
14 THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO LIVE BAIT. BUT
15 IF YOU'LL GIVE ME JUST A SECOND FOR A
16 PERSONAL COMMENT. I USED TO LIVE IN
17 BAYOU LA BATRE. HURRICAINA KATRINA
18 TOTALLY DESTROYED MY HOUSE, MY BARN, AND
19 ALMOST ALL OF MY NEIGHBORS' HOMES ON
20 PORTERSVILLE BEACH. WE'RE ALL RIGHT, AND
21 WE'RE GOING TO MAKE IT. I WOULD JUST
22 LIKE TO GIVE MINE AND MY NEIGHBORS'
23 HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THEIR HEROIC

1 ACTIVITIES BOTH WHILE THE STORM WAS
2 RAGING, AND AFTER THE STORM. THANKS A
3 LOT J.P.

4 VERNON HAS ALREADY DONE A GOOD
5 JOB FOR THE RATIONALE FOR NEED FOR THE
6 ALTERED CHANGE TO THE LIVE BAIT
7 REGULATION. MY ORGANIZATION, AND A LOT
8 OF SPORTS FISHING ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE
9 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT HAVE DONE A GREAT
10 JOB OF CREATING A HABITAT INSHORE AND
11 OFFSHORE. THE OFFSHORE REEF PROGRAM IN
12 ALABAMA, WE HAVE A PRIME RESOURCE.
13 THAT'S THE GOOD NEWS AND THE BAD NEWS.

14 WE ALSO HAVE A VERY ATTRACTIVE
15 SEACOAST, AND THE PROPERTY VALUES ARE
16 SKYROCKETING. IT'S IMPOSSIBLE TO
17 JUSTIFY, ECONOMICALLY, HAVING A
18 SHORE-BASED, LIVE-BAIT BUSINESS CLOSE TO
19 THE RESOURCE. WE WILL BE REDUCED TO THE
20 ONLY LIVE BAIT AVAILABLE WILL BE IN
21 CONJUNCTION WITH THE LARGE MARINAS.
22 THAT'S OKAY WITH THE HABITERS AND
23 CONTENDER CROWD, BUT THE GUY WITH THE

1 SKIFF WITH THE ONE OR TWO DAYS TO FISH,
2 THEY NEED TO HAVE READY ACCESS TO BAIT.

3 WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED HERE IS
4 THE MOST LOGICAL WAY TO DEAL WITH THE
5 SITUATION; AND I STRONGLY ASK THAT YOU
6 PASS WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WE'RE GLAD
8 YOU'RE DOING ALL RIGHT IN THE AFTERMATH
9 OF THE STORM, MR. BARBER.

10 MR. SELF: MR. CHAIRMAN, I WOULD
11 LIKE TO MAKE A PROPOSAL ABOUT THE LIVE
12 BAIT. AND I WOULD LIKE TO COMMENT ON THE
13 FACT THAT I LIVE IN GULF SHORES, AND I
14 FISH OUT OF ORANGE BEACH, AND MOBILE BAY,
15 AND DAUPHIN ISLAND, AND ALL OF THOSE
16 AREAS. AND OBTAINING BAIT FOR FISHERMAN
17 IS A REAL PROBLEM. IN FACT, WHEN I TAKE
18 MY BOAT OUT IN PERDIDO PASS TO GO
19 OFFSHORE FISHING, WE HAVE TO TRAVEL ALL
20 THE WAY TO FLORIDA, GO ACROSS THE GULF
21 INTO FLORIDA IN ORDER TO PURCHASE BAIT.
22 SO, I THINK THIS REGULATION IS -- THIS
23 PROPOSED REGULATION IS A VERY GOOD THING.

1 AND I HAVE TALKED TO LITERALLY HUNDREDS
2 OF BOAT OWNERS AND FISHERMEN THAT ARE IN
3 FAVOR OF THIS AND HAVE A PROBLEM
4 OBTAINING BAIT. AND FOR THAT REASON, I
5 WOULD JUST LIKE TO ASK IF WE COULDN'T
6 PASS THIS AS AN EMERGENCY REGULATION AT
7 THIS MEETING.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I WOULD LIKE
9 TO CALL ON MR. LAWLEY TO ADDRESS THAT.

10 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: ROSS, I
11 THINK WE CAN IF -- BUT I DON'T KNOW THAT
12 WE REALLY NEED TO CHANGE THE FORMAT
13 BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO BE MEETING AND
14 COMING UP ON THE PROPOSAL ON THE ELEVENTH
15 OF MARCH. AND IF THIS BOARD SEES FIT TO
16 DO AN EMERGENCY REG -- THE COMMISSIONER'S
17 OFFICE CAN DO AN EMERGENCY REGULATION
18 THAT'S GOOD FOR A HUNDRED AND EIGHTY
19 DAYS, IF THIS BOARD SEES FIT TO DO THAT.
20 AT THE SAME TIME, A REVIEW PROCESS FROM
21 THE LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WILL
22 HAVE TO TAKE A LOOK AT IT AND VOTE ON IT,
23 WHICH WOULD PROBABLY BE IN AUGUST. THE

1 LIVE BAIT -- AT THE NEXT MEETING ON THE
2 ELEVENTH, IF WE STICK WITH THE FRAMEWORK
3 AND WE DON'T VOTE ON THE SAME DAY WE
4 BRING IT UP, THAT WOULD BE IN EFFECT
5 BEFORE THE FISHING SEASON BEGINS.

6 MR. SELF: SO YOU'RE RECOMMENDING
7 THAT WE WAIT UNTIL THE NEXT MEETING?

8 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I'M
9 RECOMMENDING THAT WE DON'T DEFER FROM
10 WHAT WE'VE ESTABLISHED.

11 MR. SELF: SO, WE DON'T VOTE ON
12 THE ISSUE AT THIS MEETING?

13 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: YEAH.
14 WE'VE BROUGHT IT UP AND IT WILL BE VOTED
15 ON ON THE ELEVENTH OF MARCH. WITH THE
16 PEOPLE I'VE TALKED TO, WE WOULD STILL BE
17 AHEAD OF THE FISHING SEASON IF WE WAIT.

18 MR. SELF: OKAY, THANKS.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF WE HOLD TO
20 THE ELEVENTH -- THAT WILL BE JUST
21 TWENTY-FOUR DAYS. THAT OUGHT TO BE
22 ADEQUATE. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS RONNIE
23 DOCKERY.

1 MR. DOCKERY: I LIVE IN THE NORTH
2 PART OF TUSCALOOSA COUNTY. AND I WOULD
3 LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ABOUT TURKEY
4 HUNTING IN THE SPRING WITH A CROSSBOW OR
5 A DRAWLOCK ON THE BOW. SINCE HOUSES AND
6 A LOT OF PRIVATE LAND AND LEASED LAND HAS
7 GONE TO BOW HUNTING ONLY, AND ARCHERY IS
8 GETTING LARGER AND LARGER STATEWIDE. AND
9 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING IS A BIG SPORT IN
10 ALABAMA, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THAT THE
11 BOARD WOULD TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT
12 WE COULD USE CROSSBOWS OR DRAWLOCKS FOR
13 SPRING TURKEY HUNTING.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD; IS
15 THAT IT?

16 MR. DOCKERY: THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IN THE
18 ABSENCE OF CORKY BEING HERE,
19 DR. STRICKLAND MAY HAVE SOME INFORMATION.
20 BUT IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING -- EVERYBODY
21 KNOWS I'M A HUGE ADVOCATE OF BOW HUNTING.
22 BUT I UNDERSTAND CONCERNING THE ANIMAL,
23 THE TURKEY -- AND LOOK INTO THAT AND SEE

1 IS THERE ANY INFORMATION THAT COULD BE
2 PRESENTED TO THE BOARD. AND I THINK IT
3 WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THE BOARD TO KNOW
4 THAT IF WE PASS SOMETHING THAT WAS GOING
5 TO KILL OR CRIPPLE ANIMALS AND WHAT A
6 MORTALITY RATE OR SUCCESS RATE OF A
7 TURKEY HUNTER BOW HUNTING, I GUESS IS THE
8 RIGHT WAY; STRICKLAND?

9 DR. STRICKLAND: ONE OF MY BIG
10 CONCERNS WITH HARVESTING, GETTING MORE, I
11 GUESS, ARCHERY HUNTERS OR CROSSBOW
12 HUNTERS OUT WITH THE SPRING TURKEY. OF
13 ALL THE ANIMALS I'VE HUNTED, PROBABLY THE
14 TURKEY IS MORE DIFFICULT TO HARVEST WITH
15 AN ARROW. THE AREA YOU HAVE TO PUT THE
16 ARROW IN IS PROBABLY THE SIZE OF AN
17 ORANGE, AND IT'S USUALLY A MOVING TARGET.
18 ONE THING I WOULD HATE TO SEE IS MORE
19 GUYS WHO HAVEN'T TAKEN THE TIME TO
20 UNDERSTAND THE ANATOMY OF THE TURKEY AND
21 WE HAVE A LOT OF WOUNDED TURKS RUNNING
22 AROUND.

23 I THINK WE NEED TO DO SOME

1 INVESTIGATION, AND LOOK AT THE
2 MORTALITIES OF AN ARROW GOING THROUGH THE
3 TURKEY INSTEAD OF GETTING MORE HUNTERS
4 OUT IN THE FIELD AND HAVING A NEGATIVE
5 IMPACT ON THE TURKEY POPULATION.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD.
7 THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MR. MARK SULLIVAN
8 FROM TUSCALOOSA.

9 MR. SULLIVAN: I'M MARK SULLIVAN
10 FROM TUSCALOOSA. I'M A LANDOWNER AND I'M
11 PRIMARILY A BOW HUNTER. MY QUESTION
12 CENTERS ON THE COMMENTS THAT
13 DR. STRICKLAND MADE ABOUT THE EXTENSION
14 OF BOW SEASON. I'VE BEEN HUNTING FOR A
15 WHILE, NOT AS MANY IN THIS ROOM. AND I
16 DON'T KNOW IF IT'S CAUSED BY A SHIFT IN
17 CLIMATE, OR WHAT HAVE YOU, BUT I HAVE
18 NOTICED, AS HAVE MANY PEOPLE THAT I'VE
19 TALKED TO, A SHIFT IN THE RUT. AND MY
20 QUESTION IS, WHAT TYPE OF CLIMATIC DATA
21 NEEDS TO BE IN PLACE BEFORE WE MAY
22 CONSIDER NOT NECESSARILY AN EXTENSION OF
23 BOW SEASON, BUT A SHIFT TO ACCOMMODATE,

1 AT LEAST TEMPORARILY, WHAT MIGHT BE A
2 SHIFT IN THE RUT?

3 I'VE NOTICED THAT THERE ARE
4 PROBABLY THE SAME POPULATION OR NUMBER OF
5 DEER ON OUR PROPERTY, AND MAYBE BECAUSE
6 OF WARMER CLIMATE THEY HAVE BECOME
7 NOCTURNAL. AND MAYBE BECAUSE OF THE
8 CLIMATE, THE RUT HAS COME IN LATER.
9 WOULD THIS BE A CONSIDERATION BECAUSE OF
10 THE SHIFT? AND WHAT KIND OF DATA WOULD
11 NEED TO BE IN PLACE IN ORDER TO CONSIDER
12 THAT?

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: HOLD ON JUST
14 A MINUTE.

15 DR. STRICKLAND: CORKY, WHAT
16 IMPACT, POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE, DO YOU SEE
17 IT WOULD HAVE IF THE ARCHERY SEASON WAS
18 -- JUST THE ARCHERY SEASON WAS EXTENDED
19 FOR TWO WEEKS ON THE BACK END OF
20 FEBRUARY?

21 MR. PUGH: WE NEED TO LOOK AT IT
22 NOT ONLY FROM A BIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVE,
23 BUT SOCIOLOGICALLY. WHAT OUR BEST DEER

1 BIOLOGISTS ARE TELLING ME IS, THE LAST
2 THING WE NEED TO DO IS PUT MORE TIME ON
3 THE END OF THE DEER SEASON. WE ARE
4 PUTTING MORE PRESSURE ON THE BUCKS IN OUR
5 DEER POPULATION, BUCKS IN GENERAL.

6 UNTIL SOMEBODY TELLS ME,
7 BIOLOGICALLY, THAT THE RIGHT THING TO DO
8 IS TO GO INTO FEBRUARY, I'M OPPOSED TO
9 IT. WE HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO LOOK OUT
10 FIRST AND FOREMOST FOR THE RESOURCE. ON
11 THE PEOPLE SIDE, WE WOULD BE THE ONLY
12 STATE WITH THE KIND OF DEER HUNTING
13 OPPORTUNITY WE HAVE OPEN IN FEBRUARY --

14 DR. STRICKLAND: WHAT ABOUT
15 FLORIDA?

16 MR. PUGH: FLORIDA IS OPEN, BUT I
17 DON'T KNOW A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO GO TO
18 FLORIDA TO HUNT. A LOT OF PEOPLE FROM
19 FLORIDA COME TO ALABAMA HUNT. ALSO YOU
20 HAVE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE RABBIT
21 HUNTERS AND SQUIRREL HUNTERS, AND IF THEY
22 ARE IN THE WOODS YOU'RE CREATING A USER
23 CONFLICT. MY PREDECESSOR, CHARLES

1 KELLEY, TOLD ME, IF YOU EVER WANT TO KNOW
2 HOW MANY RABBIT HUNTERS YOU HAVE IN THIS
3 STATE, DO SOMETHING THAT MESSES WITH
4 THEIR OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT. SO I WOULD BE
5 VERY CAREFUL PUTTING A DEER HUNTER OUT
6 THERE WITH THE SMALL GAME HUNTERS WHO
7 HAVE THE WOODS IN FEBRUARY.

8 DR. STRICKLAND: THANK YOU. YOU
9 KNOW, I THINK THAT'S A VERY GOOD POINT,
10 THE LAST POINT ABOUT THE SMALL GAME
11 HUNTERS. BUT AGAIN, ONE OF THE BIG
12 COMPLAINTS THAT I'VE HAD FROM DISTRICT
13 FIVE IS, IT SEEMS -- AND OF COURSE YOU
14 REALLY NEED TO SPLIT DATA; BUT THAT RUT,
15 A LOT OF TIMES, AND EVEN IN MY PERSONAL
16 EXPERIENCE, A LOT OF TIMES THE SEASON IS
17 CLOSED BEFORE WE, YOU KNOW, WHAT I
18 CONSIDER THE PEAK OF THE RUT. AND THIS
19 YEAR, OF COURSE THIS IS AN UNUSUAL YEAR
20 THIS YEAR, IT'S PRETTY WARM. BUT I KNOW
21 THE BUCKS WERE NOT RUTTING UNTIL FEBRUARY
22 THIS YEAR IN MY DISTRICT AND IN MOST
23 PARTS OF THE STATE.

1 MR. PUGH: IT REALLY DEPENDS ON
2 WHERE YOU'RE HUNTING AND WHAT'S DRIVING
3 THE BUCKS TO GO INTO RUT, AND NOT THE
4 WEATHER. ALL OF US THAT DEER HUNT
5 RECOGNIZE THE IMPACT THE WEATHER HAS ON
6 DEER MOVEMENT, THE COLDER THE BETTER. IF
7 I COULD CONTROL THE WEATHER, I WOULD WANT
8 EVERY DAY TO BE COLD WITH A STEADY WIND
9 FROM ONE DIRECTION, AND THAT'S WHEN I
10 WOULD HUNT. THEY DON'T ALL WORK OUT THAT
11 WAY.

12 AND AS A HUNTER, YOU KNOW, I
13 ALWAYS HATE TO SEE THE SEASON CLOSE. I
14 KNOW THAT LAST DAY OF TURKEY SEASON EVERY
15 YEAR YOU CAN STILL HEAR A TURKEY GOBBLE,
16 AND I HATE TO SEE IT CLOSE. AND THE
17 THING THAT WE ALL NEED TO BE REMINDED OF
18 IS THAT CONSERVATION AND HUNTING IS
19 INVOLVED WITH TAKING HARVESTABLE SURPLUS,
20 WE ARE NOT TRYING TO KILL THEM ALL.

21 DR. STRICKLAND: WHAT ARE WE
22 DOING TO IMPROVE OUR BUCK TO DOE RATIO?
23 IT SOUNDS LIKE THAT'S --

1 MR. PUGH: WE'VE TAKEN A VERY
2 AGGRESSIVE EDUCATIONAL APPROACH OVER THE
3 LAST DECADE TO SHIFT HUNTER CONDUCT AND
4 HUNTER BEHAVIOR. IN REGARD TO BUCK
5 HARVEST AND DOE HARVEST, IF YOU LOOK AT
6 SURVEY NUMBERS, WE HAVE BEEN SUCCESSFUL
7 IN SHIFTING HUNTING PRESSURE AND, IN
8 FACT, WE'VE TAKEN SLIGHTLY MORE DOES THAN
9 BUCKS IN THE LAST FOUR YEARS. SO, WE'RE
10 MAKING PROGRESS.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
12 DR. STRICKLAND. I THINK IT WOULD BE
13 INTERESTING FOR THE BOARD TO KNOW, AND WE
14 DON'T KNOW EXACTLY -- THE NEXT SPEAKERS
15 WILL PREACH ON IT AND TALK ON IT. I
16 DON'T KNOW IF MOST OF THE HUNTERS IN THE
17 STATE KNOW THE TIMES THAT THE DEER RUT,
18 AND WHY THEY RUT, AND WHAT ACTUALLY
19 CAUSES THE RUT. EVERYBODY THINKS IT
20 COULD BE COLD WEATHER OR -- GARY, YOU MAY
21 WANT TO SPEAK ON THIS, OR CHRIS MAY KNOW
22 MORE ON THIS. IF I UNDERSTAND THIS
23 CORRECTLY, TELL ME IF I'M WRONG, THE RUT

1 IS ACTUALLY TRIGGERED IN A BUCK BY THE
2 LENGTH DAYLIGHT HOURS ON THE BUCKS EYES
3 AND THE WEATHER DOES MORE -- IF IT'S
4 COOLER, THEY RUT HARDER (INAUDIBLE) THAT
5 RUT CAN OCCUR WHEN IT'S TRIGGERED BY
6 DAYLIGHT HOURS AND THAT BUCK IS AVAILABLE
7 TO BREED AT ANY TIME. AND PEOPLE SAY
8 "THE RUT'S ON" THEY MAY SEE MORE DEER
9 BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER, BUT THAT'S
10 ACTUALLY TRIGGERED BY DAYLIGHT HOURS; IS
11 THAT CORRECT?

12 MR. CHRIS COOK: I THINK THE
13 POINT YOU WANT TO GET ACROSS IS, THERE
14 MAY BE SOME PROBLEMS WITH UNDERSTANDING
15 WHAT IS THE RUT, AND WHAT IS THE DEER
16 ACTIVITY. AND UNLESS THERE'S MAJOR
17 CHANGE, THEY ARE GOING TO BREED PRETTY
18 MUCH THE SAME TIME EVERY YEAR. AND WHAT
19 A LOT OF PEOPLE PERCEIVE AS THE RUT IS
20 THE INCREASED ACTIVITY CAUSED BY A CHANGE
21 IN THE WEATHER PATTERN.

22 AND SO, TO REALLY SAY THE RUT
23 SHIFTED THREE WEEKS THIS YEAR AND BACK

1 NEXT YEAR THREE WEEKS EARLIER IS PROBABLY
2 NOT A VALID POINT. THERE'S AN INDICATION
3 THAT DAY LENGTH TRIGGERS THE BREEDING,
4 BUT THERE ARE OTHER THINGS GOING ON AS
5 WELL. THERE MAY BE CHEMICAL QUEUES, AND
6 THE BALANCE OF THE SEX RATIO HAS A LOT TO
7 DO WITH IT.

8 FOR THE MOST PART, THE TIME OF
9 THE BREEDING IS NOT GOING TO SHIFT THAT
10 MUCH UNLESS THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE BUCK
11 TO DOE RATIO OR THINGS LIKE THAT. SO
12 WHAT'S ALSO PERCEIVED AS A SHIFT IN THE
13 RUT MAY BE INCREASED DEER ACTIVITY FOR
14 OTHER REASONS.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: ALL RIGHT.
16 THANK YOU. THIS APPEARS THAT THIS IS
17 GOING TO BE A VERY DISCUSSED TOPIC OVER
18 THE NEXT FOUR MONTHS; DO ANY OF THE
19 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD HAVE ANY IDEAS ABOUT
20 THE DEER RUT OR HAVE ANY COMMENTS?

21 MR. COLES: I HAVE A COMMENT.
22 MR. PUGH, WE SAID THAT WE RECOMMEND THE
23 SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS BASED ON THE

1 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM YOUR DEPARTMENT.
2 AND SO, AND I HAVE VISITED PROBABLY A
3 HUNDRED DIFFERENT HUNTING LODGES AND
4 HOMES AND PROPERTIES IN THE LAST FOUR OR
5 FIVE YEARS.

6 I VISITED A REAL NICE HOME LAST
7 NIGHT DOWN IN GREENE COUNTY. AND I HAVE
8 YET TO SEE A DOE MOUNTED AND PUT UP ON
9 THE WALL. AND I DARE SAY THAT IF THE
10 GENTLEMEN FROM COFFEE COUNTY HAD KILLED
11 THE LARGEST DOE IN COFFEE COUNTY THAT WE
12 WOULD HAVE SEEN THAT DOE HERE TODAY.

13 THAT'S WHAT WE HUNT FOR, FOR
14 DEER, IS THE BUCK. IF WE EXTENDED THE
15 SEASON ONE DAY, FIVE DAYS, TEN DAYS, OR
16 WHATEVER, ONE YEAR, THAT DOESN'T MAKE IT
17 ETCHED IN GRANITE THAT IT CANNOT BE
18 CHANGED AT A LATER TIME.

19 I'M HEARING FROM PEOPLE MORE AND
20 MORE FROM OUR DISTRICT THAT OUR RUT --
21 AND I EXPERIENCED IT ON MY PROPERTY, WE
22 DIDN'T SEE THE RUT UNTIL THE LAST FIVE
23 DAYS OF THE SEASON. WE DIDN'T SEE

1 EXTREME BUCK ACTIVITY.

2 IN SOUTHEAST ALABAMA, A LARGE
3 PORTION OF OUR DEER IS IMPORTED FROM THE
4 MISSISSIPPI DELTA AND THOSE THAT SWAM THE
5 CHATAHOOCHEE RIVER FROM GEORGIA. WE HAD
6 TWO DIFFERENT RUTS. WE HAD ONE EARLIER
7 IN THE SEASON FROM THE FEW DEER THAT WERE
8 ABLE TO SWIM THE CHATAHOOCHEE. AND THE
9 OTHER ONE WAS IN THE EXTREME LATE SEASON
10 (INAUDIBLE) IN THE LATE FORTIES AND EARLY
11 FIFTIES FROM THE MOBILE DELTA. BUT OUR
12 SEASONS ARE NOT ETCHED IN GRANITE THAT IT
13 HAS TO BE THAT WAY EVERY YEAR. I JUST
14 WANT TO POINT THAT OUT.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
16 MR. COLES.

17 MR. PUGH: I THINK THAT IF YOU
18 LOOK AT WHAT THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
19 HAVE BEEN OVER THE PAST HOWEVER MANY
20 YEARS YOU WANT TO LOOK, YOU'LL SEE THAT
21 THOSE SEASONS ARE NOT ETCHED IN GRANITE.
22 AND THAT'S BEEN DRIVEN BY STAFF
23 RECOMMENDATIONS. AND REMEMBER THAT WE'VE

1 GOT A WHOLE LOT OF EMPLOYEES OUT THERE,
2 ON THE JOB, HUNDREDS OF THEM ALL OVER THE
3 STATE AND THEY SPEND A LOT OF TIME ALSO
4 LISTENING TO HUNTERS AND LANDOWNERS AND
5 THAT PUBLIC INPUT IS PART OF THE INPUT
6 THAT GOES TO THE STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS ON
7 SEASONS AND LIMITS.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.

9 DO WE HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS ON THAT?
10 MR. WILLIAM HOLMES FROM PERRY COUNTY.

11 MR. HOLMES: GOOD MORNING. MY
12 NAME IS WILLIAM HOLMES AND I'M FROM
13 MARION, WHICH IS IN PERRY COUNTY. I'M
14 HERE TODAY ON BEHALF OF THE CITIZENS OF
15 PERRY COUNTY HUNTERS AND LANDOWNERS TO
16 DISCUSS ANTLER RESTRICTIONS OR TO
17 IMPLEMENT SOME TYPE OF ANTLER RESTRICTION
18 IN PERRY COUNTY.

19 OVER THE PAST FOUR OR FIVE YEARS
20 I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH
21 LANDOWNERS, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL, ABOUT
22 THE PROBLEM OF TOO MANY SMALL BUCKS,
23 IMMATURE BUCKS, BEING KILLED. OVER THE

1 LAST FOUR YEARS, A GROUP FROM PERRY
2 COUNTY HAS TAKEN A PROACTIVE APPROACH TO
3 DO A STUDY OR A SURVEY IN ORDER TO GET A
4 BETTER IDEA OF IF AN ANTLER RESTRICTION
5 NEEDS TO BE IMPLEMENTED IN OUR COUNTY.

6 DURING THE DEER SEASON OF
7 2004-2005, A GROUP CIRCULATED A PETITION
8 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY. THIS PETITION
9 STATED THAT THE PEOPLE WHO SIGN THIS
10 PETITION REQUEST THAT A SIX POINT OR
11 BETTER AND A FIVE-DAY DOE SEASON BE
12 IMPLEMENTED. WE HAD THREE HUNDRED AND
13 TWENTY-SIX INDIVIDUALS, PLUS OR MINUS,
14 SIGN THIS PETITION.

15 THIS YEAR WE PROCEEDED WITH OUR
16 STUDY TO SEE IF THE PEOPLE OF PERRY
17 COUNTY, THE LANDOWNERS, AND THOSE THAT
18 HUNT THE COUNTY WERE STILL INTERESTED IN
19 IMPLEMENTING THE ANTLER RESTRICTION LAW.
20 THIS TIME WE RAN SEVERAL ARTICLES IN THE
21 PAPER. WE STATIONED THROUGHOUT THE
22 COUNTY SEVERAL VOTING PLACES. IN THIS
23 BALLOT, WE PUT ON IT IF YOU'RE AGAINST OR

1 FOR THE RESTRICTION. YOU VOTE WHAT YOU
2 WANT AND YOU PUT YOUR NAME ON IT. THE
3 VOTE WAS FOR THREE POINT OR BETTER ON ONE
4 SIDE. FROM THAT VOTE, WE RECEIVED TWO
5 HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIX, PLUS OR MINUS, IN
6 FAVOR; WHICH WERE EIGHTY-FIVE PERCENT OF
7 THE PEOPLE WHO VOTED. AND THIRTY-TWO
8 WERE NOT IN FAVOR OF, WHICH WAS ABOUT
9 FIFTEEN PERCENT THAT VOTED NO.

10 OUR PROBLEM IN PERRY COUNTY, IF
11 YOU RIDE THE ROADS AND LOOK IN THE BACK
12 OF TRUCKS. WE FEEL THAT FIFTEEN PERCENT
13 OF OUR HUNTERS ARE KILLING THE MAJORITY
14 OF THE DEER. AND UNFORTUNATELY, THAT
15 FIFTEEN PERCENT ARE THE ONES THAT ARE
16 AGAINST THE ANTLER RESTRICTION. PERRY
17 COUNTY USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE PLACE TO
18 GO IF YOU WANTED TO PURSUE BIG BUCKS.
19 AND WE WOULD LIKE TO RECREATE THAT
20 HUNTING ENVIRONMENT.

21 BY NO MEANS AM I HERE TO TELL YOU
22 HOW TO DO YOUR JOBS. Y'ALL ARE THE
23 EXPERTS. I'M NOT A BIOLOGIST, BUT WE'RE

1 HERE, AS A COUNTY, LANDOWNERS, AND
2 HUNTERS, ASKING FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND
3 SUPPORT IN WHAT WE NEED TO DO TO RETURN
4 PERRY COUNTY BACK TO ITS "GREATNESS", SO
5 TO SPEAK.

6 I KNOW BARBOUR COUNTY HAS AN
7 ANTLER RESTRICTION PROGRAM. AND AFTER A
8 BRIEF LOOK AT IT, WE SEEM INTERESTED IN
9 DOING SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THAT. AGAIN,
10 I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT WHAT Y'ALL SHOULD
11 DO. WE'RE HERE FOR SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE
12 AND Y'ALL TELL US WHAT WE NEED TO DO.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.
14 WHICH DISTRICT IS PERRY COUNTY IN?

15 MR. JOHNSON: SEVEN.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF YOU WOULD,
17 GET WITH THE REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE
18 ADVISORY BOARD FROM DISTRICT SEVEN. I
19 THINK YOU'LL FIND THEY ARE WILLING TO
20 LISTEN TO Y'ALLS SUGGESTIONS.

21 MR. HOLMES: THANK YOU.

22 MR. HATLEY: I'VE GOT A QUESTION.
23 HOW MANY HUNTERS DO YOU HAVE IN PERRY

1 COUNTY --

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: COULD YOU
3 ADDRESS THE MICROPHONE?

4 MR. HATLEY: I'M SORRY, HOW MANY
5 HUNTERS DO YOU HAVE IN PERRY COUNTY?

6 MR. HOLMES: I CAN'T GIVE YOU A
7 NUMBER ON HOW MANY HUNTERS WE HAVE.

8 MR. HATLEY: ESTIMATE IT.

9 MR. HOLMES: WE HAVE ELEVEN
10 THOUSAND PEOPLE IN THE COUNTY. SO, IT'S
11 A SMALL, SMALL COUNTY. I CAN'T GIVE YOU
12 AN ESTIMATE ON HOW MANY HUNTERS WE HAVE.

13 MR. HATLEY: YOU HAD THREE
14 HUNDRED PEOPLE THAT TOOK PART IN YOUR --

15 MR. HOLMES: THREE HUNDRED AND
16 SIXTY THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE ACTUAL
17 BALLOT PROCESS, AND TWO HUNDRED AND FORTY
18 THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE CIRCULATION OF
19 THE PETITION LAST YEAR.

20 MR. HATLEY: AND YOU HAVE STUDIED
21 THE BARBOUR COUNTY PROPOSAL?

22 MR. HOLMES: I'VE BRIEFLY LOOKED
23 AT THAT PROPOSAL. I HAVEN'T STUDIED IT;

1 NO, SIR.

2 MR. HATLEY: I WAS FIXIN' TO SAY,
3 WE HAVEN'T HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY IT
4 OURSELVES.

5 MR. HOLMES: THAT'S WHY I CAME
6 BEFORE Y'ALL TO GET A SUGGESTION AND
7 GUIDANCE ON WHAT WE SHOULD DO TO
8 (INAUDIBLE) OR WHATEVER YOU FEEL IS THE
9 BEST APPROACH TO TAKE.

10 MR. HATLEY: RIGHT, I THINK IT
11 WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING TO SEE WHAT THE
12 RESULTS ARE AFTER YOU MEET WITH YOUR
13 REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD.

14 MR. HOLMES: YES, SIR. THIS IS
15 SOMETHING THAT HAS TRANSPIRED OVER FOUR
16 OR FIVE YEARS, IT'S NOT SOMETHING THAT'S
17 JUST BEING SPRUNG ON THE PEOPLE THERE.
18 THERE HAS BEEN NOTICE. THERE WAS NOTICE
19 THAT YOU COULD PARTICIPATE IN THE
20 DIFFERENT VOTING, AND IT GAVE THE
21 LOCATIONS AND THE TIMES WHEN IT WOULD
22 START AND THE TIMES IT WOULD END.

23 I THINK IT'S AN ACCURATE AND FAIR

1 DEPICTION OF WHAT THE HUNTERS, LANDOWNERS
2 AND CITIZENS WANT. THESE WEREN'T JUST
3 HUNTERS, THESE ARE PEOPLE WHO, YOU KNOW,
4 HAVE LAND AND WHEN THEY LOOK IN THE
5 BACKYARD AND ARE NOT SEEING, YOU KNOW,
6 THE QUALITY OF DEER THEY ARE USED TO
7 SEEING IN THE PAST.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WE WOULD BE
9 INTERESTED TO SEE WHAT Y'ALL COME UP
10 WITH. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE
11 MR. TOM MORRISON FROM NORTHPORT, I
12 BELIEVE.

13 MR. MORRISON: I'M TOM MORRISON
14 FROM NORTHPORT, TUSCALOOSA COUNTY. AND I
15 WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. CHAIRMAN, AND THE
16 BOARD AND THE CONSERVATIONISTS FOR THE
17 GOOD JOB THEY DO. IT'S WEIRD THAT I'M
18 BEHIND THIS GUY. I WANT TO ASK THAT YOU
19 MAINTAIN THE CURRENT REGULATION ON THE
20 BOOKS THAT WE HAVE NOW THAT IS ABOVE THE
21 NATURAL HAIRLINE.

22 MY MAIN CONCERN IS THAT WE'RE
23 TAKING THE TROPHY HUNTING STUFF TO THE

1 EXTREME AND WE'RE TAKING PART OF THE FUN
2 AND THE KILLING OUT OF THE HUNTING FOR
3 THE LESS EXPERIENCED, OR THE YOUNGER
4 PEOPLE THAT HAVEN'T HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
5 TO GROW UP IT, LIKE I HAVE. I PERSONALLY
6 DON'T KILL SPIKES AND STUFF, BUT I DON'T
7 WANT YOU TO TAKE THAT OPPORTUNITY AWAY
8 FROM SOMEBODY ELSE INVOLVED IN THE SPORT
9 OR WENT TO A SPECIAL EFFORT TO MAKE THAT
10 THEIR OWN PERSONAL TROPHY.

11 ON THE PART OF MANAGING DEER, I'M
12 NOT A BIOLOGIST, OUR CLUB HAS BEEN IN
13 EXISTENCE SINCE 1961 AND WAS INVOLVED
14 WITH THE DEER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SEVERAL
15 YEARS AGO, EARLY ON IN IT. WE HAD FOUR
16 THOUSAND ACRES, A LITTLE OVER IT.
17 MR. COOK CAME IN LATER (INAUDIBLE). BUT
18 EVENTUALLY ABOUT FOUR THOUSAND ACRES -- A
19 BIOLOGIST CAME IN AND SAID KILL TWO
20 HUNDRED DEER, ANTLERLESS DEER, AND
21 (INAUDIBLE).

22 WE DID THAT FOR TWO OR THREE
23 YEARS AND WE ACHIEVED CLOSE TO NINETY

1 PERCENT OF THE THAT KILL, AND I'M KIND OF
2 RAMBLING, WE WENT FROM ALMOST A "NO RUT"
3 SITUATION TO, RIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS, IT
4 WAS DANGEROUS TO GET OUT OF THE TRUCK.

5

6 (LAUGHTER)

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8 MR. MORRISON: THEY WERE TEARING
9 UP ROAD SIGNS AND EVERYTHING. WE HAD A
10 DEFINITE RUT. NOW THE RUT IS STARTING TO
11 SPREAD OUT A LITTLE MORE AND IT'S NOT AS
12 DEFINED. LIKE I SAID, I'M NOT A
13 BIOLOGIST, BUT THESE PEOPLE -- IF WE'LL
14 LISTEN TO OUR BIOLOGISTS AND NOT TO OUR
15 EMOTIONS ON THIS, YOU CAN HAVE A DEFINED
16 RUT, IN MY OPINION, IF YOU LISTEN TO
17 THESE GUYS. YOU KILL THE DOES, AND IF
18 YOU CHOOSE TO LET THE BUCKS WALK, DO THAT
19 AS A CHOICE OF A COLLECTIVE GROUP. I
20 WOULD HATE FOR THE STATE TO GO AHEAD AND
21 MAKE IT TO WHERE I COULDN'T MAKE THE
22 CHOICE FOR MYSELF.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU

1 VERY MUCH MR. MORRISON. THE NEXT SPEAKER
2 WILL BE MR. CLAUDE AULTMAN FROM PERRY
3 COUNTY.

4 MR. AULTMAN: GOOD MORNING
5 COMMISSIONER AND BOARD. I'M BACK AGAIN
6 FOR ANOTHER YEAR. I CAME BEFORE YOU LAST
7 YEAR ABOUT A PROBLEM SITUATION. AND I
8 WANT PEOPLE HERE TO KNOW THAT I'M NOT
9 AGAINST DOG HUNTING, BUT I'M AGAINST SOME
10 DOG HUNTING GROUPS.

11 I REPORTED TO YOU LAST YEAR OF A
12 GOOD FRIEND BEING KILLED BY A DOG HUNTER.
13 THIS YEAR I HAD ONE SHOT, BUT NOT KILLED.
14 Y'ALL NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS
15 PROBLEM GROUP OF DOG HUNTERS LIKE THAT.
16 DON'T STOP DOG HUNTING JUST ON THE
17 ACCOUNT OF SOME LITTLE BITTY DOG HUNTERS.
18 (INAUDIBLE) AND WE'VE HAD -- EVERY YEAR
19 WE KEEP UP WITH THESE AND THE NEAR
20 MISSES, NEAR FATALITIES WE'VE HAD; SUCH
21 AS KIDS SITTING IN A LADDER STAND AND
22 PEOPLE SHOOTING AND HITTING THE LADDER
23 THE KID WAS IN. AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE

1 EVERY ONE OF Y'ALL DOWN THERE AND PUT YOU
2 THERE AND LET YOU HUNT. AND I DON'T
3 THINK YOU WOULD HUNT BUT ONE TIME, AND
4 THAT WOULD BE THE LAST, BECAUSE YOU WON'T
5 LIKE THE ENVIRONMENT.

6 AND THE REASON YOU DIDN'T GET ANY
7 CALLS THIS YEAR WAS THAT I DIDN'T CALL
8 MR. ANDRESS. WE JUST WENT ON AND DIDN'T
9 SAY NOTHING. JUST GO ON AND LET IT GO.

10 IT SEEMED LIKE MAYBE THINGS HAVE
11 GOTTEN JUST A LITTLE BIT BETTER, BUT THE
12 REASON THEY GOT BETTER WAS THE MAN ABOVE
13 HERE THAT BOUGHT THE LAND AND BOUGHT SOME
14 OF THE LAND (INAUDIBLE). THEY BOUGHT IT
15 AND HE ASSURED ME THERE WOULD BE NO DOG
16 HUNTING ON THAT. AND OF COURSE, YOU
17 KNOW, ACCORDING TO SOME OF THEM IN THERE
18 THAT I'M KINNED TO THAT'S IN THAT DOG
19 HUNTING CLUB, THEY DID RUN THEM ONE TIME,
20 BUT THEY HAD A FALLING OUT.

21 I WOULD LIKE TO SEE, WHEN YOU
22 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THAT, (INAUDIBLE) YOU
23 COULD GO ON AND SAY, NORTH OF THIS OR

1 SOUTH OF THIS, THIS IS THE PROBLEM AREA.
2 DON'T JUST SHUT IT DOWN ON ACCOUNT OF
3 SOME BAD APPLES.

4 I USED TO BE A DOG HUNTER, I'M
5 NOT ANYMORE. AND I'M NOT EVEN A STALK
6 HUNTER. I JUST -- I CARRY SOME KIDS.
7 AND THAT'S WHAT I'VE DONE FOR ABOUT TWO
8 YEARS NOW. I'VE ENJOYED IT. AND
9 WATCHING THEM, BUT I DON'T WANT ME TO
10 COME BACK HERE NEXT YEAR AND TELL YOU
11 THAT ONE OF THE HUNTERS' KIDS WERE SHOT,
12 OR THE WIFE. LIKE I SAID, I'VE TOLD YOU
13 BEFORE, THREE HOUSES SHOT, AND NOT
14 COUNTING THE WRECKS THAT'S HAPPENED ON
15 DIRT ROADS, (INAUDIBLE).

16 AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
17 GUYS IN THIS DOG HUNTING CLUB HERE TODAY
18 THAT KNOWS WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. AND
19 THEY ARE GOING TO BE, BELIEVE IT OR NOT,
20 BE ON MY SIDE. THEY KNOW WHAT I'M
21 TALKING ABOUT. THIS IS A BAD PROBLEM, A
22 GROUP. BECAUSE YOU NEED TO DO SOMETHING
23 BEFORE SOMEBODY ELSE GETS KILLED. IT'S

1 GOING TO HAPPEN. THAT'S ALL I CAN SAY.
2 THE OTHER ISSUE, WE OBEY THE
3 RULES YOU ALL HAVE SAID, QUIT FEEDING
4 THEM; (INAUDIBLE) SO MANY DAYS, IT WILL
5 BE GONE. WE OBEYED THAT, BUT WE HAVE A
6 LOT OF DEER. WE HAVE A LOT OF DEER. WE
7 WOULD QUIT FEEDING THEM AND DEER HUNTING
8 SEASON COMES, YOU'LL BE HARD PRESSED TO
9 FIND A TRACK. THAT'S NOT HUNTING, IF YOU
10 HUNT ON AN OPEN FIELD. FEED THE DEER; IS
11 THERE SOMEWHERE WE CAN FEED THEM? I'M
12 ASKING FOR A PERMIT TO FEED THE DEER.
13 HOW MANY CLUBS IN ALABAMA WOULD
14 BE WILLING TO PAY TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY
15 DOLLARS TO BUY A PERMIT. I WOULD BE
16 WILLING TO PAY IT AND THE MONEY GOES TO
17 THE STATE TO PAY FOR THE CATASTROPHES
18 LIKE WE JUST TALKED ABOUT. WHY NOT DO
19 THAT? I'VE BEEN A HUNTER AND ALL OF THEM
20 WOULD LOVE TO FEED, NOT HUNT OVER, BUT
21 JUST FEED. AND I BELIEVE THEY WOULD BE
22 WILLING TO DO THAT (INAUDIBLE) AND SEE
23 HOW IT WORKS OUT.

1 LIKE I SAID, I KNOW THE GAME
2 WARDEN THAT CATCHES THE MAN HUNTING OVER
3 IT, GIVE THEM THE FINE OF A THOUSAND
4 DOLLARS. THEY WILL WORK A LITTLE BIT
5 HARDER, BUT WE WOULD HAVE SOME RICH GAME
6 WARDENS. THAT'S ABOUT ALL I GOT TO SAY.
7 WE GOT DEER LIKE THAT. WE GOT DEER AND
8 THEY TAKE THEM AT NIGHT.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. AULTMAN,
10 HOW MANY -- JUST FOR A POINT OF
11 CLARIFICATION, WITH THE PROBLEMS BEING
12 CAUSED WITH THE HUNTING THAT YOU
13 DESCRIBED IN THE FIRST PART OF YOUR
14 SPEECH, HOW MANY TIMES HAS THERE BEEN
15 ANYTHING WRITTEN UP BY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR
16 GAME WARDEN BEEN CALLED?

17 MR. AULTMAN: I CALLED THEM A LOT
18 OF TIMES AND I DIDN'T GET TO TALK TO HIM,
19 BUT I TALKED TO SOME OF THEM OTHER BOYS.
20 I SAID, I GOT A BAD SITUATION. AND ONE
21 GUY CAME OVER AND HE WAS SHOOTING DOVES
22 OUT OF THE LIGHT WATER (INAUDIBLE). AND
23 I CALLED THE LAW OFFICER. YOU KNOW WHAT

1 HE TOLD ME? DON'T CALL ME, UNLESS ONES
2 DEAD IN THE ROAD; THAT'S HIS EXACT WORDS.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I BET
4 MR. ANDRESS WOULD BE INTERESTED IN
5 HEARING THAT. IF YOU WOULD GET WITH MR.
6 ANDRESS AFTER THE --

7 MR. AULTMAN: MR. ANDRESS HAS
8 BEEN TO MY HOUSE. THE GAME WARDEN IS A
9 GOOD FRIEND OF MINE, HE SURE IS. WHEN
10 THEY GIVE A TICKET. IT GOES DOWN THERE
11 AND THE JUDGE THROWS IT OUT. THAT'S
12 DISCOURAGING. YOU NEED TO HAVE TO GO TO
13 MONTGOMERY --

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF YOU WOULD,
15 GET WITH MR. ANDRESS, I'M SURE HE WILL
16 PROBABLY BE GLAD TO HELP WITH THE
17 SITUATION --

18 MR. AULTMAN: LIKE I SAID, THEY
19 HAVE COME OUT AND THEY CAN'T BABY-SIT
20 THIS AREA. THEY CAN'T BABY-SIT THIS
21 AREA. THEY WOULD BE THERE ALL THE TIME.
22 I'M TELLING YOU THE TRUTH. THERE WILL BE
23 SOMEBODY ELSE KILLED. AND REMEMBER, I

1 TOLD YOU. I'LL BE HERE AGAIN. AND I
2 HOPE NOBODY GETS KILLED, ESPECIALLY SOME
3 OF THESE KIDS.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
5 MR. AULTMAN. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS DAN
6 MORRISON FROM NORTHPORT, ALABAMA.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: HE LEFT.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. MORRISON
9 HAS LEFT? THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE
10 MICHAEL LANGSTON FROM FAYETTE COUNTY.

11 MR. LANGSTON: I'M MICHAEL
12 LANGSTON FROM FAYETTE COUNTY AND I AGREE
13 WITH WHAT THIS MAN JUST SAID. WE'RE
14 HAVING A LOT OF TROUBLE TOO. THE WAY
15 THAT I WORK, I LIKE TO HUNT EVERY
16 WEEKEND. AND IT'S GETTING TO WHERE I
17 CAN'T, BECAUSE I HAVE TO SPEND MORE TIME
18 RUNNING OFF DEER HUNTERS -- DOG HUNTERS.

19 IN MY OPINION, THEY HUNT THE DOGS
20 MORE THAN THEY HUNT THE DEER. THEY RUN
21 THEM ALL OVER YOUR LAND. AND YOU TRY TO
22 BE NICE. AND WE GO OUT THERE AND JUST
23 ASK THEM TO LEAVE, OR WE DON'T ALLOW

1 THAT, THAT IT'S JUST FOR FAMILY. BUT
2 THEY JUST KEEP COMING BACK. AND THERE'S
3 NOTHING YOU CAN DO ABOUT IT. YOU PUT UP
4 SIGNS AND THEY BLOW THEM OFF THE TREE.

5 THE KIDS CAN'T PLAY IN THE YARD.
6 I HAD ONE OF MY NEIGHBORS, I WENT BY TO
7 TALK TO HIM AND HE HAD A DOG KILLED BY A
8 DEER DOG HUNTER. AND WE KNOW THIS
9 BECAUSE I HEARD THE SHOT AND HE SAW THEM.
10 I'VE GOT A DOG MISSING NOW AND SOMETHING
11 NEEDS TO BE DONE.

12 IT'S JUST FAYETTE COUNTY, BECAUSE
13 I DON'T KNOW WHAT GOES ON IN THESE OTHER
14 COUNTIES, IT DON'T EVEN CONCERN ME
15 REALLY.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: HAVE YOU MET
17 WITH YOUR REPRESENTATIVE ON THE BOARD
18 FROM FAYETTE COUNTY?

19 MR. LANGSTON: NO.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WHO IS THE
21 REPRESENTATIVE OF FAYETTE COUNTY?

22 MR. HARBIN?

23 MR. HARBIN: TODAY IS THE FIRST

1 TIME I'VE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HEAR A
2 LOT OF THIS.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY. COULD
4 YOU GET WITH MR. HARBIN ABOUT THAT, THAT
5 WOULD BE GREAT. MR. HARBIN, IF YOU
6 WOULD, GET US A REPORT ON THAT FOR US TO
7 SEE AT THE NEXT BOARD MEETING. WE WOULD
8 LOVE TO KNOW ABOUT IT.

9 MR. LANGSTON: THERE'S A FELLOW
10 THAT SAID SOMETHING ABOUT ROAD HUNTING,
11 HUNTING FROM THE ROAD. THAT'S THE SPORT
12 WHERE I LIVE. AND IT SAYS RIGHT HERE IN
13 THIS BOOK THAT YOU CAN'T USE AN
14 AUTOMOBILE; THAT'S A JOKE. IT HAPPENS
15 EVERY WEEKEND.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. HARBIN,
17 IF YOU COULD GET WITH MR. LANGSTON, WE
18 WOULD APPRECIATE THAT?

19 MR. HARBIN: ANYTIME.

20 MR. LANGSTON: ONE MORE THING.
21 IF YOU HAD -- I FEEL LIKE IF YOU HAD
22 ENOUGH LAND, SAY A THOUSAND ACRES, IF YOU
23 WANT TO RUN DOGS AND YOU LEASE THAT LAND,

1 THAT'S FINE. I AIN'T GOT A PROBLEM WITH
2 IT. WHAT WE'VE GOT IS PEOPLE COMING IN
3 THERE IN THESE CLUBS, AND THEY MIGHT
4 LEASE FORTY ACRES HERE AND FORTY ACRES
5 THERE. AND THEY WILL GO DOWN THE ROAD IN
6 TRUCKS AND THROW THE DOGS OUT. THEY'LL
7 RUN OUT THERE. THEM DEER, THEY'RE GOING
8 TO TURN AND CROSS OUR PROPERTY. AND
9 GUESS WHERE THE DOGS GO? AND I MIGHT BE
10 IN THE STAND IN DAYLIGHT AND I'VE HAD
11 NINE DEER DOGS, ON DIFFERENT OCCASIONS,
12 IN MY CROSS HAIRS THIS YEAR; AND IT'S
13 HARD. I'VE PUT UP WITH IT FOR
14 THIRTY YEARS AND I'M SICK OF IT. THANK
15 YOU.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
17 MR. LANGSTON.

18 MR. TUCKER: AND I'M SICK OF IT
19 TOO.

20 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: YES. STEP UP
21 TO THAT MICROPHONE.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: AND WHO ARE
23 YOU, PLEASE SIR?

1 MR. TUCKER: WAYNE TUCKER.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: FROM WHAT
3 COUNTY?

4 MR. TUCKER: FAYETTE COUNTY.

5 LIKE MICHAEL SAYS ABOUT THE DOGS --

6 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: CAN'T HEAR YOU;
7 SORRY.

8 MR. TUCKER: -- THEY KEEP
9 ENCROACHING ON OUR PROPERTY. I'M A
10 LANDOWNER OF A HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES.
11 THEY KEEP ENCROACHING. THEY LET THEM OUT
12 AND THEY'LL RUN, AND THEY WILL
13 INTENTIONALLY LET THEM OUT ON PROPERTY
14 THEY KNOW IS NOT THEIR'S. AND I KNOW
15 THAT I'M LIABLE FOR THOSE DOGS ON MY
16 PROPERTY. IF THEY GET SHOT, FOR ANY
17 REASON, EVEN ACCIDENTALLY, THEY COULD
18 COME TO ME, CHARGE WE WITH A FELONY. AND
19 THAT WOULD BE DEVASTATING TO OUR FAMILY;
20 AND THAT COULD HAPPEN.

21 WHY SHOULD I BE LIABLE FOR
22 SOMEONE WHO INTENTIONALLY PUTS THEIR DOG
23 ON MY PROPERTY? I'M LIABLE FOR IT AND

1 COULD BE PUT IN JAIL FOR IT. AND THAT'S
2 NOT RIGHT. ALSO, BESIDES THAT, I BELIEVE
3 THAT IF WE HAD THE, NO HUNTING WITH
4 DOGS -- NO HUNTING DEER WITH DOGS IN OUR
5 COUNTY, FAYETTE COUNTY, LIKE THE OTHER
6 COUNTIES, IT WOULD ALSO INCREASE THE
7 TURKEY POPULATION.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
9 VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE
10 RANDY YEARGAN FROM CHILTON COUNTY.

11 MS. ROBIN NUMMY: WE GOT OFF
12 TRACK A LITTLE BIT. WE'RE GOING TO GET
13 BACK ON TRACK.

14 MR. YEARGAN: I'LL TRY HELP YOU
15 GET BACK ON TRACK AND BE BRIEF. MR.
16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE, COMMISSIONER, AND
17 BOARD, I APPRECIATE WHAT YOU DO. YOU
18 HAVE AN ARDUOUS TASK OVERSEEING ALL OF
19 THIS. WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK AND
20 ALL THAT YOU DO. AND THE ONLY THING I
21 WAS GOING TO ASK OF THE BOARD AND THE
22 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT AND THE
23 COMMISSIONER IS, WE WERE GOING TO ASK FOR

1 AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF DAYS FOR THE
2 YOUTH HUNT. AND I THINK THAT'S ALREADY
3 BEEN ADDRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, SO I'LL
4 LEAVE THAT UP TO Y'ALL AND THAT'S BEING
5 HANDLED.

6 THE ONLY OTHER THING THAT I WOULD
7 LIKE TO DO IS, AS ALWAYS, WE WERE OPPOSED
8 TO THE CROSSBOWS DEER ARCHERY SEASON AND
9 THE DRAWLOCK DEER ARCHERY SEASON. AND AS
10 AN ORGANIZATION, I WOULD LIKE TO STATE
11 FOR THE BOARD THAT WE ARE OPPOSED TO THE
12 DRAWLOCK IN ARCHERY SEASON, IN ALABAMA.

13 OTHER THAN THAT I WOULD JUST LIKE
14 TO SAY THAT I APPRECIATE -- I HAD ASKED,
15 AS WELL AS OTHERS, TO THE COMMISSIONER,
16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE, THAT WE HAVE AN
17 ORGANIZATION AS BOW HUNTERS IN ALABAMA.
18 AND WE ARE PROUD OF THE REPRESENTATION ON
19 THIS BOARD FROM BOW HUNTERS. AND I WOULD
20 LIKE TO COMMEND AND YOU. WE APPRECIATE
21 DR. STRICKLAND SERVING ON THIS BOARD AND
22 WE THANK YOU FOR THAT CONSIDERATION. AND
23 OTHER THAN THAT, THAT'S ALL I HAVE. WE

1 JUST APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK THAT
2 YOU DO.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
4 MR. YEARGAN. THAT WAS THE (INAUDIBLE)
5 DR. STRICKLAND. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL BE
6 MR. JOE BENSON FROM FRANKLIN COUNTY. AND
7 WE'RE GETTING TO THE "FOR" DOG DEER AND
8 "AGAINST" DOG DEER HUNTING, EVEN THOUGH
9 THERE IS SOME SWITCH UP TAKING PLACE.
10 THE LAST MEETING WE HAD THE OPPOSITION GO
11 FIRST AND THE "FOR" GO SECOND. THIS TIME
12 THE "FOR" GOES FIRST AND THE OTHERS,
13 SECOND. GO AHEAD.

14 MR. BENSON: COMMISSIONER,
15 MR. CHAIRMAN, GENTLEMEN OF THE ADVISORY
16 BOARD, I'M JOE BENSON FROM COLBERT COUNTY
17 AND I OWN LAND AND HUNT IN FRANKLIN
18 COUNTY. I CAN HUNT AT HOME, BUT I CAN'T
19 ON THE FARM. I'M HERE TODAY REPRESENTING
20 BEAR CREEK HUNTING CLUB, WHICH I'M ON THE
21 BOARD. AND WE HAVE WRITTEN A LETTER TO
22 COMMISSIONERS, BOARD MEMBERS, STATING
23 THAT WE WANT TO BE A PART OF THE DOG

1 PERMIT SYSTEM IN ALABAMA. THIS LETTER
2 SAYS, IN THE START OF 2005, THE BOARD OF
3 DIRECTORS OF THE BEAR CREEK HUNTING CLUB,
4 LOCATED IN FRANKLIN COUNTY, HAD A MEETING
5 WITH GEORGE HARBIN, WHICH IS OUR DISTRICT
6 REPRESENTATIVE, TO DISCUSS APPLYING FOR A
7 PERMIT TO HUNT DEER WITH DOGS ON OUR CLUB
8 LAND. MR. HARBIN TOLD US WE WOULD HAVE
9 TO CONTACT THE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS AND
10 GET A SIGNED STATEMENT WITH THEM, THAT
11 THEY DID NOT OPPOSE US HUNTING DEER WITH
12 DOGS.

13 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, WHICH I
14 AM A MEMBER OF, (INAUDIBLE) ONLY FOUR OUT
15 OF TWENTY-SIX LANDOWNERS WOULD NOT SIGN A
16 STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF US HUNTING WITH
17 DOGS. THAT'S FOUR OUT OF THE TWENTY-SIX
18 THAT WERE AGAINST THE DOG HUNTING -- THE
19 ADJOINING LANDOWNERS TO OUR CLUB. AND WE
20 HAVE APPROXIMATELY SIX THOUSAND ACRES,
21 MORE OR LESS, AND MUCH OF THIS IS
22 CONTIGUOUS.

23 AFTER WE MET WITH MR. HARBIN, HE

1 TOLD US HE WAS GOING TO GO BACK TO THE
2 BOARD AND COMMISSIONER. AND AS OF YET,
3 WE HAVE NOT HEARD BACK FROM HIM. I DON'T
4 KNOW WHAT THE REASONS ARE, BUT WE ARE
5 STILL WAITING FOR A REPLY FROM
6 MR. HARBIN.

7 MR. HARBIN: EXCUSE ME, A REPLY
8 TO WHAT; WHAT WAS I REPLY TO?

9 MR. BENSON: MR. HARBIN, THE WAY
10 I UNDERSTOOD IT, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO
11 REPLY BACK TO DON EZELL, WHICH IS THE
12 PRESIDENT OF OUR CLUB, WITH REGARDS TO
13 HUNTING WITH A PERMIT WITH DOGS IN
14 COVINGTON COUNTY AND OTHER COUNTIES IN
15 SOUTH ALABAMA.

16 MR. HARBIN: IF YOU REMEMBER
17 RIGHT, I BELIEVE MR. EZELL AND I TALKED
18 ABOUT THE PERMIT SYSTEM. AND IT'S JUST
19 NOT THE LANDOWNERS THAT YOU HAVE TO GET
20 WITH YOUR CLUB. THAT PUTS YOUR LAND IN
21 CONJUNCTION WITH YOUR CLUB, WE'VE GOT A
22 LANDOWNERS ORGANIZATION UP THERE. THESE
23 PEOPLE HAVE MADE -- THEY REPRESENT THE

1 COUNTY AS A WHOLE. AND NOT EVERY
2 INDIVIDUAL THAT'S AGAINST DOG HUNTING HAS
3 BEEN AT THIS MEETING, BUT THEY'VE LET
4 THESE PEOPLE SPEAK FOR THEM.

5 IF YOU REMEMBER RIGHT, I BELIEVE
6 THERE IS ONE SPECIFIC LANDOWNER UP THERE
7 THAT JOINS YOUR LAND AND WANTED TO KNOW
8 IF YOU HAD SIX THOUSAND ACRES, WHY WAS IT
9 SO HARD TO KEEP DOGS OFF THIS ONE PARCEL
10 OF LAND? HIS ANSWER WAS, HE SAT TO THE
11 MAN NEXT TO CHURCH AND DIDN'T SPEAK TO
12 HIM.

13 IF YOU DON'T TALK, YOU'RE NOT
14 GOING TO SETTLE. AS FAR AS THE MEETING
15 WITH MR. EZELL, I THINK THAT WAS A VERY
16 PRODUCTIVE MEETING. THE BLAME WAS PUT IN
17 THE SAME OLD CATEGORIES IT'S ALWAYS BEEN
18 IN. AND IF MR. EZELL WANTS TO MEET
19 AGAIN, THAT'S FINE. BUT I BELIEVE THE
20 COMMISSIONER HAS LAID OUT FOR YOU THE
21 STEPS TO TAKE TO GET A PERMIT SYSTEM.
22 AND THE FIRST THING IS THAT THE NEIGHBORS
23 HAVE TO BE ABLE TO TALK. AND I FOUND

1 THIS JUST WASN'T HAPPENING IN FRANKLIN
2 COUNTY.

3 MR. BENSON: I HAVE MET WITH
4 MR. MOULTRIE AND MR. LAWLEY ON TALKING
5 ABOUT THE PERMIT SYSTEM. AND WE WERE
6 UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT IF WE WENT BY
7 THE GUIDELINES SET UP BY THE STATE
8 CONSERVATION ADVISORY BOARD, WE COULD BE
9 ELIGIBLE FOR A PERMIT. AND WE'VE BEEN IN
10 CONTACT WITH TOMMY SANDERS, WHICH WAS THE
11 PRESIDENT OF THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF THE DOG
12 HUNTER ASSOCIATION, AND WE'VE COMPLIED
13 WITH EVERY STIPULATION THAT'S BEEN PUT ON
14 US, AS FAR AS GETTING THE LANDOWNERS TO
15 SIGN, WHETHER THEY AGREED OR DISAGREED
16 WITH THE DOG HUNTING. AND I'VE GOT THE
17 LETTERS BACK HERE IN A FOLDER SHOWING THE
18 PEOPLE THAT DID AGREE AND DID NOT AGREE.

19 THE PARTICULAR INDIVIDUAL YOU'RE
20 TALKING ABOUT, HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE AND
21 HE SIGNED ONE OF THESE STATEMENTS. HE
22 DISAGREED WITH IT, AND THAT'S HIS
23 PRIVILEGE. AND WE'VE DONE EVERYTHING WE

1 CAN DO TO GET A PERMIT. AND I DON'T -- I
2 DON'T KNOW WHERE ELSE TO GO TO EXCEPT
3 HERE, TO THE ADVISORY BOARD. AND IF
4 THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE WE CAN DO, WE'RE
5 READY TO DO IT, BECAUSE WE WANT TO HUNT
6 THE DOGS DOWN THERE.

7 WE FEEL LIKE WE SHOULD BE TREATED
8 THE SAME AS EVERYONE ELSE AND BE GIVEN
9 THE OPPORTUNITY TO HUNT UNDER A PERMIT
10 SYSTEM AND IF IT DON'T WORK OUT, YOU CAN
11 DO AWAY WITH IT. WE HAVEN'T HAD THE
12 OPPORTUNITY. IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS NOW
13 THAT WE HAVEN'T HUNTED THE DOGS SINCE YOU
14 DID AWAY WITH IT IN COLBERT, AND LAMAR
15 COUNTY. AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING ELSE WE
16 CAN DO, WE STAND READY TO DO IT, BECAUSE
17 MY CLUB IS WANTING TO HUNT THE DOGS.

18 IT HAS REALLY AFFECTED OUR
19 MEMBERSHIP. WE LOST EIGHTEEN MEMBERS
20 LAST YEAR. MOST OF OUR MEMBERS ARE DOG
21 HUNTERS ALL THEIR LIFE AND ON UP IN AGE.
22 AND THEY DON'T HUNT ANYMORE. THEY GAVE
23 UP AFTER YOU TOOK THE DOGS.

1 MR. HARBIN: WHO HAVE YOU BEEN IN
2 CONTACT WITH ABOUT THIS? BECAUSE I
3 HAVEN'T HEARD A WORD ABOUT ANY OF IT.

4 MR. BENSON: WELL, MR. HARBIN,
5 RIGHT HERE I'VE GOT THE NAMES OF THE
6 PEOPLE THAT MET WITH YOU. WE DISCUSSED
7 IT EXTENSIVELY. WE'RE RIGHT, YOU KNOW,
8 TO THE POINT WHERE, FROM WHAT I CAN
9 UNDERSTAND, YOU NEED TO TAKE THE
10 INITIATIVE TO GET US A PERMIT.

11 MR. HARBIN: THE BIGGEST ISSUE IS
12 GETTING ALONG WITH THE LANDOWNERS. THE
13 PERMIT SYSTEM IS SET UP ON YOUR
14 AGREEMENT. YOU HAVE TO REACH AN
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE PEOPLE THAT OPPOSE YOU
16 AND WORK OUT SOME KIND OF AGREEMENT. WE
17 CAN'T JUST WRITE YOU ONE.

18 MR. BENSON: SIR, JUST TELL US
19 THE GUIDELINES WE NEED TO FOLLOW AND WE
20 WOULD BE MORE THAN WILLING TO DO THAT.
21 AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, WE'VE DONE
22 EVERYTHING WE'VE BEEN ASKED TO DO.

23 MR. HARBIN: WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO

1 OVER YOUR --

2 COMMISSIONER LAWLEY: I THINK
3 WHEN WE INITIALLY MET, IT WAS A PROBLEM
4 WITH THE LANDOWNERS AND WORKING SOMETHING
5 OUT WITH THE LANDOWNERS THAT WOULD BE
6 SUITABLE. IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME GIVE
7 AND TAKE. WHERE WE FOUND IT WORKS THE
8 BEST IS WHEN THE DOG HUNTING CLUBS COMES
9 TO THE BOARD ON A SYSTEM THEY HAVE WORKED
10 OUT AND COMMITTED TO, NOT THAT THE BOARD
11 OR WILDLIFE BOARD OF FISHERIES, TELLS YOU
12 WHAT YOU HAVE TO DO TO FIT WITHIN THE
13 GUIDLINES. I PERSONALLY DON'T KNOW THAT
14 IT WILL EVER WORK LIKE THAT.

15 WE HAVE TWO COUNTIES, AS AN
16 EXAMPLE, WHERE THE PERMIT SYSTEM WAS
17 VOTED ON BY THIS ADVISORY BOARD AND NOT
18 AN AGREEMENT THAT WAS WORKED OUT BETWEEN
19 THE LANDOWNERS AND DEER DOG HUNTING
20 CLUBS. IT'S NOT WORKING NEARLY AS WELL
21 AS IT IS IF YOU GO AND MAKE A COMMITMENT
22 TO THE LANDOWNERS THAT ARE AROUND YOU
23 THAT ARE OPPOSING THIS, AND THEY SEE YOU

1 ARE SINCERE IN WHAT YOU'RE DOING. YOU'RE
2 GOING TO TRY TO HONOR YOUR WORD AND YOUR
3 COMMITMENT MUCH MORE THAN YOU WOULD US
4 PASSING A REGULATION REQUIRING YOU TO
5 WHETHER YOU AGREE WITH IT OR DISAGREE
6 WITH IT. I THINK THAT'S WHAT GEORGE IS
7 TRYING TO SAY; IT'S BASICALLY PEOPLE
8 WORKING TOGETHER.

9 CERTAINLY LANDOWNERS, IF THEY HAD
10 ALLOWED YOU IN THESE COUNTIES TO VOTE AND
11 NOT DISAGREE (INAUDIBLE) UNDER THE PERMIT
12 SYSTEM, THEN THERE SHOULD BE RESTRICTIONS
13 THAT PROTECT THEM FROM THE COMPLAINTS
14 THEY HAD, OR THE REASON IT WAS CLOSED TO
15 START WITH. AND Y'ALL CAN DO THAT, BUT
16 THAT'S THE POINT. YOU KNOW THIS HAS
17 EVOLVED, AND WE'VE LEARNED. AND WE'VE
18 HAD THESE PERMITS THAT HAVE COME, AND
19 LOUIS COLES WORKED DILIGENTLY IN SOUTH
20 ALABAMA FOR PERMITS BETWEEN THOSE
21 LANDOWNERS AND THOSE DOG HUNTING CLUBS.

22 THAT'S WHERE IT HAS TO START.
23 AND IF THERE'S ANY WAY THAT THIS

1 DEPARTMENT AND THESE BOARD MEMBERS ON
2 THIS ADVISORY BOARD CAN HELP YOU IN
3 INITIATING THAT, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO DO
4 IT. WE DO NOT -- WE WANT TO SEE -- WE
5 WANT PEOPLE TO HUNT ANY WAY THEY WANT TO
6 HUNT, AS LONG AS THEY DON'T ABUSE OTHER
7 PEOPLE'S PRIVILEGES OR TAKE THOSE
8 PRIVILEGES AWAY. BASICALLY, IT'S HUMAN
9 NATURE. IT BOILS DOWN TO GETTING ALONG
10 WITH YOUR NEIGHBOR.

11 MR. BENSON: YES, SIR. I CAN
12 UNDERSTAND.

13 MR. HARBIN: EXCUSE ME.
14 COMMISSIONER, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE ONE
15 MORE COMMENT PLEASE. I BELIEVE THERE WAS
16 THIRTY-ONE INCIDENCES REPORTED IN THE
17 SUPERVISOR'S REPORT. OUT OF THOSE
18 THIRTY-ONE REPORTS HE TURNED IN, SEVEN OF
19 THEM CAME FROM BEAR CREEK. AND YOU HAVE
20 A BAIL, SO HOW DID YOU END UP ON THIS,
21 CONCERNING DOLLARS. I'M NOT TALKING
22 ABOUT EVERYTHING ELSE.

23 MR. BENSON: I CAN'T ANSWER, YOU

1 KNOW, A SPECIFIC COMPLAINT, BECAUSE I
2 DON'T KNOW WHO MADE IT OR WHO IT WAS MADE
3 ON; IT COULD BE BOGUS.

4 MR. HARBIN: I TOOK THE
5 SUPERVISOR REPORT AND READ FROM IT.

6 MR. BENSON: I DON'T KNOW, I
7 REALLY DON'T.

8 MR. HARBIN: THAT'S THE PROBLEM.
9 IT SEEMS TO BE THAT THERE'S TWO SPECIFIC
10 CLUBS THAT HAS THE MOST COMPLAINTS
11 AGAINST THEM, THAT WAS MY POINT.

12 MR. BENSON: YES, SIR. I'M AWARE
13 THERE'S BEEN SOME COMPLAINTS, AND SOME OF
14 THEM ARE PROBABLY LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS,
15 BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY ARE. WHERE I
16 STAND BEFORE YOU NOW, WE'VE DONE
17 EVERYTHING WE KNOW TO DO. AND GOING AND
18 SITTING DOWN TO THE LANDOWNERS AND MAKING
19 LAW --

20 MR. HARBIN: WE'RE NOT MAKING
21 LAW --

22 MR. BENSON: IF WE'RE GOING TO
23 SIT THERE AND SAY YOU WANT US TO DO THIS,

1 WE CAN HANDLE THAT. IS IT GOING TO BE
2 LEGAL? HOW IS THAT GOING TO BE
3 ENFORCEABLE?

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. BENSON,
5 LET ME INTERRUPT HERE AND SAY THAT PER
6 WHAT THE COMMISSIONER ASKED FOR, AND WHAT
7 THE BOARD IN THE PAST HAS ASKED FOR, I
8 BELIEVE IT WOULD BE A SHOW OF GOODWILL IF
9 YOU COULD GET THE ADJOINING LANDOWNERS
10 ALL TOGETHER AND BRING THE PROBLEM FROM
11 THE AREA AND COME AGAIN TO THE BOARD, OR
12 TO THE COMMISSIONER, OR MR. HARBIN TO
13 PRESENT THAT ONE MORE TIME TO MAKE SURE
14 -- AND I THINK IN SUCH A STATE, JUST
15 BETWEEN THE CONVERSATION YOU AND
16 MR. HARBIN HAS HAD HERE, THE BOARD HAS
17 SEEN THAT THERE'S DIFFICULTIES BETWEEN
18 LANDOWNERS AND DOG HUNTING GROUPS. IT
19 WOULD BE MY SUGGESTION IN TRYING TO
20 EXPEDITE THIS PATH AND HELP Y'ALL, IF YOU
21 COULD GET TO THE LANDOWNERS AND SHOW
22 GOODWILL, THAT WOULD SPEAK VOLUMES FOR
23 YOUR GROUP.

1 MR. BENSON: YES, SIR. YOU TELL
2 US WHO TO MEET WITH, AND WHEN TO MEET,
3 AND SET US UP SOME GUIDELINES, AND LET US
4 KNOW WHAT ALL WE NEED TO DO. THAT'S WHY
5 WE WENT TO THE LANDOWNERS AND ASKED THEM,
6 WOULD YOU OPPOSE THIS? SOME OF THEM DID,
7 AND SOME OF THEM DIDN'T. AND I'M NOT
8 GOING TO SIT HERE AND TELL YOU THAT WE
9 HAVEN'T HAD ANY PROBLEMS. I'M SURE
10 YOU'VE HEARD HORROR STORIES AND
11 EVERYTHING FROM BOGUS COMPLAINTS TO MAYBE
12 SOME LEGITIMATE COMPLAINTS. BUT, YOU
13 KNOW, WE'RE JUST -- WE DON'T REALLY KNOW
14 WHAT TO DO. THAT'S THE REASON I'M COMING
15 HERE TO YOU. AND NOW YOU'RE TELLING US
16 WE'VE GOT TO GO BACK TO THE LANDOWNERS --

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WHAT
18 PERCENTAGE OF THE LANDOWNERS HAVE Y'ALL
19 MET WITH AROUND YOUR CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY?

20 MR. BENSON: WE TRIED TO CONTACT
21 EVERYONE THAT HAD LAND, THAT OWNED LAND,
22 THAT JOINED THIS PROPERTY.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: WHAT

1 PERCENTAGE OF LANDOWNERS HAVE YOU MET
2 WITH?

3 MR. BENSON: I'M NOT SURE I
4 UNDERSTAND YOUR QUESTION.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OF THE PEOPLE
6 THAT BORDER YOUR PROPERTY, WHAT
7 PERCENTAGE OF THE PEOPLE YOU HAVE YOU MET
8 WITH?

9 MR. BENSON: WE TRIED TO MEET
10 WITH ALL OF THEM, BUT THERE'S SOME
11 LANDOWNERS THAT DON'T LIVE THERE ON THE
12 PROPERTY.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I WOULD SAY,
14 SO IT CAN BE IN A DEFINITIVE ROLE, IF
15 ANYBODY ON THE BOARD HAS ANY FEELINGS,
16 PLEASE SPEAK UP. GO BACK AND DOCUMENT
17 THAT AND SAY OKAY WE HAVE MET WITH 89.6
18 PERCENT OF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS. AND
19 HAVE THAT INFORMATION THERE IN REGIMENTED
20 FORM WHERE THE BOARD CAN SEE THAT,
21 BECAUSE APPARENTLY, AND IT'S APPARENT
22 THAT THERE IS PROBLEMS BETWEEN THE
23 LANDOWNERS AND THE CLUB, THAT WOULD BE AN

1 EXPEDITIOUS WAY TO FOLLOW THE PROCEDURE.
2 DOES ANYBODY ON THE BOARD HAVE ANY
3 DIFFERENT SUGGESTIONS?

4 MR. HARBIN: THE ONLY SUGGESTION
5 I HAVE ON IT IS THAT THERE'S A GROUP HERE
6 CALLED THE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION. AND
7 THEY HAVE A MEETING. AND THEY REPRESENT
8 THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. THAT WOULD BE A
9 GOOD STARTING POINT.

10 MR. BENSON: CAN I ADDRESS THAT?

11 MR. HARBIN: IN YOUR AREA OR NOT
12 IN YOUR AREA, THEY REPRESENT THAT COUNTY.

13 MR. BENSON: I DON'T KNOW WHO THE
14 LANDOWNERS, WHO THEY ARE. I NEED NAMES,
15 TELEPHONES NUMBERS WHERE I CAN CALL AND
16 WE CAN CONTACT THEM. BUT I SEE NO REASON
17 FOR US TO MEET WITH A PERSON ON THE EAST
18 END OF THE COUNTY WHO DON'T EVEN KNOW WHO
19 WE ARE, TRYING TO DICTATE WHAT WE DO ON
20 THE WEST END.

21 MR. HARBIN: THE EAST END IS NOT
22 DICTATING TO YOU HOW YOU RUN -- THE EAST,
23 WEST, ALL PORTIONS OF THE THAT COUNTY ARE

1 REPRESENTED. THAT'S THE ONES YOU NEED TO
2 TALK TO.

3 MR. BENSON: MR. HARBIN I'LL TALK
4 TO THEM AT ANY TIME --

5 MR. HARBIN: (INAUDIBLE).

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. HARBIN,
7 IN THE SPIRIT OF US MOVING FORWARD WITH
8 THE MEETING, AND WE CAN TELL THERE'S SOME
9 DISCREPANCIES, MR. HARBIN, WOULD YOU MEET
10 WITH THEM DIRECTLY AFTER THE MEETING AND
11 HELP THEM TO OBTAIN THAT MEETING. AND AT
12 THE NEXT MEETING WE LOOK FORWARD TO A
13 REPORT ON THAT.

14 WE'VE GOT A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE
15 WHO NEED THE FLOOR AND WE'VE ALLOWED YOU
16 MORE THAN THE AMPLE TIME, AND I'M NOT
17 TRYING TO CUT YOU SHORT, IF ANYTHING, WE
18 GAVE YOU MORE THAN -- THIS IS NOT GOING
19 TO BE SETTLED TODAY WHILE YOU'RE AT THE
20 MICROPHONE AND US AT THE TABLE. IF YOU
21 THE GO AND GET WITH MR. HARBIN, WE CAN
22 BRING THIS BEFORE THE BOARD AT THE NEXT
23 MEETING.

1 MR. COLES: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE
2 A COMMENT. YOU CAN GO TO THE COURTHOUSE
3 OR THE FARM SERVICE AGENCY AND YOU CAN
4 SEE THEY'LL GIVE YOU THE NAMES AND
5 ADDRESSES OF THE ADJACENT LANDOWNERS TO
6 YOUR PROPERTY AND YOU'LL HAVE THAT.

7 MR. BENSON: WHAT WAS THE NAME OF
8 THAT AGENCY AGAIN?

9 MR. COLES: FARM SERVICE AGENCY,
10 THE USDA'S OFFICE, OR YOU CAN GO TO THE
11 TAX ASSESSOR OR REVENUE OFFICE IN THE
12 COUNTY AND THEY'LL BE HAPPY TO HELP YOU
13 WITH THE NAMES OF YOUR LANDOWNERS.

14 MR. BENSON: I SEE. NOW
15 THERE'S --

16 MR. HARBIN: EXCUSE ME MR. COLES,
17 WE WERE NOT DISCUSSING THE ADJACENT
18 LANDOWNERS, WE WERE TALKING ABOUT THE
19 COUNTY AS A WHOLE, NOT THE NEXT-DOOR
20 NEIGHBORS.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I UNDERSTAND
22 THE LANDOWNER COMMITTEE TOO. BUT I THINK
23 IT'S IMPORTANT FOR THEIR CLUB TO TALK TO

1 THE CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNERS, BECAUSE I
2 BELIEVE THAT WILL GIVE A TRUE
3 REPRESENTATION TO WHAT THE ATTITUDE IS
4 AROUND THE CLUB. THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO
5 SEE YOU DO BOTH. MEET WITH THE
6 MR. HARBIN'S GROUP AND THEN WITH THE
7 CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNERS.

8 MR. BENSON: I WILL MEET WITH
9 CONTIGUOUS LANDOWNERS.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: AND
11 MR. HARBIN'S GROUP.

12 MR. BENSON: AND MR. HARBIN'S
13 GROUP.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: RIGHT.

15 MR. BENSON: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.

17 MR. DON KNIGHT IS THE NEXT SPEAKER.

18 MR. KNIGHT: I LIVE IN CALHOUN
19 COUNTY. I'M THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE
20 DOG HUNTERS ASSOCIATION AND ALSO
21 PRESIDENT OF THE 00 BUCK CLUB IN MARSHALL
22 COUNTY. THE FIRST THING I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ASK FOR IS A CONCENTRATED EFFORT FROM THE

1 STATE AND FROM THE DOG HUNTERS
2 ASSOCIATION TO TRY AND GET A PERMIT
3 SYSTEM IN LAMAR, FRANKLIN, AND PERRY
4 COUNTY. YOU CAN SAY WHAT YOU WANT TO
5 ABOUT (INAUDIBLE). WE KEEP HEARING ABOUT
6 THE LAND COMPANY THAT'S REPRESENTING
7 THOSE WHOLE COUNTIES AND WE'VE GOT TO GO
8 SEE THEM.

9 WE REPRESENT THE WHOLE COUNTY AS
10 DOG HUNTERS, THEY DIDN'T COME TO SEE US.
11 WE NEED TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER TO WORK
12 SOMETHING OUT LIKE THIS. IT'S NOT GOING
13 TO WORK IF THEY'VE GOT DOMINANCE OVER OUR
14 DOG HUNTERS IN THESE COUNTIES. WE NEED
15 TO HAVE AN EVEN KEEL FROM THE DOG HUNTERS
16 ASSOCIATION AND THE LANDOWNERS
17 ASSOCIATION. WE WOULD BE GOOD TO SIT
18 DOWN WITH THEM AT ANY TIME TO ASSESS, AS
19 FAR AS EACH -- ALL OVER THE COUNTY,
20 THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. WE KNOW
21 THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN. IT'S A MOOT
22 POINT TO EVEN GO TO.

23 WE WOULD BE GLAD TO TRY TO WORK

1 WITH LANDOWNERS AND WHERE THEY'RE
2 AFFECTED, AND MAKE THIS THING WORK. THE
3 DOG HUNTERS ASSOCIATION IS ALWAYS BEHIND
4 THE ETHICAL HUNTER IN THE THESE COUNTIES.
5 MARION, FRANKLIN, AND LAMAR NEED SOME
6 HELP. YOU'RE LOSING HUNTERS AND
7 ECONOMICS IN THESE COUNTIES, AS YOU HEARD
8 PREVIOUSLY. WE NEED TO WORK THIS OUT.

9 IT'S BEEN BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION
10 THAT I DIDN'T GO TO MEETINGS OR ANYTHING
11 UP THERE. LET ME ASSURE YOU, I HAVE
12 SPENT MANY HOURS IN LAMAR COUNTY,
13 FRANKLIN COUNTY, AND MARION COUNTY,
14 MEETING WITH PEOPLE AND TRYING TO GET
15 THIS THING STRAIGHTENED OUT. WE WOULD
16 LIKE TO HAVE A CONCENTRATED EFFORT FROM
17 THE BOARD THAT THEY WILL WORK WITH US.
18 AND WE WILL DO WHAT WE CAN TO GET THOSE
19 AREAS IN A PERMIT SYSTEM.

20 I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
21 OPPORTUNITY THIS MORNING TO TELL A LITTLE
22 STORY. IT'S VERY PLEASANT TO HAVE A GOOD
23 STORY EVERY NOW AND THEN THAT HAS TO DO

1 WITH DOG HUNTING. AND THIS CAME OUT OF
2 OPP, ALABAMA. THEIR DOG HUNTING CLUB HAS
3 A LAND HUNTING CLUB RIGHT NEXT TO THEM.
4 AND DON'T HOLD ME ON THE ACCURACY,
5 BECAUSE I'M DOING THIS FROM MEMORY. BUT
6 I THINK THEY HAD ABOUT EIGHT HUNDRED
7 ACRES, AND THEY WEREN'T SEEING ANY DEER.
8 AND THEY FINALLY REALIZED THAT THE ONLY
9 DEER THEY WERE SEEING WAS IN FRONT OF THE
10 MR. DAVIS'S DOGS. SO, THEY FINALLY ASKED
11 THEM IF THEY WOULD COME OVER AND RUN
12 THEIR DOGS ON THEIR PROPERTY. THIS WAS
13 THE FIRST YEAR THEY WERE ON THE PROPERTY.
14 THEY WANTED TO SEE IF THERE WAS ANY DEER
15 ON THE PROPERTY. THEY WERE NOT SEEING
16 ANY DEER.

17 THEY OBLIGED THEM AND CARRIED THE
18 DOGS OVER THERE, CIRCLED THE LAND, TURNED
19 THE DOGS LOSE, AND I THINK IT WAS
20 SOMETHING LIKE FIFTY SHOTS FIRED. THERE
21 WERE TWELVE OR FIFTEEN DEER KILLED. AND
22 THESE PEOPLE WERE AMAZED THAT THEY DID
23 HAVE DEER.

1 IT DOES MAKE A DIFFERENT WHEN YOU
2 MAKE THESE DEER MOVE. SINCE THEN, THEY
3 HAVE WORKED TOGETHER. THEY ARE HUNTING
4 BOTH PROPERTIES TOGETHER. AND THEY ARE
5 STILL HUNTING AND DOG HUNTING AND HAVING
6 A GREAT TIME WITH IT. THIS IS A SUCCESS
7 STORY WHERE BOTH SIDES KNOW THERE IS A
8 NEED AND TRIES TO FILL IT.

9 I HEARD A GENTLEMEN TALK ABOUT
10 HORROR STORIES, AND HE SAID THEY WERE DOG
11 HUNTERS. THOSE ARE NOT DOG HUNTERS,
12 THOSE ARE RENEGADE HUNTERS, THEY JUST
13 HAPPEN TO DO SOMETHING WITH DOGS. WE
14 WANT THOSE OFF THE STREETS. WE WANT THEM
15 PROSECUTED. WE WILL WORK WITH THE LAW
16 ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND DO WHATEVER IT
17 TAKES TO GET THOSE PEOPLE OUT OF HUNTING;
18 NOT JUST DOG HUNTING, OUT OF HUNTING.

19 LET ME TELL YOU SOMETHING, WHEN
20 THESE ROGUE HUNTERS RUN UP AND DOWN OUT
21 OF THE ROADS SHOOTING IN THESE WOODS, OUR
22 DEER ARE SOMETIMES FIFTY YARDS OFF THE
23 ROAD AND ARE BEING SHOT AT. WE DON'T

1 WANT THOSE PROBLEMS. WE WANT TO DO WHAT
2 WE CAN TO PUT THOSE PEOPLE IN JAIL.

3 WE HAVE TO HAVE SOMEBODY ON OUR
4 PROPERTY TO GO BEHIND THESE PEOPLE TO
5 MAKE SURE THEY DON'T HUNT. THEY DON'T
6 GET TO HUNT THAT DAY THAT THEY ARE
7 ASSIGNED TO MAKE SURE THE ROAD HUNTERS
8 AREN'T COMING TO OUR PROPERTY. WE HAVE
9 TO KEEP THEM OFF TOO. JUST BECAUSE THEY
10 HAVE A DOG BOX ON THE BACK OF THE TRUCK
11 IN A LOCK CASE, DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE
12 RENEGADE. THAT'S WHERE THEY HIDE THE
13 DEER AT AFTER THEY SHOOT AND KILL THEM.

14 BE A LITTLE BIT WARY WHEN YOU SAY
15 A DOG DEER HUNTER IS DOING THIS. A
16 RENEGADE HUNTER MAY BE DOING IT. AND IF
17 DOG HUNTING WAS DONE AWAY WITH IN THE
18 WHOLE STATE, IT'S NOT GOING TO CHANGE
19 ANYTHING.

20 LET'S WORK TOWARD PROSECUTING THE
21 ILLEGALS. WE'LL HELP YOU ANY WAY WE CAN.
22 I THINK ALLAN KNOWS THIS. WE WILL DO
23 WHATEVER WE CAN, BECAUSE WE WANT TO

1 CONTINUE OUR METHOD OF HUNTING. ANY
2 QUESTIONS ABOUT DOG HUNTING? I THOUGHT
3 WE HAD A GREAT YEAR, FROM WHAT I
4 UNDERSTOOD. IT'S WONDERFUL TO HEAR HOW
5 THE PERMIT SYSTEM IS WORKING AND CAPABLE
6 OF WORKING. WE JUST NEED TO PUT IT IN
7 THE AREAS WHERE WE'RE HAVING PROBLEMS.

8 MR. HARBIN: HOW MANY DO YOU
9 REPRESENT IN MARION COUNTY IN YOUR DOG
10 ASSOCIATION?

11 MR. KNIGHT: WE PROBABLY GOT --
12 WELL, RIGHT NOW OF COURSE, THE
13 MEMBERSHIP'S DOWN BECAUSE WE DID AWAY
14 WITH THE DOG HUNTING. BEFORE, WE
15 PROBABLY HAD EIGHT HUNDRED MEMBERS UP
16 THERE.

17 MR. HARBIN: WELL, THE REASON I
18 ASKED, THIS GENTLEMEN (INAUDIBLE), WE HAD
19 OUR MEETING AND HE BROUGHT UP THE FACT
20 THAT THEY DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY TO
21 REPRESENT THEM. AND I MENTIONED YOU TO
22 HIM, THAT YOU REPRESENTED FRANKLIN
23 COUNTY. AND I FIND OUT THEY DIDN'T

1 BELONG TO THE ALABAMA DOG ASSOCIATION.
2 SO, ARE YOU SAYING THAT ALL CLUBS LIKE
3 THAT ARE THE ONES CAUSING TROUBLE?

4 MR. KNIGHT: NO, I WOULDN'T SAY
5 THAT AT ALL. JUST BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT
6 IN THE ALABAMA DOG HUNTERS ASSOCIATION,
7 DOES NOT MEAN THEY ARE CAUSING TROUBLE.
8 I THINK WE HAVE A LOT OF MEMBERS OUT OF
9 BEAR CREEK.

10 MR. HARBIN: I WAS GOING BY
11 MR. EZELL. THEY LET ME KNOW RIGHT QUICK
12 THEN DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE
13 ALABAMA DOG HUNTERS ASSOCIATION. I
14 WONDERED WHO YOU HAD BEEN DEALING WITH IN
15 THAT COUNTY.

16 MR. KNIGHT: WE'VE HAD MEETINGS
17 UP THERE WITH AS MANY AS FIVE HUNDRED
18 MEMBERS THERE.

19 MR. HARBIN: HAVE YOU MET WITH
20 THE LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION THAT
21 INSTIGATED THE DOG BAND?

22 MR. KNIGHT: WE ASKED TO MEET
23 WITH THEM BEFORE AND THERE WAS TOO MUCH

1 FRICTION.

2 MR. HARBIN: (INAUDIBLE).

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: EXCUSE ME,
4 MR. HARBIN, IF YOU WOULD, SPEAK ONE AT A
5 TIME AND PRECISELY.

6 MR. KNIGHT: PROBABLY NOW, WE
7 COULD MEET AND DISCUSS THINGS. I DON'T
8 HAVE ANYTHING AGAINST THESE PEOPLE AND WE
9 ARE ON VERY FRIENDLY TERMS. WE WOULD BE
10 DELIGHTED TO MEET WITH THEM. QUITE
11 FRANKLY, I DON'T THINK THAT I COULD
12 REPRESENT EVERY DOG HUNTER IN THAT COUNTY
13 OR IN ANY OF THEM. AND THEY --

14 MR. HARBIN: (INAUDIBLE).

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. HARBIN,
16 LET MR. KNIGHT FINISH.

17 MR. KNIGHT: THE PEOPLE IN THE
18 LANDOWNERS ASSOCIATION, WE DON'T HAVE A
19 PROBLEM MEETING WITH THEM. THE PROBLEM
20 IS, IN MOST CASES -- THE FOLKS IN IT
21 RIGHT NOW, I DON'T SEE THAT. THE PEOPLE
22 WHO WERE IN IT PREVIOUSLY, THEY'VE GONE
23 OUT HUNTING SITUATIONS AND PROBLEMS TO

1 BRING UP TO THE BOARD. AND NORMALLY THEY
2 HAVE ENOUGH WITHOUT HAVING TO SEARCH AND
3 GET PERMITS AND ALL THAT KIND OF STUFF.
4 BUT I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEM MEETING
5 WITH THE LAND ASSOCIATION THAT'S THERE
6 NOW, NO.

7 MR. HARBIN: OKAY.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF Y'ALL
9 COULD GET TOGETHER, AND MAYBE YOU COULD
10 GET INVOLVED WITH MR. BENSON AND THEIR
11 GROUP.

12 MR. KNIGHT: WE COULD DO THAT.
13 NO PROBLEM.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
15 VERY MUCH. OUR NEXT SPEAKER IS WAYNE
16 TUCKER FROM FAYETTE, ALABAMA.

17 MR. TUCKER: I SPOKE WHILE AGO.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY. THE
19 NEXT SPEAKER IS EDWARD APPLEBY FROM
20 PICKENS COUNTY.

21 MR. APPLEBY: I'M EDWARD APPLEBY
22 FROM GORDO IN PICKENS COUNTY. I'M HERE
23 TODAY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT MAKING DEER

1 HUNTING ILLEGAL IN TUSCALOOSA AND PICKENS
2 COUNTY. WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL INCIDENTS IN
3 THE PAST SIXTEEN YEARS OF PEOPLE WHO DIED
4 IN THIS COMMUNITY WHERE WE'VE HAD TROUBLE
5 WITH A HUNTING CLUB. SO FAR, WE HAVE
6 WENT AND TALKED TO OUR LANDOWNERS AND
7 PEOPLE JUST IN THE COMMUNITY AND STUFF,
8 AND RIGHT NOW WE HAVE OVER TWO HUNDRED
9 SIGNATURES ON A PETITION --

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. APPLEBY,
11 DID YOU SAY YOU WERE HERE TO MAKE DEER
12 HUNTING ILLEGAL OR DEER DOG HUNTING
13 ILLEGAL?

14 MR. APPLEBY: DEER DOG HUNTING;
15 I'M SORRY. SO, THIS PETITION HERE WITH
16 THE TWO HUNDRED SIGNATURES PLUS, WE HAVE.
17 WE'RE TALKING AROUND ELEVEN THOUSAND
18 ACRES OR SO OF LANDOWNERS THAT HAVE
19 SIGNED OUR PETITION. I AGREED WITH A LOT
20 OF PEOPLE THAT HAVE SPOKEN. I DON'T HAVE
21 A PROBLEM WITH DOG HUNTERS THAT DEER HUNT
22 WITH THEM. I GO TO ONE OF MY BUDDIES'
23 HUNTING CLUBS AND (INAUDIBLE) DOG HUNT

1 DEER THERE (INAUDIBLE) THIS CLUB. ALL OF
2 THIS IS TAKING PLACE IN THE FRONT OF
3 RESIDENTS' HOUSES AND THEM GETTING OUT ON
4 PUBLIC ROADS AND BLACK TOP ROAD AND
5 SHOOTING DOWN THE ROADWAYS. MY TWO GAME
6 WARDENS FOR PICKENS COUNTY, THEY'VE BEEN
7 CALLED NUMEROUS TIMES EVERY YEAR.

8 THEY COME DOWN AND THEY CAN'T
9 CATCH THEM DOING NO WRONG, BECAUSE WHEN
10 THEY HUNT, THEY HUNT ON RADIOS AND STUFF.
11 AND WHEN THEY DO GET TO COME DOWN, THEY
12 DO GET TO WRITE A TICKET AND THEY CATCH
13 SOMEBODY OUT ON A PUBLIC ROAD WITH A GUN.
14 THEY GET TO WRITE A TICKET TO SOMEBODY,
15 THANK YOU.

16 WHAT I'M SAYING IS, I'M NOT HERE
17 TO (INAUDIBLE). THIS IS MY FIRST TIME TO
18 SPEAK AT ONE OF THESE, OR COME TO THEM.
19 BUT TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I DO HAVE VERY
20 GOOD INTENTIONS, I ALSO HAVE A COPY OF
21 THE SUBPOENA WHERE I HAD WENT AND SWORE
22 OUT A WARRANT. BUT THE LAND THAT I'M
23 TALKING ABOUT TO ME PERSONALLY, IT AIN'T

1 IN MY NAME, IT'S IN MY MOTHER-IN-LAW'S
2 NAME, SO I CAN'T GET THEM FOR
3 TRESPASSING. BUT BECAUSE OF THIS ONE
4 INCIDENT THIS PAST YEAR, A MAN STOPPED IN
5 FRONT OF MY HOUSE AND GOT OUT WITH A
6 LOADED GUN. WHEN I WENT OUTSIDE TO
7 ADDRESS THE SITUATION, HE TOLD ME IF I
8 CAME OUT IN THE ROAD, HE WOULD BLOW MY
9 HEAD OFF. SO, I'VE HAD THAT INCIDENT.

10 MY WIFE AND MY KIDS -- I HAVE GOT
11 TWO KIDS, ONE IS SEVENTEEN, ONE IS
12 TWELVE. THEY LOVE TO HUNT, BUT THEY
13 CAN'T GO OUTSIDE MY HOUSE TO HUNT BECAUSE
14 OF PROBLEMS I HAVE. SO, I WENT AND SWORE
15 OUT A WARRANT. AND IT'S SAD TO SAY THAT
16 OUR SYSTEM, IF YOU GET THREATENED TO DO
17 BODILY HARM, THAT THE WAY THAT IT'S GOING
18 TO BE WROTE UP IS, IT'S WROTE UP AS
19 HARASSMENT WITH INTENT TO DO BODILY HARM,
20 WHICH IS A MISDEMEANOR. TO ME,
21 PERSONALLY, IT OUGHT TO BE A FELONY.

22 BUT ANYHOW, I JUST WANT YOU TO
23 LOOK OVER MY PETITION. I DO HAVE SOME

1 RECOMMENDATIONS, YOU KNOW, POSSIBLY THAT
2 WE COULD WORK ON, AS FAR AS COMING TO
3 SOME KIND OF CONCLUSION.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THAT WOULD BE
5 GREAT. WE APPRECIATE YOU BRINGING THAT
6 AS A PRECISE FORM. IF YOU WOULD, SUBMIT
7 THAT TO THE -- WHO HAS THE PICKENS
8 COUNTY? DR. MAY, IF YOU COULD CHECK --

9 MR. JOHNSON: I HAVE ALREADY
10 VISITED WITH THE CONSERVATION OFFICER IN
11 THAT DISTRICT. AND I'M AWARE OF SOME OF
12 THE PROBLEMS, ALREADY, THAT YOU TALKED
13 ABOUT, AND MY RECOMMENDATION TO THEM WAS
14 TO ASK YOU TO COME BEFORE THE COMMITTEE
15 HERE AND TO GET YOUR PROBLEMS AND PRESENT
16 THEM AND SO FORTH. AND WE'LL PICK UP AND
17 GO FROM THERE. AND ANYTHING WE CAN DO
18 WE'LL BE GLAD TO HELP YOU IN ANY WAY.

19 MR. APPLEBY: THANK YOU
20 MR. JOHNSON.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IF YOU'LL
22 JUST GIVE THOSE TO MR. JOHNSON, WE'LL
23 (INAUDIBLE) TO THE BOARD.

1 MR. APPLEBY: THANK YOU CHAIRMAN.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
3 VERY MUCH. VIC CANERDAY FROM MARION
4 COUNTY IS THE NEXT SPEAKER.

5 MR. CANERDAY: I APPRECIATE THE
6 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU TODAY. I ALSO
7 WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THE JOB THAT YOU
8 DO. MY NAME IS VIC CANERDAY AND I'M HERE
9 TO SPEAK FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE BAN
10 ON DOG DEER HUNTING IN MARION COUNTY. MY
11 MOM WAS ONE OF NINE CHILDREN WHO WERE
12 BORN IN MARION CHILDREN ON A FOUR HUNDRED
13 AND FORTY ACRE FARM. AND IN 1992, MY
14 UNCLE PLANTED FOUR FOOD PLOTS AND WE
15 BEGAN DEER HUNTING IN MARION COUNTY.

16 FOR THE FIRST TEN YEARS THAT I
17 HUNTED, I KILLED TWO DEER. I SAW MANY,
18 MANY DOGS; VERY, VERY FEW DEER. THE LAST
19 TWO YEARS, I SEE DEER ON PLOTS IN THE
20 MORNING, AFTERNOON, EVERY TIME I GO. AND
21 I JUST WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE
22 JOB YOU HAVE DONE, AND ASK YOU TO
23 CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS BAN ON THE DOG DEER

1 HUNTING.

2 MY WIFE, BECKY, IS HERE. SHE IS
3 A RELATIVELY NEW DEER HUNTER AND SHE'S
4 ACCOMPANIED ME UP TO MARION COUNTY AND
5 SHE WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK.

6 MS. CANERDAY: I'M A VERY NEW
7 DEER HUNTER. I HAVE ONLY BEEN HUNTING
8 ABOUT TWO YEARS. IT'S BEEN SUCH AN
9 ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE. EVERY TIME I'VE
10 GONE HUNTING IN MARION COUNTY, WE'VE SEEN
11 AT LEAST THREE OR FOUR DEER. IT IS SO
12 EXCITING TO ME, AND I KNOW THAT MORE AND
13 MORE WOMEN ARE GETTING INTERESTED IN DEER
14 HUNTING. SO, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
15 MAKING IT SUCH A GOOD ENVIRONMENT AND
16 ENJOYABLE EXPERIENCE. AND I ASK YOU TO
17 CONTINUE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS
18 YOU HAVE NOW THAT WILL ENSURE THIS FOR
19 THE FUTURE.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
21 VERY MUCH.

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23 (APPLAUSE)

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2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
3 SPEAKER WILL BE MR. JOHN INGRAM FROM
4 PICKENS COUNTY.

5 MR. INGRAM: I'M JOHN INGRAM, I
6 LIVE HERE IN TUSCALOOSA, BUT I ALSO OWN
7 TWO HUNDRED AND SIX ACRES ON THE PICKENS
8 COUNTY/TUSCALOOSA LINE --

9
10 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED
11 THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD.
12 ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE MICROPHONE
13 SYSTEM.)

14
15 MR. INGRAM: -- PICKENS COUNTY/
16 TUSCALOOSA LINE; THAT'S WHERE MY PROPERTY
17 IS. MY FAMILY BOUGHT IT IN 2001. WE'VE
18 DEVELOPED IT, PUT INFRASTRUCTURE ON IT.
19 I BOUGHT IT STRICTLY FOR FAMILY
20 RECREATION. I HAVE SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN,
21 INCLUDING TWO TEENAGE BOYS. AND THAT WAS
22 PRIMARILY THE REASON FOR THIS.
23 WE BUILT SOME SHOOTING HOUSES,

1 PUT IN A FEW FOOD PLOTS AND SO FORTH.
2 AND THIS PAST YEAR WAS THE FIRST TIME
3 THAT I REALLY HAD TIME, AND THEY HAD
4 TIME, TO GO OUT THERE AND TRY TO SEE A
5 DEER. AND IN A LOT OF CASES, EVEN DURING
6 THE SEASON, WE WENT OUT ONLY WITH
7 CAMERAS. AND UNFORTUNATELY, IT'S ONLY ON
8 THE WEEKENDS, PRIMARILY SATURDAY MORNINGS
9 OR SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, THAT I WAS ABLE
10 TO GET MY GRANDSONS OUT THERE.

11 WE HAVE AN ADJACENT HUNTING CLUB
12 THERE IN PICKENS COUNTY THAT THEY HUNT
13 DOGS ON THEM, AND THEY HAVE IN THIS AREA
14 FOR MANY YEARS. AND NOT A SINGLE TIME
15 DID I TAKE MY SONS OR GRANDSONS OUT THERE
16 ON THE WEEKEND, THAT WE DIDN'T SEE
17 HUNTING DOGS RUNNING ACROSS OUR PROPERTY,
18 AND IN MANY CASES ACROSS OUR GREEN
19 FIELDS. AND THIS ENTIRE HUNTING SEASON,
20 WE SAW NO DEER; DIDN'T EVEN GET A CHANCE
21 TO SEE ONE, MUCH LESS SHOOT ONE.

22 I KNOW THAT THERE ARE
23 RESPONSIBLE HUNTING CLUBS THAT HUNT LARGE

1 PARCELS OF LAND THAT YOU DON'T HAVE ANY
2 PROBLEMS WITH, BUT IN THIS CASE, WE DO
3 HAVE A PROBLEM AND THE BOARD NEEDS TO
4 ADDRESS IT OR THE PROPER AUTHORITIES NEED
5 TO ADDRESS IT. UNFORTUNATELY, AS
6 MR. APPLEBY REPORTED, WHEN WE DO REPORT
7 THINGS, NO ACTION IS TAKEN, OR BY THE
8 TIME THEY GET THERE, THERE'S NO
9 POSSIBILITY OF CATCHING AND PROSECUTING.

10 WE HAVE A PROBLEM WITH
11 INTIMIDATION. WE ASKED A LOT OF PEOPLE
12 TO SIGN THAT PETITION THAT WOULD NOT SIGN
13 IT SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN
14 THREATENED OR HAVE HEARD THAT PEOPLE WILL
15 BURN THEM OUT; AND THAT'S ABSOLUTELY
16 RIDICULOUS.

17 IT'S ALSO UNFORTUNATE THAT
18 LANDOWNERS THAT HAVE FAMILY THAT WANT TO
19 ENJOY DEER, ESPECIALLY YOUTH, HAVE TO GO
20 THROUGH THE FRUSTRATION OF NOT BEING ABLE
21 TO HUNT ON THEIR OWN PROPERTY BECAUSE OF
22 THE INTRUSION OF HUNTING DOGS.

23 I HAVE PREPARED SOME INFORMATION

1 AND A PROPOSAL TO THE BOARD FOR
2 CONSIDERATION. AND ONE OF THE THINGS --
3 I THINK YOU COULD SOLVE A LOT OF THIS
4 PROBLEM BY MAYBE REQUIRING THAT A
5 PARTICULAR HUNTER HAVE AT LEAST TWO
6 THOUSAND TO FOUR THOUSAND OR MORE ACRES,
7 CONTIGUOUS ACREAGE, IF THEY ARE HUNTING
8 WITH DOGS; AND ALSO WITH A REGULATION
9 THAT THEY CAN'T RELEASE DOGS WITHIN A
10 MILE OF ANOTHER LANDOWNERS PROPERTY AND
11 WITHIN A MILE OF A PUBLIC ROAD. AND THAT
12 WAY THE MAJORITY OF THE LARGER CLUBS
13 COULD CONTINUE TO ENJOY DOG HUNTING. I
14 HAVE NOTHING AGAINST DOGS OR DOG HUNTING,
15 ALL I'M INTERESTED IN IS BEING ABLE TO --
16 FOR MY FAMILY TO BE ABLE TO ENJOY MY
17 PROPERTY, AND OUR PROPERTY RIGHTS BE
18 INTACT; AND I THANK YOU.

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20 (APPLAUSE)

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22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU
23 MR. INGRAM. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS PAUL

1 JEFFREYS, ACCOMPANIED BY MR. LARRY

2 JEFFREYS.

3 MR. JEFFREYS: GOOD AFTERNOON
4 SECRETARY, COMMISSIONER, MEMBERS OF THE
5 BOARD. I WOULD FIRST LIKE TO SAY THAT
6 THE BAN ON DOG DEER HUNTING IN LAMAR AND
7 MARION AND FRANKLIN IS A SUCCESS STORY.
8 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE BAN THAT YOU
9 GAVE US THREE YEARS AGO. HUNTING HAS
10 GOTTEN BETTER AND BETTER. WHEN WE
11 STARTED THIS CAMPAIGN, I GUESS, ABOUT
12 EIGHT YEARS AGO -- WHEN WE STARTED THE
13 CAMPAIGN, I STARTED OUT BY STATING, THIS
14 IS NOT A HUNTING ISSUE, IT IS A
15 LANDOWNER'S RIGHTS ISSUE. A LANDOWNER
16 THAT PAYS TAXES ON HIS PROPERTY, SHOULD
17 HAVE THE RIGHT TO SAY WHAT TAKES PLACE ON
18 THAT PARCEL OF LAND.

19 THE GENTLEMEN FROM FRANKLIN
20 COUNTY STOOD UP THERE AND ASKED FOR THE
21 PERMIT SYSTEM WITHOUT A HUNDRED PERCENT
22 OF THE SURROUNDING LANDOWNERS AND
23 PROPERTY OWNERS AROUND HIS CLUB. AND HE

1 SAID THERE WAS FOUR THAT REFUSED TO SIGN
2 IT. THOSE FOUR LANDOWNERS OWNED THEIR
3 HOME, WHETHER THEY OWN ONE ACRE, FIVE
4 ACRES, OR FIVE HUNDRED ACRES, I DON'T
5 CARE HOW MANY ACRES, THAT PARCEL OF LAND
6 IS JUST AS IMPORTANT TO THEM AS THE
7 HUNTING CLUB PROPERTY THAT LEASES SIX
8 THOUSAND ACRES, OR HOWEVER MANY ACRES IT
9 IS. AND IF THAT PERSON SAYS I DON'T WANT
10 YOUR DOGS RUNNING ACROSS MY PROPERTY,
11 THEN THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE.

12 THE ONLY WAY YOU COULD REGULATE
13 THE PERMIT SYSTEM IS THROUGH CHIEF
14 ANDRESS. I WOULD LIKE TO ASK HIM IF HE
15 COULD PUT A GAME WARDEN NEAR EVERY
16 HUNTING CLUB THAT RUNS DEER DOGS; AND I
17 KNOW THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE. THERE'S NO WAY
18 YOU COULD WATCH THESE GUYS ALL THE TIME.

19 MR. KNIGHT CAME UP HERE AND
20 OFFERED TO MEET WITH THE LANDOWNERS IN
21 OUR COUNTY. AND I'VE BEEN COMING TO
22 THESE MEETINGS THE LAST SEVERAL YEARS,
23 AND HE'S MENTIONED MEETING WITH THE

1 LANDOWNERS LAMAR, MARION, AND FRANKLIN
2 COUNTY. I'VE YET TO RECEIVE A CALL FROM
3 HIM. AND I KNOW Y'ALL HAVEN'T HEARD FROM
4 HIM. AS A MATTER OF FACT, I THINK THE,
5 AND HE CAN CORRECT ME IF I'M WRONG, BUT
6 THE GENTLEMEN THAT ACTUALLY ASSAULTED US
7 ON OUR PRIVATE PROPERTY AND POINTED A GUN
8 AT MY HEAD, JOINED THE ALABAMA DOG
9 ASSOCIATION. IF HE'S NOT REPRESENTING
10 ANY ROGUE HUNTERS --

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: MR. JEFFREYS
12 DON'T GET INTO A HE SAID/SHE SAID DEAL.
13 JUST PRESENT YOUR POINT, IF YOU WOULD.

14 MR. JEFFREYS: MY POINT IS THAT
15 THE BAN IN LAMAR, MARION, FRANKLIN, AND
16 PORTIONS OF WINSTON COUNTY IS A SUCCESS
17 STORY; WE LOVE IT. IT'S GETTING BETTER
18 AND BETTER EVERY YEAR. KEEP IT UP. WE
19 WOULD LIKE TO SEE IT MAINTAINED FROM NOW
20 ON. THANK YOU.

21

22 (APPLAUSE)

23

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU.
2 THE NEXT SPEAKER IS LEEVI LASTRAPES FROM
3 PERRY COUNTY.

4 MR. LASTRAPES: WE BASICALLY HAVE
5 THE SAME PROBLEM THAT THE FELLOW FROM
6 FAYETTE IS HAVING WITH THE DOG HUNTERS.

7
8 (WHEREUPON, THE COURT REPORTER INDICATED
9 THAT THE SPEAKER COULD NOT BE HEARD.
10 ADJUSTMENTS WERE MADE TO THE MICROPHONE
11 SYSTEM.)

12
13 MR. LASTRAPES: WHERE TWO OF THE
14 PEOPLE THAT HUNTED PERRY COUNTY AND HALE
15 COUNTY HAD BEEN ARRESTED FOR SHOOTING OFF
16 OF ROADS. WE CIRCLE THEM AND GO DOWN THE
17 ROAD TO GET A PLACE TO HUNT AND BLOW YOUR
18 HORN SO YOU DON'T GET SHOT BY THEM. IT'S
19 JUST A BIG MESS. WE TRIED TO BE
20 NEIGHBORLY. DALE PULLED THE TRUCK UP
21 NEXT TO OUR PROPERTY AND THEIR PROPERTY
22 SO THEY CAN'T RUN DOGS ACROSS US.
23 IT DISTURBS EVERYBODY AND WE

1 WOULD JUST LIKE TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF
2 HELP GETTING THIS SOLVED. AND WE NEED
3 SOME RECOMMENDATIONS FOR WHAT WE NEED TO
4 DO.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: HAVE YOU MET
6 WITH YOUR DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE?

7 MR. LASTRAPES: NO, SIR.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I WOULD GIVE
9 YOU A SUGGESTION TO GET WITH THE GAME
10 WARDENS TOO, IF YOUR HAVING THAT KIND OF
11 PROBLEM.

12 MR. LASTRAPES: I MADE THAT CALL.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OKAY. YOU
14 COULD GET WITH YOUR DISTRICT
15 REPRESENTATIVE. WHAT COUNTY IS THAT,
16 PERRY?

17 MR. LASTRAPES: YES.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YOU NEED TO
19 GET WITH DR. MAY OR MR. JOHNSON THEN.

20 MR. LASTRAPES: AND I GET WITH
21 DOCTOR WHO?

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: DR. MAY OR
23 JOHNNY JOHNSON, EITHER ONE WILL BE HAPPY

1 TO MEET WITH YOU.

2 MR. LASTRAPES: THANK YOU VERY
3 MUCH.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT
5 SPEAKER WILL BE SCOTT REED FROM ETOWAH
6 COUNTY.

7 MR. REED: GOOD AFTERNOON
8 GENTLEMEN. EVERYTHING I WAS GOING TO SAY
9 HAS ALREADY BEEN SAID. WE'RE HAVING
10 EXACTLY THE SAME PROBLEMS IN ETOWAH
11 COUNTY IN DOG HUNTING. CURRENTLY, IN
12 SEVERAL LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY, AND
13 THROUGH CONVERSATIONS WITH MANY PEOPLE IN
14 THE COUNTY, IT'S NOT A LOCALIZED PROBLEM
15 IN THE COUNTY, IT'S COUNTYWIDE. AND
16 PROOF OF THE DEER POPULATION, AT LEAST IN
17 THE AREA WHERE I LIVE THAT'S ON THE
18 CHEROKEE COUNTY LINE, YOU CAN CROSS OVER
19 INTO THAT COUNTY AT ANY TIME CLOSER TO
20 THE NIGHTFALL AND SEE MULTIPLE DEER
21 STANDING EVERYWHERE. AND I, PERSONALLY,
22 HUNTED EVERY CHANCE I GOT THIS YEAR, AND
23 I SAW TWO DOES ALL YEAR.

1 THE PROBLEM WITH DOG HUNTING,
2 OTHER THAN THE FACT THEY USE THE ROAD, A
3 LOT OF TIMES THEY DO THE SHOOTING IN THE
4 ROAD. AND A LOT OF THE AREA IN THAT PART
5 OF THE COUNTY, THE ROAD IS REAL NARROW
6 AND THE DEER COME RIGHT UP AGAINST THE
7 ROAD. AND THEY DON'T HAVE ANY TIME TO
8 MAKE A DECISION ON THE SIZE OF THE DEER
9 HEAD OR SEX OF THE DEER. THEY DON'T
10 THINK OF THE DANGER INVOLVED IN ANYTHING
11 THEY DO, FRANKLY.

12 I DON'T THINK THE PERMIT SYSTEM
13 WOULD WORK OUR COUNTY. THERE'S NOT A LOT
14 OF CLUBS THAT HAVE ENOUGH PROPERTY TO
15 EXECUTE THAT. AND THEY DON'T STAY ON THE
16 CLUBS WHEN THEY DO. A LOT OF THE CLUBS
17 HAVE LAND THAT IS SEPARATED BY PUBLIC
18 ROADS. ONE INSTANCE NEAR MY HOUSE, UP
19 NEAR THE END OF THE ROAD, AND IF YOU RIDE
20 THROUGH THERE DURING HUNTING SEASON,
21 THERE HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS THREATS. AND
22 ONE FELLOW FILED A COMPLAINT WITH THE
23 POLICE ABOUT IT. AND THE GAME WARDEN HAS

1 BEEN CALLED AND, YOU KNOW, RANDY ACTON IS
2 OUT SICK, SO, WE ONLY HAVE ONE OFFICER
3 WORKING IN OUR COUNTY AND BY THE TIME HE
4 GETS OUT THERE, HE MAY BE ON THE OTHER
5 SIDE OF THE COUNTY, THOSE GUYS ARE
6 ALREADY GONE.

7 THEY ARE HUNTING ON TWENTY OR
8 FORTY ACRES AND RUNNING THEIR DOGS OUT ON
9 SOMEBODY ELSE'S LAND. (INAUDIBLE) THE
10 LAND THEY HAVE, BY THE TIME THE GAME
11 WARDEN GETS THERE, THEY ARE NOT
12 TRESPASSING ANYMORE. IT'S REALLY
13 DIFFICULT TO PROSECUTE. THE ONLY
14 SOLUTION I SEE IS TO BAN DOG HUNTING.
15 AND THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: VERY GOOD,
17 THANK YOU. THE NEXT SPEAKER IS MIKE
18 ROBBINS FROM HALE COUNTY.

19 MR. ROBBINS: I'M MIKE ROBBINS
20 AND I LIVE IN WALKER COUNTY. AND I HAVE
21 TWENTY-FIVE HUNDRED ACRES IN HALE AND
22 PERRY COUNTY. I HAVE THE SAME PROBLEM
23 WITH THE SAME TWO LOCAL GROUPS. YOU

1 CAN'T KEEP THEM OFF YOUR PROPERTY OR KEEP
2 THEM ON COUNTY ROADS. THIS IS THE MAIN
3 PROBLEM I HAVE. MR. AULTMAN WAS TALKING
4 ABOUT THE TAYLOR PROPERTY, AND THAT'S THE
5 OTHER PEOPLE TRESPASSING. I THANK YOU
6 GENTLEMEN.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: CORKY AND
8 ALLAN, WITH ENFORCEMENT ISSUES HAVE YOU
9 GOTTEN THE SITUATION WITH THIS CLUB IN
10 HALE COUNTY? ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH THIS?

11 MR. PUGH: YES.

12 MR. ANDRESS: NO. I'M NOT.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: YOU WOULD GET
14 WITH MR. ANDRESS AND ADDRESS THAT? WE
15 SURE WOULD APPRECIATE IT. THE NEXT
16 SPEAKER WILL MR. BILL WOODARD, FROM
17 FAYETTE.

18 MR. WOODARD: I'M BILL WOODARD, I
19 LIVE IN TUSCALOOSA. AND WE OWN FIVE
20 HUNDRED AND FIFTY ACRES IN FAYETTE
21 COUNTY. WE'VE GOT THE SAME PROBLEM MOST
22 OF THESE OTHER PEOPLE HAVE MENTIONED.
23 WE'VE GOT DOG HUNTERS ON THE NORTH OUR

1 PROPERTY AND EVERY SATURDAY AND SUNDAY
2 WE'RE JUST COVERED UP WITH DOGS. AND WE
3 OWN OUR OWN PROPERTY AND WE CAN'T HUNT
4 OUR OWN PROPERTY, BECAUSE OF THE DOG
5 HUNTERS. AND I'M ASKING YOU TO BAN DOG
6 HUNTING IN FAYETTE COUNTY.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: OUR LAST
8 PUBLIC SPEAKER OF THE DAY IS GEORGE
9 ELLISON FROM HENRY COUNTY.

10 MR. ELLISON: MR. CHAIRMAN,
11 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY
12 I REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE PARTIES
13 CONCERNED WITH THE DIFFERENT AREAS OF DOG
14 DEER HUNTING. I KNOW IT'S A FEAR OF A
15 LOT OF INDIVIDUALS THAT THE PERMIT SYSTEM
16 DOES NOT WORK FOR EVERYBODY. BUT OUR
17 COMMISSIONER, BARNETT LAWLEY, AND LOUIS
18 COLES, ALONG WITH A LOT OF OTHER
19 INDIVIDUALS, HAVE SET A REAL HELP FOR
20 HENRY COUNTY. I'VE BEEN APPRECIATIVE FOR
21 ALL THEY'VE DONE. AND THEY'VE MADE IT
22 WORK FOR US.

23 BUT, I WOULD BRING TO THE

1 REMEMBRANCE OF THIS BODY, AND LOUIS
2 COLES, THAT THE HENRY COUNTY LANDOWNERS
3 ASSOCIATION, WHICH I AM THE SECRETARY,
4 AND THE DOG DEER HUNTERS OF HENRY COUNTY
5 GOT TOGETHER; AND UNDER THE
6 ADMINISTRATION OF THIS DEPARTMENT,
7 BROUGHT TO THIS BOARD A RECOMMENDATION.
8 BOTH OF THEM WENT UP TOGETHER AND MADE
9 THE RECOMMENDATION AND IT IS NOT WHERE WE
10 WANT IT TO BE. THERE'S SOME GRAY AREAS
11 THAT WE ARE ADDRESSING, BUT WE ARE SO
12 MUCH FURTHER THAN WHERE WE WERE.

13 I UNDERSTAND IT DOESN'T WORK
14 EVERYWHERE. IF YOU LOOK AT HOW IT WORKED
15 HERE, IT'S BECAUSE BOTH PARTIES HAVE
16 PULLED TOGETHER, AND I APPRECIATE THAT,
17 TOO, SO VERY MUCH. AND AGAIN, TO
18 MR. LOUIS COLES THAT SPENT NUMEROUS HOURS
19 WORKING WITH BOTH SIDES TO MAKE THIS
20 HAPPEN, AND TO THIS BOARD, I WANT YOU TO
21 KNOW THAT I APPRECIATE YOU AND WHAT
22 YOU'VE DONE.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THANK YOU

1 VERY MUCH.

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3 SELECTION OF MARCH 2006

4 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

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7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE NEXT

8 ORDER OF BUSINESS IS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF

9 THE MARCH 2006 ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AND

10 THAT WILL BE DETERMINED AND ANNOUNCED AS

11 SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE NEXT ORDER OF

12 BUSINESS -- IS THERE ANY OTHER BUSINESS?

13 MR. SELF, DO YOU HAVE A MOTION?

14 MR. HATLEY? THIS IS ON THE APPROVAL OF

15 DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION REGULATIONS.

16 MR. SELF: I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A

17 MOTION TO APPROVE ALL CONSERVATION

18 DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS THAT THE LAST

19 ADVISORY BOARD PROVIDED.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: IS THERE A

21 SECOND?

22 MR. HATLEY: SECOND.

23 DR. STRICKLAND: SECOND.

1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: THE MOTION IS
2 THAT ALL DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION
3 ADVISORY REGS ARE APPROVED. IS THERE ANY
4 DISCUSSION; SELF? ANY OF THE BOARD
5 MEMBERS? THE MOTION IS TO APPROVE ALL
6 CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT REGS AND
7 RECOMMENDATIONS; ALL THOSE IN FAVOR,
8 RAISE YOUR HANDS. ALL OPPOSED? LET THE
9 RECORD SHOW NONE OPPOSED. THE MOTION
10 PASSES. SINCE THERE'S NO FURTHER
11 BUSINESS, THIS MEETING STANDS ADJOURNED.

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13 END OF MEETING

14 12:23 P.M.

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3 STATE OF ALABAMA)

4 TUSCALOOSA COUNTY)

5 I, JAMIE BURNETT, COURT REPORTER,
6 DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I RECORDED, BY
7 MEANS OF STENOGRAPHY, THE FOREGOING
8 PROCEEDINGS AT THE TIME AND PLACE STATED
9 IN THE CAPTION HEREOF. THAT LATER, UNDER
10 MY SUPERVISION, THE PROCEEDINGS WERE
11 TRANSCRIBED BY MEANS OF COMPUTER-AIDED
12 TRANSCRIPTION, AND THE FOREGOING
13 REPRESENTS A FULL, TRUE, AND CORRECT
14 TRANSCRIPT OF THE PROCEEDINGS ON SAID
15 OCCASION.

16 I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT I AM
17 NEITHER OF COUNSEL NOR OF KIN TO ANY
18 PARTIES OF SAID CAUSE, NOR AM I IN ANY
19 MANNER INTERESTED IN THE RESULT THEREOF.

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22 JAMIE BURNETT, COURT REPORTER

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