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20 Center, Spanish Fort, Alabama, on Saturday, May 19,
21 2012, commencing at approximately 9:04 a.m.

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1 PRESENT:

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

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The May 19, 2012, meeting
2 of the Conservation Advisory Board will
3 come to order. I would like to welcome
4 everyone to Five Rivers, Alabama's Delta
5 Resource Center. The board is glad

6 you're here today. The invocation today
7 will be given by Mr. Hatley.

8 Mr. Hatley.

9 MR. HATLEY: Thank you, Mr. Commissioner,
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 Today is a different day for us as
12 far as our prayer is concerned. In the
13 last several months and this week we
14 have lost two great conservationists in
15 this state. One, Mr. Chuck Sharp, who
16 was a biologist here at Five Rivers, in
17 March died, passed away with a heart
18 attack. And I want us to remember him
19 today and his family. And this past
20 Wednesday -- many of you who are from
21 around the state, the name of Mark
22 Whitlock is synonymous with conservation
23 and hunting in this state. Mark passed

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1 away on Wednesday afternoon after an
2 extended bout of cancer.

3 So in your prayers not only today,
4 but as you go home, remember these two
5 families and these two men. And, if you
6 would, bow with me for a moment of
7 silent prayer and think about and pray
8 for these families, please.

9 (Moment of silence.)

10 MR. HATLEY: Commissioner McMillan, would you
11 give our prayer, please.

12 COMMISSIONER McMILLAN: Our gracious heavenly
13 Father, we thank you for this beautiful
14 day. We thank you for the bountiful
15 natural resources of this state and
16 recognize the awesome responsibility all
17 of us who are involved with their
18 management are responsible for.

19 Lord, we thank you particularly for
20 Chuck Sharp, the contributions he made,
21 and Mark Whitlock and the contributions
22 they made to our state in numerous
23 ways. We pray that you would be with

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1 their families and their loved ones and
2 be with us, also, that we might be
3 mindful of their contributions.

4 We pray that you will be with us at
5 this meeting today. Let the words of
6 our mouths and meditations of our hearts
7 be acceptable to thy sight. These
8 things we ask in Christ's name. Amen.

9 (Crowd responds.)

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner
11 McMillan. Thank you, Mr. Hatley.

12 The next order of business is the
13 introduction of the board members.

14 First, I'd like to introduce our
15 Commissioner of Conservation, Mr. Gunter
16 Guy.

17 Secondly, I'd like to introduce --
18 we have in our presence today
19 Representative Jamie Ison.

20 Representative. Thank you for being
21 here.

22 Next I'd like to introduce our
23 Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Curtis Jones.

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1 Next I'd like to introduce Alabama's
2 Agriculture Commissioner, Mr. John
3 McMillan.

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

7 Next I would like to let the
8 district members of the board give their
9 name and what district they represent
10 starting at the end with -- who's on the
11 end -- Mr. Dobbs.

12 MR. DOBBS: Joey Dobbs, District 6.

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

14 MR. LYNCH: Grant Lynch, District 3.

15 DR. SHIPP: Bob Shipp, District 1.
16 MR. AINSWORTH: Austin Ainsworth, District 4.
17 MR. HARTZOG: Grady Hartzog, District 2.
18 MR. HATLEY: Bill Hatley, District 1.
19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you for all the
20 board members that are in attendance
21 today.

22 The next order of business is the
23 approval of the March 10, 2012, Advisory

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1 Board Minutes. Are there any changes to
2 the minutes?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: If not, the minutes stand
5 approved as read.

6 The next order of business is the
7 Commissioner's comments. Commissioner
8 Guy.

9 COMMISSIONER GUY: Thank you, Dan.

10 First, I want to thank
11 Representative Ison for being here.
12 Jamie is a good friend of the Department
13 of Conservation, and we enjoy the
14 opportunity to have her here today.
15 She's involved and that's important to
16 us. And we appreciate that,
17 Representative Ison.

18 Next I would like to call on Pete
19 Barber to recognize some special
20 guests. Mr. Pete.

21 MR. BARBER: Thank you, Commissioner,
22 Mr. Chairman, Members of Board.

23 It's my proud task to introduce the

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1 archery champions of the state of
2 Alabama this year, the Bryant High
3 School Shooters. And today we have
4 their coach with us, Roy Richardson. He
5 didn't know I was going to do this to
6 him. But Roy can introduce his shooters
7 and tell you a little bit about our
8 program. Won six out of the last seven
9 state titles.

10 Sitting on the end, Josh Clarke has
11 won a world title. Wendi is this year's
12 state champion and national champion,
13 and she is the captain of the
14 all-American team. And Tyler, at the
15 end, won the state championship this
16 year.

17 Roy, you want to come up here and
18 explain it?

19 MR. RICHARDSON: We'd like to say thanks for
20 inviting us to come. We were supposed

21 to do a shooting display, but on
22 Saturday trying to get kids up ...
23 MR. BARBER: The display was going to be an

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1 apple on Bob Shipp's head, but these
2 guys are so good, it probably wouldn't
3 work.

4 MR. RICHARDSON: We would have liked to
5 brought the whole team, but trying to
6 get kids -- high school kids up on a
7 Saturday morning to come down this early
8 without some kind of profiting, that
9 doesn't happen.

10 But, yeah, I want to introduce,
11 starting with our senior, Josh Clarke.
12 If you'll stand, please, and bring your
13 bow up. He has an ice blue bow, which
14 is representative of what you get when
15 you win an international tournament.
16 They've had three of them. And Josh won
17 the first one there, I think, that first
18 year.

19 So in the World NASP these bows'
20 colors mean something. The only person
21 that gets to carry that color bow is
22 somebody who has won that world
23 tournament down in Orlando. Back in

1 2009 he won the state and, also, that
2 bow. And Josh, for the most part, is
3 the heart of our program. He's
4 hopefully left us somebody on -- to
5 carry on with it, because he trained the
6 other two kids that I'm going to
7 introduce to you. I might be called a
8 coach, but here is my full assistant.

9 And, also, I'm going to say this for
10 him. Foley Intermediate just got
11 through winning the nationals. And when
12 you check their picture out on the
13 Website or wherever they're going to put
14 it at, you're going to find Josh in
15 there because Coach Anderson will tell
16 you that he did a heck of a job helping
17 his kids, you know, get to the -- where
18 you have to be to shoot those kind of
19 scores.

20 So Josh is, again, a senior, and
21 we're going to miss him. But at the
22 same time we've got a junior, Wendi.
23 She's got a gold bow. As far as I know,

1 this is the second gold bow in the state
2 of Alabama for a female, but it's the

3 first one that was won solely. I think
4 a girl from Ashville had to share that
5 bow with another girl because it was two
6 of them that had identical scores. But
7 she shot a 296 this year. And she just
8 started archery this year. She was in
9 another program and was looking for some
10 more things to do. And we grabbed her
11 and it's been no looking back.

12 If I could get kids -- you know, I
13 tell kids all the time, you know, I
14 teach history, but I'd rather make
15 history than teach history in the right
16 kind of way. And, you know, they're
17 realizing they have a chance to do that
18 when they get up there. They can study
19 the history, but you can make it as
20 well. If I could get kids to chase it
21 as hard as this girl has chased it -- in
22 one year's time she's won, like I said,
23 state. She has a silver bow. This is a

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1 gold bow. And we've got the world
2 tournament to come. So she may be the
3 first to win all three in the same
4 year. And we're just glad to have her
5 and look forward to it.

6 In the upcoming year we've got a
7 sophomore. This is Tyler Williams. And
8 Tyler is this year's state champion.
9 He's carrying the silver bow. And he
10 shot a 294, which was a new state
11 champion for the boys. Of course, Wendi
12 now has jumped over and shot a 296 at
13 the national tournament. So he knows
14 he's going to have to up it some more.

15 But Tyler, again, has been with us
16 for a couple of years now and is one of
17 our sophomores. He's -- we're a little
18 slow in the sophomore class, but
19 hopefully we'll pull some more in
20 later.

21 But thank you for getting up on a
22 Saturday morning.

23 MR. BARBER: And just to give you a little

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1 perspective, those scores of 296 and
2 294, perfect is 300.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog.

4 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Moultrie, I hope you notice
5 the young man is wearing the appropriate
6 hat.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: I saw that. I only had
8 two comments. One was the hat and --

9 but the scores are outstanding, but the
10 scores are exactly the same as
11 Mr. Hatley's golf score.

12 Congratulations. Let's give them a
13 hand.

14 (Crowd responds.)

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

23 The first speaker we have today,

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1 Pete Barber.

2 MR. BARBER: My therapist will love you, Dan.

3 This is twice.

4 All I wanted to say was, first of
5 all, it's good to be looking at the
6 right side of the grass, and I
7 appreciate the kind comments I've gotten
8 from members of the board and members of
9 the department.

10 And in reading the paper, apparently
11 Jeff Dute didn't get the memo because

12 he's been writing about how we have such
13 a great marine resource and how great
14 the fishing is. In fact, the headline
15 of his last article was "Fishing Can't
16 Get Any Better." And I think -- we have
17 the Conservation Department, the
18 biologists and the enforcement people,
19 Director Blankenship, and this board has
20 been instrumental in it, and we thank
21 you for that.

22 I think it's working. Alabama has
23 every right to take pride in the fact

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1 that over the last 15 or 16 years we
2 alone among the states in the Gulf have
3 actually managed our resources for the
4 good of everybody and not for anybody in
5 particular. And I thank y'all for
6 that.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Barber.

8 The next speaker will be Avery
9 Bates.

10 MR. BATES: Thank y'all, Board. We thank
11 y'all for putting up with us old
12 fishermen down here. We have some
13 people on hand here that I want to
14 thank.

15 This fellow right here, we had an
16 accident last year on a boat. He stood
17 up and helped our fishermen. We had a
18 dredging reef accident that the
19 department stood up and double-checked
20 on him, Bubba Bryant.

21 Thank you, Scott.

22 It's good to have officers that care
23 about the fishermen, and it's good to

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1 have fishermen that recognize officers
2 like Scott. And that helps us out there
3 when we're working if we have an
4 accident on a dredge boat. And it was a
5 bad accident. But we appreciate y'all
6 coming to assist us to help our
7 fishermen.

8 But we only have three minutes. I
9 want to congratulate y'all over the last
10 few years of maintaining our fish
11 stocks, not taking any fish away from
12 us. Over and over again we've had
13 people trying to take fish away from
14 us. And we in Alabama -- and I've been
15 to meetings -- 87 percent of the
16 restaurants around here -- and I
17 mentioned this before. When the people

18 come down, they like to eat good
19 fresh-caught seafood. We produce that
20 seafood. And we want to keep all of our
21 fish as commercial fish.

22 And that being, this year there's an
23 abundance of fish. There's been an

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1 abundance of fish. Keep our fishermen
2 working. Keep enforcing our state and
3 federal laws that protect our right for
4 commerce. The commerce that we ship
5 from state to state is our seafoods,
6 whether it's crab, fish, oysters,
7 shrimp. Please let us keep our areas to
8 work and maintain that commerce so that
9 our restaurants around this country can
10 keep eating good fresh seafood.

11 We have hundreds of people that
12 produce millions of pounds of seafood
13 that y'all can enjoy. When you go out
14 to eat and you order a seafood platter,
15 I hope it's a commercial fisherman from
16 our state that is employed on our
17 waters. Don't let us lose areas. Don't
18 let us lose species of fish. And you
19 can continue to enjoy it. That's really
20 important to us. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Bates.

22 The next speaker will be Steve

23 Crockett.

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1 MR. CROCKETT: I just wanted to let everyone

2 know that --

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,

4 please, Mr. Crockett.

5 MR. CROCKETT: -- that I have an oyster farm.

6 It's called Point aux Pines. I believe

7 it's correct to say that we are the only

8 commercial shellfish aquaculture

9 operation on the Gulf of Mexico. We've

10 been operating -- in operation for two

11 years working with Auburn University

12 Shellfish Lab and the folks at MRD,

13 public health, and the Auburn Shellfish

14 Lab, which supplies us our seed

15 oysters.

16 As I said, we've been in commercial

17 operation for two years. We shipped

18 about 30,000 oysters out last year.

19 We'll be at about 45,000 this year. And

20 this operation runs on about an acre of

21 bottom. When it's fully built out,

22 we'll be marketing about a

23 quarter-million oysters per year.

1 So my main point is that this is a
2 commercially viable industry that our
3 local oystermen and families that want
4 to work on the water could do.

5 Certainly, with a two-acre plot, a
6 family could make a decent living in
7 this.

8 Our oysters are on the menu at the
9 Saltwater Grill at the Grand Hotel, the
10 Reef Restaurant, which is an upscale
11 restaurant in Houston. They're going
12 for \$17 a dozen at the Grand and \$19 a
13 dozen in Houston. And I've seen them on
14 a menu -- Christmas dinner menu at
15 Trace's in Austin for \$4 apiece.

16 So this is a premium half-shell
17 raw -- for the raw market. And I think
18 it's a very useful way for -- to build
19 jobs on the water here in the state of
20 Alabama. Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Crockett.

22 The next speaker is B.G. Thompson.

23 MR. THOMPSON: Good morning. What I'd like to

1 do is follow up on what Steve Crockett
2 just said and Auburn University Sea

3 Grant.

4 We're looking at going further, the
5 next step. We've got like 40 acres
6 that's been leased, and we can bring in
7 at least 20 people involved in either
8 investing or working on an expanded
9 aquaculture oyster program off bottom.

10 We call it off bottom because it grows a
11 clean oyster. And that's the reason
12 it's so expensive.

13 Here in Alabama we've never -- while
14 this has been done on the East Coast
15 going back for years, it's never been
16 really done down on the Gulf Coast. So
17 this is new. State laws, rules, and
18 regulations really haven't been produced
19 to cover a subject of this type. So we
20 may be calling on some people to give us
21 a hand in getting this thing going, a
22 new industry in Alabama. Thank you.

23 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Thank you,

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1 Mr. Thompson.

2 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Thompson?

3 MR. THOMPSON: Yes, sir.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Thompson.

5 Mr. Hartzog, do you have a

6 question?

7 MR. HARTZOG: Educate me. I don't know.

8 Other board members may know. How do
9 you grow it off the bottom?

10 MR. THOMPSON: Okay. Good question.

11 One of the things that makes all of
12 this possible, some years ago we were
13 able to, through science, artificially
14 produce oyster stock, small oysters. We
15 grow them on Dauphin Island. We have a
16 huge container where you can go get the
17 small oysters and put them in the
18 baskets. So what do you do?

19 It's a basket about that long, about
20 that big around. You put these shell
21 oysters in there. And you make a line
22 out with rope and you lower them down
23 just off the bottom, okay, where they

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1 can filter-feed. And then once a week
2 you pull them up to the sun. It keeps
3 the oyster clean. So when they get to
4 three inches, legal size, they're nice,
5 clean oysters suitable for the
6 half-shell, a high price; okay?

7 MR. HARTZOG: Okay. Thank you.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Thompson.

9 The next speaker is John Webster.

10 MR. WEBSTER: Good morning. John Webster from
11 Mobile in Mobile County.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,
13 please, Mr. Webster.

14 MR. WEBSTER: Yes, sir.

15 I just wanted to voice my support
16 for oyster aquaculture in Alabama. It's
17 a viable industry, provides jobs,
18 economic development opportunities.
19 Oyster farms produce top-end products
20 destined for the raw oyster and
21 half-shell market. Native oysters are
22 used. We don't put any feed or
23 medications in the water. They're

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1 environmentally friendly and provide the
2 ecosystem services that -- the same as a
3 natural reef. Oysters clean the water
4 and improve the habitat for many living
5 marine resources. Steve Crockett from
6 Point aux Pines is a good example of a
7 viable commercial operation.

8 Oyster farming isn't new, but it's
9 relatively new to Alabama. I'd like
10 your support and I'd like for you to
11 know about it and help out in

12 streamlining the permitting process. I
13 think the Auburn research project is a
14 great project for developing this
15 industry and would like your support and
16 help. Thank you very much.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Webster.

18 The next speaker will be David
19 Thornton.

20 MR. THORNTON: Good morning. My name is David
21 Thornton. I was born and raised here in
22 Mobile and around the area. I started
23 saltwater fishing as a child on the

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1 Eastern Shore of Mobile Bay when my
2 father built a wharf there. And we
3 would fish and crab and he ran a
4 gillnet. You know, we did everything
5 out there.

6 I've regularly fished the Gulf State
7 Park Pier since it was -- I was old
8 enough to drive over there 40 years
9 ago. In that amount of time I've talked
10 to a lot of people from all over --
11 people not just from the area, but from
12 Alabama, different parts of the country
13 even. And you hear a lot of different
14 views from fishermen, people, their

15 observations and such as that. And
16 what's a misquote in the popular
17 baseball movie, if you build it, they
18 will come, and they have in the
19 thousands. Tens of thousands of people
20 visit that pier every year, and they
21 pump a lot of money into the economy,
22 millions of dollars every year. And
23 that's on top of the tens of millions

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1 that the state has invested in that
2 facility, plus the artificial reefs.
3 It's linked to the Mariculture Center.
4 You know, a lot of things go on there.

5 So all of the, you know, money
6 invested and everything, there's one --
7 excuse me. One thing that the people
8 experience while they're there that they
9 complain to me about that I've heard
10 over and over again is the proximity
11 that gillnets are allowed there. I
12 don't see why in this state when other
13 state parks control commercial ventures
14 like this -- why the Gulf State Park is
15 allowed to be open range, so to speak.
16 And we have nets sometimes, you know,
17 certainly encroaching to within a

18 hundred yards legally and sometimes even
19 beyond that. But I won't get into
20 that.

21 But the -- you know, all we're
22 asking is that you consider that the
23 state park is set up as a reservation,

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1 as a sanctuary, and as what Governor
2 Riley called, you know, a gem on the
3 coast -- I believe is what his quote
4 was -- the crowning achievement. He
5 realized what we have is the most
6 beautiful stretch of beach in the
7 world. And that's what draws people
8 here, plus the fishing that's available
9 to these anglers on the pier. And what
10 happens is they get discouraged when
11 they see these large-scale commercial
12 ventures going on in close proximity to
13 the pier night and day. And the catches
14 fall off on the pier. We've documented
15 this on our fishing Websites and over
16 the years, and so it's not entirely
17 anecdotal. There is evidence that
18 we've seen where there's a direct
19 correlation between commercial
20 activity --

21 MS. JONES: Time.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Go ahead and sum it up, if
23 you will.

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1 MR. THORNTON: Well, between the -- there's a
2 correlation between the commercial
3 activity nearby and the catches at the
4 state pier. And the fishermen would
5 certainly appreciate any help they can
6 get there. Thank you.

7 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much.

8 The next speaker is Tom Herder.

9 MR. HERDER: Good morning. I'm Tom Herder
10 from the Mobile Bay National Estuary
11 Program. We provided y'all a packet,
12 and in the packet there's a letter. It
13 will be Exhibit 1. And that's a letter
14 requesting that Three Mile Creek and its
15 tributaries be designated noninternal
16 combustion engine, no wake zone upstream
17 of the telegraph railroad trestle with
18 official government vessels exempt from
19 engine restrictions and the capacity to
20 grant waivers maintained by the
21 Commissioner.

22 Dr. George Crozier is here with

23 Dr. Eichold. Dr. Crozier will take it

1 up the creek.

2 DR. CROZIER: I've been up the creek before.

3 We have a paddle. And I'm not going
4 to walk you through this. There is a
5 series of photographs there. And
6 probably the one that would help the
7 most, if you'll simply look at number
8 one. I think the point we want to make
9 is that you can see the Three Mile
10 Creek, which has been marked, is
11 literally in the center of the city of
12 Mobile. I mean, this is a classic urban
13 stream, and it reaches into communities
14 that have lost the connection to the
15 Bay. That's why I'm here.

16 I had the pleasure five or six years
17 ago doing a public access study for
18 Phillip and for the Conservation
19 Department and became deeply engaged in
20 this concept of trying to provide public
21 access to people that don't have that
22 public access. And that's what we find
23 here.

1 We have a commitment from Jimmy
2 Lyons. That site number one is state

3 docks property. He's provided public
4 access there. He will make that
5 available to us. We've looked at this
6 and the possibility of additional public
7 access points as a paddling stream. And
8 I think this is very important to us, in
9 part, because the last figure that
10 you'll see there is material that I
11 gathered. I have argued that not only
12 is paddling a good recreational
13 opportunity; it is a public access thing
14 that we have not had. It reaches a
15 community that doesn't have this
16 connection to the Gulf, and it might be
17 worth a lot of money.

18 In doing the public access study for
19 the state, it became obvious to me that
20 the paddling community, both kayaks and
21 canoes, as a recreational opportunity
22 and as an economic engine has tremendous
23 potential for our area. So this is why

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1 I got involved with it.

2 And then I'm going to turn my time
3 over to Dr. Eichold because we have some
4 serious health issues that actually
5 started along this study.

6 DR. EICHOLD: Thank you, Dr. Crozier.

7 I think, for the record, that the
8 booklet will be Exhibit Number 2 from
9 our request. I'm the health officer of
10 Mobile County. And we actually -- and
11 under the last tab in your book you will
12 see that we had a public hearing over
13 three weeks and actual notice that this
14 was a community health and wellness
15 initiative. We advertised in the
16 newspaper with a certified copy. And in
17 that document is information for our
18 public hearing that we were to have
19 noninternal combustion engines in that
20 area. We had no adverse comments.

21 Also, please note in the record that the
22 mayor of the city of Mobile and multiple
23 city council members officially endorse

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1 this -- this proposal.

2 As far as public health,
3 overnutrition and lack of opportunity
4 for exercise are significant issues that
5 we're dealing with. We may be number
6 one in football, as we heard earlier
7 about a particular university, but we're
8 number two overall in the United States

9 to have obesity in the state of

10 Alabama.

11 So we need to have activities in a
12 safe and environmentally friendly way.

13 And, plus, this will be an educational

14 opportunity for people to learn about

15 the wildlife in Three Mile Creek. So

16 thank you very much.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Doctor.

18 The next speaker is Ken Darnell.

19 MR. DARNELL: Gentlemen, thank you very much

20 for allowing me to speak to you this

21 morning. I spoke to you about four

22 years ago -- three or four years ago

23 concerning my venom-producing

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1 activities. And this board got behind

2 the banning of gassing of gopher

3 tortoise burrows, and that has actually

4 worked. The regulation has worked very

5 well. I am getting high-quality snakes,

6 eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, and I

7 thank you for that.

8 I'm in another situation now. My

9 venoms are used to produce the antivenin

10 that is the only commercially available

11 antivenin, the only effective antivenin

12 available in the United States today.

13 We need both eastern diamondback
14 rattlesnake venom and western
15 diamondback rattlesnake venom.

16 Now, I just returned from basically
17 two months out in Texas and Oklahoma
18 producing western diamondback venom,
19 which is essential for producing the
20 antivenin, and it's also used for many
21 other purposes, researching and drugs
22 like Integrilin that will stop heart
23 attack and stroke in progress, et

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1 cetera. But I can produce enough venom
2 for those uses, but I cannot produce
3 enough antivenin with my activities in
4 Texas and Oklahoma. I have to have
5 snakes that I can know successively
6 every two weeks could produce the amount
7 of venom that I'm under contract to
8 produce or we will not have sufficient
9 supplies of the CroFab antivenin. It's
10 as simple as that.

11 This is important. This could
12 result in shortages which would be
13 devastating, potential death to those
14 who -- some who are bitten, loss of

15 limb, loss of tissue, et cetera. This
16 is important. I'm not just somebody who
17 doesn't know what he's doing, a hobbyist
18 who wants to keep some snakes. I've
19 been doing this 35 years.

20 I sent to you gentlemen a letter
21 back in February when I saw that I was
22 going to have to be in the hospital for
23 one of your meetings and out in Texas

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1 for the other one in Montgomery. So
2 here I am today finally able to speak
3 with you. And all I'm asking is the
4 opportunity to speak with a
5 decision-maker present up in Montgomery,
6 with the biologists or anybody who says
7 that there's some reason this should not
8 be granted, that I should not obtain
9 this permission.

10 I can't go in to all the details in
11 three minutes. So I simply would ask
12 you to allow me that courtesy. I have
13 not been able to set up such a meeting
14 previously. And I'd be happy to address
15 any questions you have.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Darnell.

17 MR. DARNELL: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker will

19 be --

20 MR. HARTZOG: One comment, Dan, is --

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog, please

22 address the chair.

23 Mr. Hartzog, go ahead.

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1 MR. HARTZOG: Houston is in my district. And

2 when I got the letter, I actually

3 checked with several doctors and vets in

4 the area, and there is a major shortage

5 of antivenin. In fact, they said the

6 hospital -- the local hospital did not

7 have any because of a lack of supply.

8 So, I mean, it's something that provides

9 good public benefit, and I think the

10 department ought to look at the

11 possibility of allowing this antivenin

12 to be produced because it might be me or

13 you that gets bitten.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other questions from

15 the board?

16 MR. HARTZOG: Sir?

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other questions from

18 the board?

19 (No response.)

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Darnell, do you have

21 any closing comments?

22 MR. DARNELL: No. That's all. I really would

23 simply like to have this meeting so that

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1 I could address any concerns that you
2 might have or that the department might
3 have. If anyone is really concerned
4 that snakes are going to get out of my
5 facility, they need to come see my
6 facility. They've never gotten out of a
7 cage in my facility, much less the
8 facility.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Darnell.

10 Your request is noted by the
11 Commissioner and the board.

12 MR. DARNELL: Thank you, gentlemen.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker will be
14 James T. Hanes.

15 MR. HANES: Good morning. I'm James Hanes. I
16 live in Bryant, Alabama.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak into the microphone,
18 please, Mr. Hanes.

19 MR. HANES: I live in Bryant, Alabama, the
20 extreme northeast corner of the state.

21 I'm a retired firefighter. I just
22 retired in November. I was a part-time
23 commercial fisherman for years. Now I'm

1 a full-time commercial fisherman.

2 And I don't know if you people are
3 aware or not, but there's been an old
4 regulation or law that prohibits
5 commercial fishing in fresh water after
6 sunset. And I'm here today to ask you
7 to consider making it legal to where I
8 can fish at night.

9 If you know anything at all -- and
10 I'm sure the representatives from
11 Guntersville and Huntsville know how the
12 TVA water system works. The powerhouses
13 normally, if they can do it and it's not
14 at flood stage, they cut the generators
15 off usually most of the time at
16 midnight. And that's the best time for
17 me to do my work. And with Alabama
18 being a right-to-work state, I think
19 that we should have the right to work at
20 night like everyone else. And I'd like
21 for you to consider it. Consider it.
22 It's been a long time coming.

23 And I had one other thing, if I

1 may.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, sir. Continue,

3 Mr. Hanes.

4 MR. HANES: The 34-inch one catfish limit per
5 day. As far as I know, Arkansas,
6 Tennessee, and Alabama brought this law
7 on, and it's not to protect the
8 species. I think it is taking part of
9 my income and giving it to the guide
10 fishing industry.

11 And the Tennessee River is full of
12 big catfish. And Gunter'sville Lake,
13 which that's where I fish primarily, 30
14 years ago there were 50 -- at least 50
15 commercial fishermen on that reservoir,
16 and today I venture to say there's
17 probably less than ten and most of them
18 are junk line fishermen. I'm a gillnet
19 fisherman. I was a box fisherman, but I
20 primarily gillnet fish. And, I mean,
21 with 50 boats on the water, the river
22 was still packed with big fish. It had
23 no impact on the numbers.

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1 So what I'm asking you to do today
2 is consider letting me work at night
3 like everyone else in the state and
4 please look at the one catfish limit,
5 the 34-inch limit. We don't catch that

6 many of them because our mesh size is
7 normally three inches. That's what most
8 of us use. And if you want to catch big
9 fish, you got to use big mesh. So we
10 don't catch that many. But if you can
11 go out there and you catch two or 300
12 pound of catfish and you pull two
13 50-pounders in, you got to throw one of
14 them back. That's your gas money, you
15 know, for your boat. But if y'all would
16 consider these two things --

17 MS. JONES: Time.

18 MR. HANES: -- I'd appreciate it.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much.

20 MR. HANES: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker will be
22 Jack Cropp.

23 MR. CROPP: Mr. Chairman, Members of the

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1 Board, Mr. Guy, Members of the
2 Conversation Department, my name is Jack
3 Cropp. I'm from Pell City in St. Clair
4 County. That's District 2. I'm here
5 for a couple of reasons today.

6 And, first and foremost, I'd like to
7 see y'all take that turkey-hunting
8 restriction off the crossbow. The only

9 reason I've ever heard for there being
10 such a restriction is that we need to
11 protect the resource. And an arrow was
12 not designed to kill a turkey. I think
13 all of us know that our ancestors
14 invented an arrow a long time ago and
15 they invented that arrow to kill
16 anything. And I'd venture to say that
17 since that time just about every
18 creature on the face of this planet has
19 been killed with an arrow at one time or
20 other.

21 So if it's a matter of protecting
22 the resource, then, you know, I think,
23 you guys need to just stop archery

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1 hunting for turkeys all together.
2 Otherwise, I'd like to see you take that
3 restriction off the crossbow.

4 Another thing I have, gentlemen. I
5 find it almost impossible to believe --
6 note that I said almost impossible to
7 believe -- that you guys would even
8 think about, much less consider, having
9 my neighbor that leases his hunting
10 rights from a timber company to tell me
11 where I can put a stand on my own

12 private property. I find that really
13 hard to believe.
14 Now, we've already got rules for
15 shooting across the line, and we know
16 what those are. And I hope that y'all
17 have given that some serious thought and
18 have decided to just forget it. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is Brad
21 Wallace.

22 Mr. Wallace, are you here?

23 MR. WALLACE: Good morning. I'd like to thank

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1 y'all for what y'all do and the officers
2 and everyone that deals with our
3 conservation.

4 I would just -- I know it's been a
5 big heated debate about the extended
6 hunting season and the baiting. And I'm
7 from Baldwin County. We hunt in Baldwin
8 County. And our season down here, we
9 start our bow season on October 15th,
10 which is still hot down here. And for
11 most of the state it's still hot too.

12 We would just like -- our club feels
13 and some of the clubs that are around us
14 feel that if you do -- we're not really

15 looking for an extended season. We'd
16 just like to back the season up a little
17 bit. We don't care about a break in the
18 middle. And we understand that the
19 state of Alabama has the longest hunting
20 season around, and we appreciate that.
21 And we enjoy our hunting and we take it
22 very serious and our conservation very
23 serious. We just would like y'all to

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1 consider just backing it up two weeks,
2 starting it later and ending it later.
3 And that's all I have.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much.

5 MR. WALLACE: Thank you.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is David
7 Cowan.

8 MR. COWAN: Good morning, Mr. Chairman. My
9 name is David Cowan. I own property in
10 Greene County, Alabama, and the issue
11 that I would like to address today would
12 be putting that part of Greene County
13 under a permit system for purposes of
14 dog hunting.

15 At the last meeting I provided the
16 board with a packet of information
17 regarding the number of intrusions that

18 we have suffered --

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: What were those numbers,
20 Mr. Cowan?

21 MR. COWAN: Those numbers --

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Would you refresh the
23 board, please.

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1 MR. COWAN: Just over the last two years, on
2 11 of the last 14 weekends that we have
3 been on our property we have had dogs
4 from the adjoining club on us. More
5 often than not, those intrusions
6 involved both days of the weekend or all
7 days of the holiday. In addition to
8 that, there have been at least three or
9 four occasions where those intrusions
10 have lasted all day, all day.

11 And I also want to emphasize today
12 the efforts that we've made to try to
13 rectify this problem. The first thing
14 that we did was we leased over 1200
15 acres around us to give us a border
16 between the land that we own and our
17 neighbors. In addition to that, we went
18 to the dog club and made them aware of
19 the problem and tried to open a
20 dialogue, and to say that the initial

21 response was quick and negative would be
22 an understatement.

23 While we had a dialogue, we made a

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1 request that they delay until 8 a.m. the
2 beginning of their activities which
3 would have the net effect of giving us
4 an hour in the morning. That's all we
5 asked for. I know it gets light about
6 6:30, but you really can't see if you're
7 hunting until about seven. All we asked
8 for was an hour. That was denied.

9 We offered to give them -- and I've
10 provided the board today a little
11 pamphlet that looks like this. We
12 offered to give them a key to a gate
13 that would open to them unlimited access
14 to the 1200 acres that we lease around
15 their property so that they could use
16 that during the midday in an effort to
17 catch their dogs. We said you can use
18 that from ten in the morning until 1:30
19 in the afternoon. That was refused.

20 Then we went and made contact with
21 the people that lease the land to this
22 dog club, Westervelt and Weyerhaeuser.
23 Weyerhaeuser cut them off, but

1 Westervelt has not.

2 We also made contact with our local
3 game warden and our -- the commissioner
4 of that district. And I don't want to
5 speak for them, but it's my
6 understanding that it is their belief
7 that unless they catch the club turning
8 dogs loose on our property --

9 MS. JONES: Time.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Continue, Mr. Cowan.

11 MR. COWAN: -- that there is nothing that they
12 can do about it other than document the
13 problem.

14 So it's an untenable situation. We
15 have nothing else to offer these
16 people. And if -- if the board has
17 another suggestion about something that
18 we can do, we would do it. But I
19 literally don't know of anything else we
20 can offer to rectify the situation.

21 And after the last meeting, at your
22 suggestion, I did go meet with
23 Mr. Bunn. And, Mr. Bunn, I appreciate

1 your time. Thank you.

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Cowan.

3 The next speaker is Andrew Scott.
4 MR. SCOTT: Thank you. My name is Andrew
5 Scott. I own land in Greene County
6 right down the road from David Cowan's
7 land. And at the last meeting I
8 presented a number of cases similar to
9 what he just illustrated about the
10 number of times that we suffered through
11 dog hunting while I was deer hunting
12 almost every weekend.

13 There is an area of Greene County
14 that's contiguous to the property that
15 David and I are talking about that's
16 already banned from dog hunting, and it
17 includes a good bit of Pickens County
18 and Tuscaloosa County too. So all we
19 would like is the same relief that those
20 folks have been given.

21 That's all I've got. Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Scott.

23 In our typical talk of for and

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1 against dog deer hunting, I would like
2 to remind the speakers and the board, we
3 have had great success down in Coffee
4 County with the dog hunters and the
5 landowners learning to be good

6 neighbors. And I think a lot of that
7 will apply in all of these situations
8 and if we'll keep that in mind when
9 passing any judgment.

10 The next speaker is Dennis Bentley.

11 MR. BENTLEY: How y'all doing? Dennis
12 Bentley. I've travelled around going on
13 the dog hunts that y'all let us have,
14 and I want to thank y'all for the two
15 days y'all give us up at Scotch last
16 year.

17 Everywhere we go about daylight we
18 can start hunting. If we go to Blue
19 Springs in Andalusia you give them your
20 license. You go hunting. You go to
21 Boykin and you got three hunting
22 guides. You go hunting. At Scotch --
23 it used to be one of the best places,

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1 but it's nine or 9:30 before we get to
2 go hunting. We're wanting to try to get
3 a time limit or something where when we
4 get there, I'll say, seven o'clock we
5 can go hunting. And Bruce Todd -- I
6 think is his name -- he's got it now
7 where when we turn our dogs loose, you
8 can't leave to go catch your dogs. We

9 got tracking systems that we buy where
10 when the dogs get off our land we can go
11 get them. He won't let us leave to go
12 catch our dogs now. So we're going to
13 have trouble with our dogs on
14 stalk-hunting clubs. I'm trying to get
15 y'all to come up with something about
16 that.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you very much.

18 The next speaker is Henry Davis.

19 MR. DAVIS: Gentlemen, appreciate the
20 opportunity.

21 I'm definitely an avid dog hunter,
22 have been all my life. And today, you
23 know, we spend a lot of money buying

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1 these tracking systems, GPS and this,
2 that, and the other, and we're having
3 problems, you know, with -- once we go
4 dog hunting, dogs are going to get off
5 the property. We understand. And I
6 hope the other guys do that too. But we
7 do our best to try to prevent that from
8 happening by buying these systems. And
9 some of them, you know, could be up to
10 two or \$3,000.

11 But, however, you know, we can be

12 sitting there looking on a GPS and all
13 of a sudden a dog quits moving. Well,
14 we still have it, but there's no more
15 signal left. Well, we know at that
16 point that something happened to that
17 collar and that dog. And a lot of times
18 we don't get the dog back. And I know
19 you got some stuff in your regulation
20 there, but we need some stronger
21 enforcement tying back to the humane
22 laws or whatever for that dog. I mean,
23 that dog don't have any way to --

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1 anybody to speak for it, you know.

2 And, secondly, today with the
3 harvesting of the timber and stuff like
4 that, these timber companies come in.
5 The first thing they do is they cut down
6 all the oak trees, and they never plant
7 them back. So there's our feed for our
8 deer and our game. If you look at these
9 big timber tracts today, they come in
10 after the pines get up so high. They go
11 and spray it. Kill all the hardwood and
12 the other softwood.

13 So we need maybe some regulation
14 putting back to those guys where they

15 need to plant ten to 15 percent of
16 that -- you know, that 640 acres they
17 just cleared in hardwood. Because a lot
18 of times once they cut those big oak
19 trees down that's been there for 20, 30
20 years, it takes anywhere from 10 to 15
21 years for that oak tree to bear again.
22 So I, please, ask for those
23 considerations.

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1 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
2 MR. DAVIS: Thank you.
3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker will be
4 Dick Dunn. Mr. Dunn.
5 MR. DYE: Dick and I are going to go together.
6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Thank you. Both of
7 y'all introduce yourselves in the
8 microphone, please.
9 MR. DYE: My name is Jim Dye. I'm from Leeds,
10 Alabama, and I hunt in Greene County.
11 MR. DUNN: I'm Dick Dunn, Tuscaloosa,
12 Alabama. I hunt in Greene County.
13 Our main concern, we hunt -- we hunt
14 with dogs in Greene County. And I know
15 we have some issues with adjoining
16 landowners.
17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Speak in the microphone,

18 please, Mr. Dunn.

19 MR. DUNN: We're going to do everything
20 possible to keep our dogs off of the
21 adjoining landowners. Myself, as I've
22 invested in high-tech collars, I'm
23 looking at shock collars, and I'm going

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1 to do my best. I've cut my dogs back.

2 And that's the only form of hunting
3 I really enjoy is the dog hunting. So
4 I'd just like for y'all to take that
5 into consideration. And we have a lot
6 of young kids that hunt with us and we
7 really enjoy it.

8 MR. DYE: I hunt in Greene County with C & W
9 Hunting Club, and we are a dog hunting
10 club. We abide by the rules the best we
11 can. We invest in the tracking systems
12 and all that as well. We do want to
13 work with anybody who does have issues.

14 We are working with Don Knight and
15 the Alabama Dog Hunters Association to
16 form a commission of dog hunting clubs
17 to get members together so that we can
18 pretty much try to resolve any issues
19 and as a -- as dog hunters in the state
20 try to come together to work with all

21 dog hunters in the state of Alabama to
22 kind of resolve issues and come up with
23 good plans to where everybody can enjoy

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1 their type of hunting.

2 But we do just want to keep hunting
3 dogs because that's what we enjoy to
4 do. And we want to try to come up with
5 good ways and good systems to where we
6 don't offend other landowners and
7 everybody, like I say, gets to enjoy
8 their hunting.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Dye.

10 MR. DYE: Thank you.

11 MR. BUNN: Mr. Moultrie?

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes, Mr. Bunn.

13 MR. BUNN: Y'all say y'all have a tracking
14 system.

15 COMMISSIONER GUY: Use your microphone.

16 MR. BUNN: Can you explain what kind of
17 tracking systems y'all have? Do you
18 have GPS collars? How do you track your
19 dogs?

20 MR. DYE: There's two type of systems out
21 there. There's the GPS system which a
22 couple of people in our club have
23 invested in which is an actual GPS that

1 the collar sends a signal to that GPS
2 and it maps it out. And you can see
3 where -- you know, it shows the land and
4 you can see where the dog and the
5 collar -- you know, where it's actually
6 going and what direction it's moving
7 in.

8 The other is a -- it's a frequency
9 collar. You have a box that you -- an
10 antenna that kind of points and you find
11 the strongest way that signal is beeping
12 and it tells you what direction the dog
13 is in. It doesn't actually tell you at
14 that point in time the exact spot he's
15 in, but it tells you what direction he's
16 in and how far away he's getting from
17 you or how close are the dogs getting
18 from you.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dunn, with the ability
20 to track the dogs like that, what
21 percentage of the time do you find that
22 dog off of your hunting area?

23 MR. DUNN: Well, it's -- it's hard to say

1 percentage-wise. What we've been faced
2 with over the years is -- and I'm sure

3 several of y'all have dog-hunted in the
4 past. The dogs change directions. They
5 run the deer. The deer go different
6 ways than what they normally do in tall
7 timber versus cutover.

8 I would think maybe -- according to
9 what part of the club we're on too. 20
10 percent maybe.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All right. Again, I
12 stress to the dog hunters and the
13 landowners, y'all need to learn to be
14 good neighbors to keep this board from
15 taking action --

16 MR. DUNN: Yes, sir.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: -- on either side.

18 Thank y'all very much.

19 MR. DUNN: Thank you.

20 MR. DYE: Thank you.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next speaker is Susan
22 Morrow.

23 MS. MORROW: Good morning, Chairman, Members

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1 of the Board. I'm here to thank y'all
2 for the extra days y'all gave us on the
3 management areas for dog hunting, and
4 I'm also here to ask you to open up
5 another area for us. This would take a

6 lot of pressure off of some of the
7 areas. And if you look at the numbers
8 of people that show up for the hunts, I
9 think you would understand how much
10 pressure there is, especially at the
11 Scotch Management Area.

12 And I'd also like to thank Mr. Moody
13 for setting up a meeting with
14 Mr. Barnett -- he is the biologist over
15 the Upper Delta -- so we can try to make
16 that a safer hunt. And that's all I got
17 for y'all today.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Ms. Morrow.

19 Our last speaker is Mr. Donald
20 Nelson.

21 MR. NELSON: Good morning, gentlemen. I'm
22 Mayor Don Nelson from Creola, Alabama,
23 and I'm going to be speaking on behalf

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1 of Big Rack Hunting Club in Butler
2 County. Mr. Hartzog, I'm the gentleman
3 that sent you a letter, I think, about a
4 month or so ago.

5 Had the pleasure and opportunity at
6 the last meeting in Montgomery to talk
7 about our club and what we're trying to
8 do. One of the things I shared, we

9 listened very intently and worked very
10 closely with local law -- game
11 enforcement officers, particularly
12 Mr. Mike McNeil. Had at least six
13 conversations -- I shared them -- with
14 Mike. Said, Mike, please tell us if we
15 have any problems. Let us know. Which
16 you was talking about working with your
17 neighbors. Now, we're not perfect, but
18 Mr. McNeil said, Don -- and my last
19 conversation was in January -- zero
20 issues and problems. I said, great, but
21 we're going to work harder. We know
22 dogs are not perfect.

23 I've heard people talk about GPS's

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1 this morning. I said, that's great.
2 We've got Garmins. You can actually --
3 and I shared, I think, at the last
4 meeting in Montgomery -- I said, hey,
5 these things are fantastic. They help.
6 They're not a cure-all, but that's a
7 good investment we do moving in that
8 direction.

9 We're a good neighbor in that
10 community. We've been -- we're probably
11 one of the oldest clubs in Alabama.

12 We've been in Butler County about 50
13 years. And I got to adding up. We've
14 probably invested a million dollars in
15 leases during that time frame and
16 getting ready to invest about 25 to
17 30,000. And that's good, not counting
18 all the other wonderful things you get
19 to invest in.

20 But my three-year-old grandson this
21 morning, who I was sitting there -- when
22 I was gathering my thoughts getting
23 ready to come over for the meeting and

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1 eating Pop-Tart and orange juice, he
2 said, Paw-paw, let's go get Buddy and
3 Rebel. And that's a routine he and I do
4 about three times a week. I have a
5 little one-year-old beagle a lady
6 rescued from a shelter and called me and
7 drove 80 miles to give him to me. And
8 my old Rebel is 14 years old and has no
9 teeth and can't hear. But we go get
10 them and take them and exercise them
11 about three times a week. And it kind
12 of reminded me of that bond between our
13 dogs and the individual hunters. And
14 that's what it's about.

15 I was looking here. I got

16 Mr. Dustin --

17 Dustin, where are you at this

18 morning?

19 Raise your hand there.

20 Dustin is one of our young guys in

21 the hunting club. We've got about a

22 half a dozen young guys from here to

23 here that we watched come and hunt and

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1 grow up to be young men and become good

2 citizens. We're trying to teach our

3 young boys what's right.

4 And Mr. Hatley shared something this

5 morning -- and I can identify with

6 this -- about some of the folks we've

7 lost with cancer. Well, three years ago

8 I stood in front of this board and said,

9 guys, I've got cancer, a cancer victim.

10 I just had my three-year CAT scan this

11 past week and, bless the Lord, it was

12 clear. It makes you understand what's

13 important.

14 Hunting is a privilege. We know

15 that. We in Butler County do not want

16 to cause y'all problems and we hope

17 we're not. We're working hard to do

18 things right and do them better just
19 like these other folks. And the key
20 is -- what you said -- is work with your
21 neighbors.

22 Now, we've made mistakes and I'll
23 own up. It's a hard thing to go talk to

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1 your neighbor and say, you know, I'm
2 responsible, but we're going to try to
3 do right and we want to. And we
4 appreciate what y'all do because I know
5 it's not easy. But if we can help --

6 MS. JONES: Time.

7 MR. NELSON: And I appreciate your time.

8 Y'all have a great day.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mayor, thank you so much.

10 That concludes the public speaking
11 portion of our segment.

12 MR. HARVARD: Mr. Chairman?

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Yes.

14 MR. HARVARD: I'm sorry to interrupt, but I
15 was only about two minutes too late to
16 sign up and I was wondering if I could
17 have a couple of minutes.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: What is the issue that you
19 wish to speak on?

20 MR. HARVARD: I'm a commercial fisherman.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We generally don't go
22 around those rules, but at this time I
23 will accept you for three minutes at the

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1 microphone, please, sir.

2 MR. HARVARD: Thank you very much, sir.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Please state your name in
4 the microphone -- name and area.

5 MR. HARVARD: My name is Ben Harvard. I'm a
6 District 1 commercial fisherman.

7 Back in March my wife and I made a
8 trip to Washington, D.C., to be part of
9 a rally that was being held at the
10 Capitol. It was a fishermen's rally.
11 They had fishermen from Alaska to Key
12 West, each side of our country, charter
13 boat industry, sail fishing
14 organizations, big recreational fishing
15 alliances. We all came together. The
16 banner that it was under was "United We
17 Fish." There was nobody there trying to
18 take anything away from anybody -- from
19 each other.

20 We've come together because we know
21 that if we don't work together we lose
22 fisheries all around our country. This
23 is a federal issue, federal waters all

1 around. Because the regulations that
2 has been put in place has been crippling
3 to the industry recreationally, charter,
4 and commercial. We know that we have to
5 work together to make this work to keep
6 fishing.

7 In our state right now we have a
8 situation where we know the CCA,
9 Mr. Shipp are looking at the pompano
10 situation.

11 I know, Mr. Shipp, you made a
12 comment two meetings ago about the
13 amount of pompano we're catching is way
14 down. A few years ago we had open
15 fishing with pompano and we were
16 catching 30 to 40,000 pounds a year. We
17 have a closed season on pompano
18 instigated by Mr. Shipp and the CCA. It
19 crippled us down. We have a closed
20 season in the main part of pompano
21 season. So we catch a lot less pompano
22 now. We have a bycatch during the
23 closed season and a little bit of fish

1 later on. Our numbers are way down on
2 production. Now that's being used

3 against us because what you said is our
4 numbers were low and you said that the
5 monetary value is insignificant.

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Please do not attack the
7 board members.

8 MR. HARVARD: I'm sorry. I'm just -- I get a
9 little emotional about this. I
10 apologize.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Go ahead.

12 MR. HARVARD: Anyway, said that the monetary
13 value was insignificant.

14 One of my crewmen that's been with
15 me for a couple of years now is a
16 married man. Him and his wife have five
17 children. They put shoes on their
18 feet. They put clothes on their back.
19 And I don't think anybody that's got
20 kids thinks that any amount of our
21 income is insignificant for anybody.

22 We've had -- we've lost our weekends
23 on our Gulf beaches. 50-something days

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1 a year out of the main part of our
2 fishing season, even for other species,
3 are gone. Daytime right along our
4 beaches are gone. We have such limited
5 hours to produce any type of seafood.

6 As a commercial fisherman,
7 historically we fish when we think the
8 weather's right, the moon's right, the
9 tide's right. We don't get to fish like
10 that anymore. We can't run our business
11 historically the way we've learned how
12 to be productive.

13 I looked at one of my fuel tickets.
14 Nine years ago I was paying 70 cents for
15 fuel. Now we're in the \$3.50 range
16 now. But I still can't go fishing when
17 I think I can be most productive. I go
18 by a clock now. I'm told I can be there
19 and what times I can be there.

20 We have a lot of regulations that
21 are good, and what we want are good
22 common-sense regulations. We want a
23 good healthy resource. We want great

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1 recreational fishing in this state. We
2 need some -- we need help in the
3 commercial fishing industry too. We
4 need to keep everybody strong. We need
5 to produce seafood for our consumers.

6 And I'm just asking you -- I know
7 this issue is going to come up about the
8 pompano, but before you rule on that --

9 MS. JONES: Time.

10 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Please sum it up.

11 MR. HARVARD: -- please just consider that we

12 catch -- we do catch only a few, but

13 somebody's getting helped by that. It's

14 a monetary issue. Somebody is feeding

15 their family.

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you for your time.

17 MR. HARVARD: Thank you very much.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next order of business

19 is old business. I'll start with

20 Mr. Fred Harders.

21 Fred, would you like to address the

22 board and the crowd.

23 MR. HARDERS: Mr. Chairman, Board Members, I'd

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1 just like to bring to your attention

2 several items.

3 First of all, we had several

4 promotions since the last board

5 meeting. Kevin Dodd was promoted to

6 chief of the enforcement section. He

7 took the vacancy when Allan Andress

8 retired.

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Which we have Mr. Dodd

10 here. Mr. Dodd.

11 MR. HARDERS: We also promoted Chris Lewis to

12 captain, our D-4 district Enterprise
13 office, when Captain Larry Hicks
14 retired. I believe --

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Chris.

16 MR. HARDERS: -- he's in the back.
17 Captain Lewis.

18 The other thing I'd like to mention
19 to you is the legislature passed what we
20 call the "Paddlefish Bill." This will
21 allow us to open a paddlefish fishery on
22 a competitive basis with other states.

23 Our fisheries section is working to come

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1 up with those seasons and regulations.

2 And Mr. Hanes, who spoke earlier, worked
3 with us on that, and we think this will
4 be a good thing for Alabama and the
5 paddlefish population.

6 The other thing I'd like to bring to
7 your attention or tell you about is what
8 we're doing to increase our knowledge
9 and add to our existing database we have
10 on the Alabama deer herd.

11 The first thing we did was we
12 modified the Internet harvest recording
13 system where people can go online and
14 tell us about their kill. We've made

15 that more user friendly, and we're going
16 to promote that. When that first came
17 out in '06, we had about 1400 deer
18 registered on that without any
19 promotion. It's declined to where last
20 year we ended up with 250. So we have
21 5,000 deer on that system now. We're
22 going to promote that and encourage
23 people to put their deer on there so we

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1 can get that information.

2 The other thing we did was we
3 modified our hunter mail survey -- that
4 went out about two weeks ago -- where we
5 send a survey to licensed hunters
6 through the mail. We've modified that
7 to include information on county harvest
8 rates.

9 We also did an e-mail survey.
10 That's something that's new this year.
11 We sent questions that parallel that
12 mail survey. Again, we're going to get
13 information on county harvest rates.
14 We're also going to encourage people to
15 give us their e-mail address so they can
16 be part of future surveys.

17 We're encouraging people to

18 participate in the Deer Management
19 Assistance Program. That's something
20 that was started in the '80s. Back when
21 we had doe seasons it was very popular.
22 Landowners and clubs were issued doe
23 tags so they could shoot a doe anytime

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1 within the season. That's what made
2 that very popular. At its heyday we had
3 2100 participants. Last year we had a
4 hundred. We're removing any fees
5 associated with that, and we're going to
6 solicit clubs and landowners to give us
7 that important data that we get from
8 that.

9 We've also contracted research with
10 Auburn University to look at fawn
11 recruitment. This is an extension of
12 what Dr. Ditchkoff did on Fort Rucker.
13 Our biologists will be collecting data,
14 along with Auburn, and this is a
15 multi-year study.

16 Our biologists are finishing their
17 sampling for this year, collecting the
18 samples for fetal study. We're trying
19 to fill in some blanks, some areas we
20 don't have information on. This has

21 been going on for quite some time. So
22 this information will be important to
23 us.

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1 Our biologists -- our wildlife
2 biologists have reviewed other state
3 deer management plans in preparation of
4 preparing a deer management plan for
5 Alabama. This will have goals,
6 objectives, and we hope to have it for
7 the next board meeting.

8 We're also promoting the harvest
9 record -- the use of the harvest
10 record. Our enforcement section writes
11 between 500 and 600 tickets a year for
12 violation of a harvest record. So we're
13 going to have a campaign to promote the
14 use of that. We have a slogan to go
15 along with that campaign. It's "Note it
16 before you tote it." So you'll see
17 that. We'll have decals in some of
18 our -- you should have heard the ones
19 that didn't make the cut.

20 We'll have decals. We'll have
21 information in the Digest. But that's
22 just a few of the things that we're
23 doing to increase our information and

1 add to our existing database on the deer
2 herd in Alabama.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good, Mr. Harders.

4 Some of our out-of-state hunters may not
5 know the definition of "tote," but I'm
6 sure y'all can fill them in.

7 MR. HARDERS: Right.

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Very good
9 report. Thank you.

10 The next issue I show open of old
11 business is the Florida pompano,
12 Dr. Shipp's motion. We had tabled that
13 motion. I talked to Dr. Shipp before
14 the meeting, and unless something has
15 changed, that motion will remain tabled
16 by the chair and continue to be
17 studied. Correct, Dr. Shipp?

18 DR. SHIPP: Yes, sir.

19 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: The next open old business
20 item is from Mr. Hartzog, a permit
21 system in Elmore County. Mr. Hartzog.

22 MR. HARTZOG: Yes, sir, Mr. Chairman. I still
23 want to propose that we put that portion

1 of Elmore County under a permit system.
2 The permit system still allows the

3 hunting but just allows the enforcement
4 officers a little more tools in
5 controlling the areas in which we're
6 having problems on. And so it's my
7 recommendation that -- in new business
8 that we still pursue --

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Would you like to make a
10 motion, Mr. Hartzog?

11 MR. HARTZOG: Yes, I'd like to make a motion.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Would you read that
13 motion, please, sir.

14 The board members should have a copy
15 of this motion in their packets.

16 MR. HARTZOG: Make a proposal that a portion
17 of Elmore County be put under dog permit
18 area. The line should run -- and what
19 we did was we came up -- or worked with
20 the enforcement officers to come up with
21 an area that they felt like would be the
22 area that needed to be under permit
23 system. And they said the line should

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1 run along Coosa County/Elmore County
2 line to the east bank of Lake Jordan to
3 Highway 9 and then south along Highway 9
4 to the intersection of Highway 231 and
5 then south along 231 Highway to the

6 intersection of Highway 14 and then west
7 along Highway 14 to the east bank of the
8 Coosa River and then north along the
9 east bank of the Coosa River to Lake
10 Jordan and back to the Coosa and the
11 Elmore County line.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: So your motion is to adopt
13 this as a permit area for Elmore County?

14 MR. HARTZOG: A permit system, yes, sir.

15 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Do we have a second?

16 MR. LYNCH: Second.

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We have a motion and a
18 second. Any discussion on the motion?

19 Mr. Hatley.

20 MR. HATLEY: Yes. Grady, I've got a couple of
21 points.

22 One, I looked at your lines and
23 everything. Of course, you may remember

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1 or may not remember that over the years
2 I have had some strong concerns about
3 closing areas and, also, restricting
4 areas. And my question, I guess, is,
5 how many of the adjacent or contiguous
6 landowners have you sat down and talked
7 with about this?

8 MR. HARTZOG: Mr. Hatley, I've heard from

9 probably 20 of the surrounding areas in
10 this -- 20 landowners within this area
11 that have had problems.

12 MR. HATLEY: And you drew these lines?

13 MR. HARTZOG: No, sir. I talked to
14 enforcement -- with the enforcement
15 officers, and the enforcement officers
16 gave me the lines --

17 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Hartzog, who was the
18 enforcement officer that drew those
19 lines?

20 MR. HARTZOG: I can't remember his name. The
21 warden from Elmore County.

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Continue. We'll
23 note it as the warden from Elmore County

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1 drew the lines.

2 Mr. Hatley, go ahead.

3 MR. HATLEY: Well, I -- I've just got some
4 concerns, Grady. And I want to be fair
5 to everyone. But I don't --
6 Mr. Chairman, I don't feel real strong
7 about this right now because of the fact
8 that I'm not -- I'm not sure everybody
9 that should be involved has been
10 involved in making this decision. I'm
11 not going to move to table it, but I've

12 got some strong concerns about it.

13 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. We'll have open

14 discussion and the motion will have a

15 chance to be voted on its own merits.

16 Any other discussion from the

17 board?

18 Mr. Dobbs.

19 MR. DOBBS. Just one question. How -- since I

20 have been on this board, we have not

21 done -- broken out any parts. And I'm

22 curious, Mr. Dodd, how would you -- or

23 how would you manage or control this

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1 area from the enforcement standpoint?

2 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dodd.

3 MR. DODD: Typically in those areas where we

4 have a dog permit system in place dog

5 season is closed with the exception of

6 those properties that hold a permit. So

7 anyone inside that property or inside

8 that description would have to have a

9 permit issued through us.

10 MR. DOBBS: Okay. So it's not specific to a

11 club. This is -- but this is an area.

12 This is a geographical area?

13 MR. DODD: That's correct.

14 MR. DOBBS: Okay. And that's what -- that's

15 what you were faced with as well?

16 MR. BUNN: Yes.

17 Mr. DODD: Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Dodd.

19 Any other questions from the board?

20 (No response.)

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Commissioner, do

22 you have a comment?

23 COMMISSIONER GUY: Grady, what I -- I just

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1 didn't want to misunderstand you. I

2 want a clarification.

3 I thought I heard you say that our

4 law enforcement had recommended --

5 MR. HARTZOG: No. No. The law enforcement

6 officer -- when I started getting all

7 the complaints, I generally contact the

8 enforcement officers to see if, in fact,

9 they are having problems in those

10 areas. And then I asked the warden to

11 assist me in writing a legal description

12 of the area that would be -- that would

13 be affected and the areas we were having

14 problems.

15 COMMISSIONER GUY: So our enforcement officer

16 just helped you draw the line at your

17 direction?

18 MR. HARTZOG: Correct.

19 COMMISSIONER GUY: I just want that
20 clarification. Appreciate it.

21 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. Very good. Any
22 other discussion?

23 Dr. Lemme.

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1 DR. LEMME: Mr. Chairman.

2 Have the hunting clubs in that area
3 all been contacted so they can provide
4 reaction?

5 (Brief interruption.)

6 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: No comments from the
7 gallery, please.

8 Dr. Lemme asked a question of
9 Mr. Hartzog.

10 MR. HARTZOG: This Elmore County has come up
11 for discussion on two or three different
12 occasions. It came up several meetings
13 ago. I was not at the last meeting, and
14 so I asked Grant if he would introduce
15 the motion. Don Knight -- I have talked
16 with Don Knight, who's president of the
17 Dog Hunting Association, about the
18 problems we're having in the area. Don
19 said that he would work with them. But
20 based on the number of complaints that

21 I've had or the landowners in that area,
22 it -- you know, and the permit system
23 does not preclude people from dog

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1 hunting. It just puts them under a
2 little tighter restraints and hopefully
3 makes them a little more conscious of
4 the adjoining landowners.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Any other discussion from
6 the board?

7 (No response.)

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: We've got a motion and a
9 second, the motion being that Elmore
10 County from -- the line should run
11 across the Coosa County/Elmore County
12 line to the east bank of Lake Jordan to
13 Highway 9 and then south along Highway 9
14 to the intersection of Highway 231 and
15 then south along Highway 231 to the
16 intersection of Highway 14, then west
17 along Highway 14 to the east bank of the
18 Coosa River, then north along the east
19 bank of the Coosa River to Lake Jordan
20 and back to the Coosa County/Elmore
21 County line.

22 All those in favor, please show up
23 your hand.

1 (Board members Lynch, Hartzog,
2 Shipp, and McMillan raise
3 hands.)

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

5 (Board members Dobbs, Bunn,
6 Lemme, Ainsworth, and Hatley
7 raise hands.)

8 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Motion fails.

9 Let me note who was -- we're going
10 to go back through and note who was for
11 and against.

12 All for again?

13 (Board members Lynch, Hartzog,
14 Shipp, and McMillan raise
15 hands.)

16 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Lynch, Mr. Hartzog,
17 Dr. Shipp, Mr. McMillan.

18 All against?

19 (Board members Dobbs, Bunn,
20 Lemme, Ainsworth, and Hatley
21 raise hands.)

22 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Mr. Dobbs, Mr. Bunn,
23 Dr. Lemme, Mr. Ainsworth, Mr. Hatley.

1 Thank y'all.

2 The next old business item is the

3 turkey season, bring six counties with
4 fall season into compliance with the
5 rest of the state. In discussion with
6 Mr. Hatley beforehand, he wants some
7 more research to be done and more
8 visibility by the state to comment. Is
9 that correct, Mr. Hatley?

10 MR. HATLEY: That is correct.

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: And so you will not make a
12 motion at this time?

13 MR. HATLEY: That is correct.

14 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Mr. Hatley.

15 The next item would be Mr. Dobbs had
16 brought up some sundry items, more youth
17 days, allowing hunting of coyotes at
18 night, the same for feral hogs, a
19 self-sustaining system of carcass tags
20 and reporting, delineating the work
21 area, and working toward a provision
22 with lifetime hunting licenses.

23 Mr. Dobbs, do you want to discuss

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1 any of these issues?

2 MR. DOBBS: Mr. Harders has addressed the one
3 that's most dear, I think, to most of us
4 and that is a reporting system that's
5 consistent with our existing programs

6 that will provide some additional data
7 to help manage our resource or the
8 herd. And I think that's great. I
9 would like to help and keep up with
10 that. All of us would.

11 And then ask for some advice from
12 you and enforcement with regard to the
13 coyotes, the predation. The comments
14 that I'm hearing are -- certainly
15 there's -- I have no scientific data to
16 back that up, but is that acceptable.

17 And that's something that we can discuss
18 in sidebar.

19 Certainly we've added some youth
20 days, and everybody is very appreciative
21 of that.

22 And then number six and number
23 seven, the provisions for a lifetime

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1 hunting license that would be free of
2 charge for persons with a life-altering
3 disability which would normally preclude
4 them from any normal outdoor activity or
5 hunting activities without the physical
6 aid of a caregiver. That's something,
7 again, that I would like to sidebar with
8 y'all and maybe come up with a program

9 to help some -- a number of people in my
10 district and others too.

11 So that's all. Thank you.

12 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Very good. Thank you,
13 Mr. Dobbs.

14 Are there any other old business
15 items that the board would like to bring
16 forward?

17 (No response.)

18 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Okay. With that being
19 said, the next order of business is new
20 business.

21 Commissioner, I'd like to call on
22 you to find out what occurred or
23 happened in the legislature this year

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1 that we need to be concerned with.

2 Game and fish-wise, Commissioner.

3 COMMISSIONER GUY: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

4 Well, as usual, we had an
5 interesting year in the legislature.
6 The hot topics for game and fish, of
7 course, were the supplemental feeding,
8 slash, baiting issue and extending the
9 season.

10 Mr. Jones and I had an opportunity
11 to talk to a number of the members of

12 the legislature on these issues. We're
13 listening to what they're saying. Our
14 department, as Mr. Harders pointed out,
15 is moving forward with some more deer
16 management programs to try to better
17 evaluate what we need to do in these
18 areas. And we make a promise to all the
19 members of the public, particularly the
20 hunting public, that we're going to do
21 that.

22 I think, of course, extending the
23 season was very important for members in

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1 the legislature from south Alabama.
2 Representative Mike Jones,
3 Representative Harry Shiver and others
4 have talked to us about that, and we --
5 we are looking in to those issues. We
6 want to make sure that we balance, as
7 much as possible, of course, the biology
8 with what the hunter wants. And that's
9 what's important. And we need to have
10 that information and we need to share it
11 with you so that you will understand the
12 decisions we make in that regard.

13 So we're going to continue to look
14 at those, Mr. Chairman, but we want to

15 look at them as quickly as possible to
16 answer those issues that are important
17 to the people out there hunting.

18 I do want to note, too, besides game
19 and fish, we did lose money for the
20 parks system this year, another
21 \$2 million, from the legislature. That
22 makes a little over \$7 million that the
23 legislature has taken from the parks

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1 system in the last two years to help
2 balance the budget.

3 All of us here probably in this room
4 from time to time or maybe regularly use
5 our parks. They're very important to
6 you and your families. And, you know, a
7 lot of them are -- relate to the hunting
8 industry and the fishing industry. And
9 we've got difficult times ahead. To the
10 extent that you can, you know, make
11 those -- your concerns about the parks
12 system known to your legislators and
13 what that will mean to you. It's
14 important. They've got a very difficult
15 time up there in Montgomery in trying to
16 get this budget right, but at the same
17 time they didn't know about your

18 concerns with these issues. And parks
19 is going to have trouble if we move
20 forward with this lack of funding.

21 So I could sit here and tell you and
22 don't mind telling you that the parks
23 system provides tens of millions in

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1 dollars in economic benefit to the state
2 of Alabama. It provides recreational
3 opportunities for all walks of Alabama
4 citizens. But it is something that
5 requires money to run. We cannot be
6 self-sufficient, and we cannot keep the
7 parks going without supplemental
8 funding, particularly for capital
9 improvements. You know, you can -- you
10 can run them, but you got to keep them
11 fixed up just like you do with your
12 homes and your hunting cabins and
13 everything else. They just don't
14 continue on without help.

15 So I just want to make that note,
16 Mr. Chairman, because I think it is an
17 important issue to the people in this
18 room about the parks system as well.
19 Like I say, you know, it's a tough job
20 there in Montgomery to try to do what we

21 need to do in that regard. But we do
22 appreciate everybody's input on that. I
23 think the people who represent you

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1 appreciate that input as well. And if
2 we can ever do anything to answer your
3 questions, we'll be happy to do that.

4 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Thank you, Commissioner.

5 On that same note, the legislature
6 has been very patient, the public has
7 been very patient in waiting for our
8 fetus study to be completed.

9 Mr. Moody, I know there's a lot of
10 people waiting on that study, and as
11 soon as that could be given to the board
12 or the members, I know that needs to be
13 addressed. And we appreciate the
14 promptness on that. Thank you very
15 much, Mr. Moody.

16 The next order of business is the
17 date and location of the next advisory
18 board meeting. The date will be
19 February 2nd, 2013. The location will
20 be Montgomery at the State Capitol.

21 Dr. Shipp, I believe you have a
22 housekeeping motion.

23 DR. SHIPP: I do, Mr. Chairman. I hereby make

1 a motion to approve all department
2 regulations since the last approval.

3 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Do we have a second?

4 MR. AINSWORTH: Second.

5 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: This is purely a
6 housekeeping motion.

7 All those in favor?

8 (All board members respond "aye".)

9 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: All opposed?

10 (No response.)

11 CHAIRMAN MOULTRIE: Let it show that it was a
12 hundred-percent affirmative.

13 I'd like to thank, again,
14 Representative Jamie Ison for attending
15 our advisory board meeting. We always
16 appreciate having your presence.

17 Being no further business, this
18 meeting is adjourned.

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20 (Meeting adjourned at
21 approximately 10:26 a.m.)
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