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QUARTERLY MEETING
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BEFORE: ROBERT W. SCHLEMMER, President
David J. Putman, Vice President
Brian H. Hoover, Secretary
James J. Delaney, Jr., Member
Ralph A. Martone, commissioner
Charles E. Fox, Commissioner
Timothy S. Layton, Commissioner
R. Matthew Hough, Executive Director
Richard R. Palmer Deputy Exec. Director

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CHAIR:
I call the meeting to order. Pledge allegiance to the flag.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED

CHAIR:
Mr. Secretary, call the role, please.

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Layton?

COMMISSIONER LAYTON:
Present.
SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Fox?

COMMISSIONER FOX:
Present.
SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Martone?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Present.
SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Weaner?

(No response.)
SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Delaney.
COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
Present.

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Putnam.

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
Present.

SECRETARY HOOVER:
President Schlemmer.

CHAIR:
Present.

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Commissioner Hoover is here.

CHAIR:
Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

I would like to have approval of the minutes for the meeting held April the 8th.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
So moved.

COMMISSIONER LAYTON:
Second.

CHAIR:
Properly moved and seconded. Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Motion on the floor to approve the
minutes of the meeting of April 8th, 2014, has been -- a motion has been made and duly seconded. All those in favor, say aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:

All opposed? Motion passes.

CHAIR:

Thank you, Mr. Secretary.

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:

Mr. President, I would like to acknowledge Commissioner Weaner's absence. We moved this meeting up a couple of weeks, and his school district has all its snow days this week. So he is working, and he has a legitimate reason for not being here. And I want to acknowledge that.

CHAIR:

Thank you, Commissioner.

At this time, we would like to recognize one of our fine employees who is retiring. And Calvin DuBrock has announced after 32 years of service to the agency his retirement on August the 1st.

Cal.

(Appause.)

(Presentation of a painting to Director DuBrock.)
DIRECTOR DUBROCK:

Thank you, President Schlemmer.

I understand it's always dangerous getting up to a podium. I got D's in public speaking in high school. It's never been one of my favorite things to do.

But also it's been a very quick 32 years, and it's come more quickly than I had anticipated. It's been a great career. This agency is a wonderful agency, and this is totally unexpected. So I want to thank you very much. I want to thank the staff for the Commission very much.

The -- it's very emotional now, too.

The agency has changed a great deal in the 32 years that I've been here. The Bureau of Wildlife Management has changed a great deal. I started my career with the Bureau of Land Management, which is now the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management. And I spent the first five years there before moving into the Bureau of Game Management, which became the Bureau of Wildlife Management.

And it just struck me yesterday in listening to the staff reports on diversity that in 1987 when I joined the Bureau of Game Management, we had one wildlife diversity staff person and there
were about a dozen biologists. Now we have eight or nine full-time people -- ten full-time people with the wildlife diversity program and, again, seasonal folks. So the diversity program itself is larger than the wildlife management program was back in the late '80s. The program has grown tremendously, much to the credit of the administration, previous executive directors, the board of commissioners through that time.

So it's been a terrific, I think, opportunity for the agency to expand our foundation of science, to do much more extensive monitoring work, much more extensive foundational science work. It has positioned us to make very responsible decisions on conservation and management of wildlife. We've expanded opportunities, I think, for hunters. We've expanded opportunities for folks who don't hunt to sit and enjoy and appreciate wildlife. And so that's been very ratifying, I think.

Despite the fact that we still have a number of species that are in peril in the Commonwealth, I think it's ratifying to see -- we had a discussion yesterday about the status of the bald eagle that had over the course of my career 3 nesting bald eagles to nearly 300 nesting bald eagles in the
Commonwealth. It's a credit to the agency and its management programs. And it's a credit to the people of the Commonwealth and our elected representatives and how we've changed the landscape and how environmental conditions have improved to allow wildlife to recover as well.

So the agency has much to be proud of. And I look forward to watching this agency serve the people of the Commonwealth and continue to advance wildlife conservation. So again, thank you for the opportunity to serve. Thank you for the opportunity to be part of the team. And I look forward to the days and years ago where I can watch and hopefully help as well in a new way conservation here in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. So thank you very much.

CHAIR:
Thank you, Calvin. And you got a B in speaking?

DIRECTOR DUBROCK:
A D as in duck.

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
I would like to add my two cents to that.

Cal and I go back a long way. He's
been here 33 years, but 34 years ago Cal and I worked
together at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services. I'm
a pack rat, and I still have a paper on my desk -- it
wasn't there the whole time -- that Cal and I and
Jack Byerly wrote way back then. Cal and I were
coauthors of the paper. It was printed on a dot
matrix printer. That was before we had copiers.

I want to congratulate Cal on a long
and successful career. Thank you, Cal.

CHAIR:
Thank you. Any other comments?
Commissioner Martone.

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
I'm especially proud to be here at this
time, because not only is Cal claiming to have gotten
a D in his public speaking, but he got it from the
same high school I attended. And he is one of our
distinguished alumni. And I can tell you it has --
it has been a privilege to even be associated with
the agency, and a lot of that is due to Cal's
presence at the agency.

So it is wonderful to see him have a
long and storied career; but at the same time, it is
heartbreaking to see him end that career. And I
don't think it's going to end quickly. I think he's
going to hang on for a bit longer with different projects and things.

So I wish him well in the future. I'm sure he's going to have to practice for retirement. It isn't something you just jump into.

So thank you very much for your career and your efforts for the agency.

CHAIR:
Thank you. Anyone else?

All right. We'll moved ahead with the scheduled agenda this morning. Mr. Bechtel.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The first item for the Commission today is from the Bureau of Wildlife Management and concerns adopted rulemaking.

The adoption of proposed amendment to 58 Pa. Code Section 133.6 was proposed at the April 8th, 2014, meeting to list the recently introduced and expanding Eurasian collared dove as a game bird and include their take in the aggregate dove bag hunting/trapping license year.

The text of this amendment is shown on page 3 of your agenda.

CHAIR:
Thank you, sir. Do I hear a motion?
SECRETARY HOOVER:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Second.

CHAIR:
Properly moved and second. Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Discussion?

CHAIR:
Hearing none, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
There's a motion on the floor. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Those opposed? Motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item is from the Bureau of Wildlife Protection and concerns proposed rulemaking.

On January 27th, 2014, the Act of November 27, 2013, became effective. This final legislation amended 34 Pa.C.S. Section 2324 to
eliminate the roster requirement and remove the Commission's authority to establish roster requirements. The Commission is proposing to amend Section 141.42 by removing the voided roster requirement text remaining in Paragraphs A through D and F.

The text of these amendments are shown on pages 4 and 5 of your agenda.

CHAIR:
Do I hear a motion?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Second.

CHAIR:
Properly moved and seconded.

Discussion?

Hearing none, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
The motion on the floor has been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. The motion passes unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service recently amended its definition of the term hybrid at 50 CFR Section 21.3, relating to definitions, to include any bird that results from a cross of genetic material between two separate taxa when one or more -- one or both are listed in 50 CFR 10.13, relating to list of migratory birds. This revision clarified that the term hybrid includes any bird resulting from propagation where only one parent is defined as a migratory bird, where the previous definition required both parents to be defined as a migratory bird. The Commission is proposing to amend Sections 147.101 and 147.103, relating to the definitions, classes, to make it clear that the term hybrid in its regulation applies to all offspring of any species listed at 50 CFR 10.13, relating to list of migratory birds. Adoption of this amendment with maintain the Commonwealth's necessary compliance with the applicable Federal regulations concerning falconry to continue this program in Pennsylvania.

The text of these changes is shown on pages 6 and 7 of your agenda.
CHAIR:
Do I hear a motion?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Second.

CHAIR:
Approved and seconded. Discussion?

Commissioner Putnam?

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
Randy, would you explain how this would affect species such as the Mallard duck that breeds with a Muscovy duck? I think that's one of the more common hybrids that we see.

MR. SHOUP:
I would -- I would have to do a little bit of research on that to get an answer for you, Commissioner, unless I could defer to Deputy Director Palmer -- Deputy Executive Director.

DIRECTOR PALMER:
I believe the primary intent of this was to deal with hybrid raptors for the most part.

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
What would be a common example of this application at this point?

DIRECTOR PALMER:
Many of the propagated raptors -- some of the testimony was heard yesterday about propagated raptors are actually hybrids. And what it does is just folds them into the same regulatory package as any other bird or any of the raptors that are on the MBTA. It's more to support hybrids of all sizes.

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
So it's more for the captive-bred ones?

DIRECTOR PALMER:
Correct.

CHAIR:
Any further discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
The motion on the floor has been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. Motion carries.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item is from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management, real estate, donations,
Contract No. L-3668, State Game Land No. 333, Centre County.

Benner Township is offering a donation of 2.45 more or less acres of land in Benner Township, Center County, which is part of an interior in State Game Land No. 333, as shown on Exhibit RED 1 on page 9 of your agenda. This property was part of the land involved with the Final Plan for Disposition of Commonwealth Real Property at the State Correctional Institution at Rockview. In the Disposition Plan, the tract was referred to as Parcel Benner C. A small strip of land owned by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission is located between Parcel Benner C and State Game Land No. 333.

As a condition of this transfer, Benner Township reserves the right to promote passive recreation on Parcel Benner C as described in the Spring Creek Canyon Master Plan. Examples of possible uses of this parcel may include but are not limited to handicapped parking spaces, picnic tables, refuse receptacles, installation of signage, and portable restroom facilities. These facilities will be purchased, constructed, and maintained at the sole expense of Benner Township. The Game Commission will not to be responsible for any expense relative to any
of these improvements. Notwithstanding the
generality of the foregoing, nothing shall preclude
the use of the property for the protection and
propagation of game or wildlife and hunting and
furtaking, including, but not limited to parking, in
accordance with the Game and Wildlife Code, as
amended from time to time. This tract is mostly
forested with mixed hardwoods with a small forest
opening. The property is accessed from Shiloh Road.

CHAIR:
I do hear a motion?
COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
So moved.
CHAIR:
Second on the motion?
COMMISSIONER LAYTON:
Second.
CHAIR:
Discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary?
SECRETARY HOOVER:
The motion on the floor has been duly
seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.
ALL AYES
SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. The motion passes unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns acquisition, Contract No. L-3669, State Game Land No. 80, Lebanon County.

Richard H. And Karen R. Light are offering for sale 2.35 more or less acres in Swatara Township, Lebanon County adjacent to State Game Land No. 80 as shown on Exhibit RED 2 on page 11 of your agenda. The option price is $2,500 lump sum. The tract is forested with mixed northern hardwoods. Access to the property is from Old State Road, Township Road T-470, which is the southern boundary of the property.

CHAIR:
Hear a motion?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second the motion?

COMMISSIONER FOX:
Second.

CHAIR:
Discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
The motion on the floor has been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. The motion passes.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item before the Commission concerns a Restricted Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement on Tract 303A-14, State Game Land No. 303 in Washington County.

Range Resources-Appalachia, LLC, Range, of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania, requested the Commission offer its oil and gas rights under State Game Land No. 303 for non-surface use development. The proposed tract, containing approximately 221.45 surface acres and 141.05 net oil and gas acres, is located in Jefferson Township, Washington County as shown on Exhibit OGM 1 on page 13 of your agenda.

Range has a strong privately owned oil and gas lease position surrounding State Game Land No. 303, has initiated unconventional well drilling and development in the vicinity of the proposed tract, and has the ability to unitize and develop the
Commission's oil and gas reserve and privately held oil and gas reserves under the proposed tract by horizontal drilling with no surface use or disturbance to the Game Land. The staff has negotiated the proposed terms of the agreement with Range in an effort to prudently develop the Commission's oil and gas reserve and protect the wildlife resources and recreational use of State Game Land No. 303.

The terms of the Agreement are a five-year, paid-up non-surface use oil and gas agreement, a $2,500 per net oil and gas acre bonus payment, and 20% royalty for all oil and gas and other liquids or condensates produced and sold from the proposed tract. The bonus payment of approximately $352,625 may be deposited either into the Game Fund or an interest bearing escrow account to be used for the future purchase of wildlife habitats, lands, or other uses incidental to hunting, furtaking, and wildlife resource management. Future rentals and royalties owed the Commission shall be deposited directly into the Game Fund.

Oil and gas development will be regulated by the Commonwealth's Oil and Gas Regulations and the Commissions Standard Restricted
Surface Use Oil and Gas Cooperative Agreement.

CHAIR:
Thank you, sir. Do I hear a motion?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second to the motion?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Second.

CHAIR:
Seconded. Discussion? Hearing none, Mr. Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
There's a motion on the floor that's been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. The motion passes unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
The next item concerns anthracite coal deep mining leases. And I think you will find a replacement page on the desk. These are Tracts 264A-14, 264B-14, and 264C-14, State Game Land No.
Ladnar, Inc. (Ladnar) and the Wiconisco Company, Inc., (Wiconisco), both of Hummelstown, Pennsylvania, have requested leases to mine and remove anthracite coal by deep mining method on three tracts located on State Game Land No. 264, in Dauphin County. These are shown on Exhibits OGM 2, 3, and 4 on pages 15, 16, and 17 of your agenda. The proposed leases are part of a negotiated settlement agreement to resolve a long-standing legal dispute with Ladnar and Wiconisco concerning the ownership to over 8,000 acres of mineral interests underlying and adjoining State Game Land No. 264.

The initial terms for the proposed leases are 15 years, with an opportunity to extend for an additional 10 years if the producer or producers are engaged in active mining at the time of renewal. The producers will each pay Commission at the royalty rate of 5.5% of the then current F.O.B. pit price per ton, or $2.00 per ton of coal, whichever is greater, for all coal mined and removed from the leased areas. The producers will also be required to maintain a minimum production of 200 tons per month under each of the proposed leases. Future rentals and royalties owed the Commission will first
be debited from an existing $298,880 royalty credit paid under previous leases until this sum is exhausted and thereafter deposited directly into the Game Fund.

The surface disturbance will be limited to a combined total of 30 acres for the leases. The proposed leases will include the standard performance bond and environmental protection standards. In addition, the proposed post mining land use will be revegetated as wildlife habitat in accordance with the Commission's recommendations.

In exchange for the proposed anthracite coal deep mining leases and other due consideration, Ladnar and Wiconisco will convey by deed of confirmation any and all right, title, and interest or surface, surface support, and subsurface it may have ever possessed in lands or mineral interests underlying and adjoining State Game Land No. 264, save for a 0.35 acre exception and reservation.

Mining will be regulated by the Commonwealth's Deep Mining Regulations and the Commission's standard deep mine leasing agreement.

CHAIR:
Thank you. Hearing a motion?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
So moved.

CHAIR:
Second?

COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Second.

CHAIR:
Moved and second. Discussion?

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
Mr. President?

CHAIR:
Commissioner Delaney.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
This seems like a very complicated document. I guess I just want to bring the attention of our sportsmen and our conservation partners out there how difficult it is to manage our state game lands.

Bill, how long has this been in the mix to try to satisfy all parties along with this -- with both of these tracts?

DIRECTOR CAPOUILLEZ:
I'm going to say -- I've been involved in this probably for about 15, 20 years from the beginning to end. There's a lot of what we call punch mines up in that area or old remnant mines,
mines with pick and axe. And some of them still
work. We had -- we had cut a lease -- several leases
out there over the -- over the course of the last
couple of decades in an attempt to try to acquire all
of the surface support acreage and control of game
lands. This actually brings to fruition those
efforts from those last couple of decades to really
be able to know that we now have total ownership
control.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
It's very complex, and I appreciate
your work to try to help facilitate and put this
package together. And I support it.

CHAIR:
Further discussion? Hearing none, Mr.
Secretary?

SECRETARY HOOVER:
There's a motion on the floor that has
been duly seconded. All those in favor, signify by
saying aye.

ALL AYES

SECRETARY HOOVER:
Opposed, no. The motion carries
unanimously.

ATTORNEY BECHTEL:
Mr. President, that completes the formal agenda at this time.

CHAIR:
Thank you very much, Brad.

Other new business? Mr. Putnam?

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
I have several items; and actually, these -- these are more old business than new business. One of them is we discussed at our last working group meeting a predator study. We received a proposal from the staff and had some discussion during that meeting. Since that time after the meeting, I agreed to coordinate comments that we received with Cal.

Since that time, we have circulated that proposal -- I've circulated that proposal to some of the wildlife researchers around the country to get some preliminary comments. I sat down and talked with Cal about it this morning. And going forward, we're going to solicit additional comments and have a scoping meeting here or at State College, someplace bringing in our staff and outside experts to discuss this study.

The initial budget -- proposed budget is $4 million, which makes it a pretty significant
study. And based on the comments we received, we think there could be some information that would be nationally important out of a study like that. There's concerns about what if we do a study and find out that we have a problem with coyotes. What do we do about it?

As far as we know, unless we go to methods that aren't currently legal, there is nothing that can be done to decrease the coyote population other than the methods we have in place right now. So we may -- we may find out that we have -- we have an issue with coyote predation, but there's nothing we can do about it. If that's the case, why would we spend a lot of time and money studying coyotes? Bears would be part of the study. I do think we have a good handle on the control of bears.

So there's a lot of issues there, I think, to go forward. The staff has certain views about it, as you may have seen at our last working group. The commissioners have certain views about it. But I think if we get a panel of -- of the top experts in the country here sitting down with us, we could really sort out what's -- what's going to work and what we should maybe not spend our time on. The Commissioners may have certain ideas that we think
would be a good idea, and the panel may tell us to --
that it's not worthwhile to abide by those
recommendations.

So this is kind of an update on the
predator study. It is a big thing. And right now at
least it's going to go forward. It's going to at
least go to the scoping stage.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
Commissioner, before you go on to your
next item, could I add to that?

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
Okay. I'll think about it.

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
I personally feel the Board is very
serious about this study. You know, we -- and we're
going at it slow to make sure that we get it right. I
brought it up at our April meeting that we should
discuss it at our next working group meeting. We
discussed it in detail on May 14th at the working
group meeting. And here we are on June 10th still
having a discussion.

I'm -- I'm happy that Commissioner
Putnam is kind of being the facilitator on this. We
want to get it right. The one thing that I've
learned from this is that there are a whole lot of
opinions on this from our staff, from outside biologists, from Commissioners, from an array of people. So I think we need to go slow; but we need to do it -- I think we have an obligation to our sportsmen to finally put this to rest, to get some answers, because we all have opinions. But I think we need to get some facts to justify those opinions. And I appreciate what Commissioner Putnam is doing and our staff being good listeners to the direction the Board wants to go.

Thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:

And one -- one final point on that. So far we have had this before the Board for about six months. And we received very few comments from the public on that -- on the study. People say, yeah, yeah, it's about time we did it.

But we really have received very few comments on that. I guess this is the time of year when we don't get a lot of comments. You know, overall, the comments we receive on our -- on our GM comments is quite low.

The second issue we talked about at the last couple meetings is the use of electronic calls. I think there's at least legislative interest in
moving something forward on electronic calls. We had a pretty -- pretty good discussion at our last work group meeting on our electronic calls. And yet the only comment we received -- I thought we may get some comments yesterday. The only comment we got was a single line in a letter from the National Wild Turkey Federation saying they oppose the use of electronic calls for wild turkeys. Calls were being discussed for other species as well, including deer. We have not received a single comment on deer from anyone.

And on that same line, chronic wasting disease is another elephant in the closet here, probably the most -- one of the biggest things affecting wildlife in the future years. And again, we -- we have certain groups that are telling us we don't have enough deer; but nobody is saying anything about chronic wasting disease as far as commenting either way on our posting.

One thing I would take from that is our issuing of 13,000 disease management permits, not a single comment on that, which I'm taking it as support. But we've taken some pretty major steps and, I think, some very good -- very good steps of setting up the disease management permit system to give us flexibility to go in and target areas where we know
we have disease management problems. But again, we're not hearing much from the -- from anyone; and I would expect at least the organized groups would be submitting some comments. But that's all I have.

CHAIR:
Thank you, Commissioner Putnam.
Commissioner Hoover?
SECRETARY HOOVER:
I have two items that I would like to discuss. We heard testimony yesterday about individual property owners requesting access to our state game lanes for the opportunity to access the horse trails within our state game lands. Currently all management of the game lands is paid for by hunters of this state. And I believe that the time has come to create a user permit that allows for the use of state game lands for authorized activities only and only during the times of the year that don't conflict with hunting and trapping activities.

As it stands today, anyone can take a hunter safety course and buy a license for unlimited use of the state game lands for authorized activities.

I would like to ask the staff to research the value of a use permit and the viability
of such a permit and propose the language at the next work group meeting for discussion.

On a second note, I would also like to request the staff in wildlife protection and wildlife management to research and propose language at the next work group meeting that will allow falconers to participate in a process for obtaining one of twelve permits issued to the Atlantic Flyway for the taking of falcons for the use of hunting. And that's all I have.

CHAIR:
Thank you. Commissioner Putnam.

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
Mr. President, one more thing. I would like to ask Director DuBrock if he had any follow-up comments on the few items that I mentioned with regards to a predator study. He didn't know I was going to say that.

DIRECTOR DUBROCK:
I'll come up here and say I really don't have any additional comments, although I look forward to continued dialogue about a -- a hybrid predator study. I think it's hopeful to engage other experts, other minds to help us more clearly define the problem to see whether the approach that we've
outlined is a prudent approach and whether there are -- are other alternatives. It's certainly a big price tag, and maybe there may be more cost-effective ways to do it. And so we welcome a collaborative approach working with other researchers. So thank you.

VICE PRESIDENT PUTNAM:
Thank you.

CHAIR:
Thank you, Cal. Anything else under new business?

COMMISSIONER DELANEY:
Mr. President, there -- there's one thing I wanted to catch Cal about from yesterday, but I don't want put him on the spot here for today. But for our next working group meeting, hopefully, we'll have a better handle on pheasant propagation and numbers that we're looking like going into the fall/winter stocking season, if we could get something together for the next working group meeting, if that's not too soon. Generally, we try to get a snapshot of our game farm production and when for the given year.

And next, I've seen some of the information from the Franklin WPRA on how things have
been progressing there. Perhaps since Annette McPhees on will be over for our next working group meeting in August, we could get some type of a briefing on how things are progressing there. Thank you.

CHAIR:
Anything else under new business?
Hearing none, moving on.
The September Commission meeting will be held in Belmont, Pennsylvania. And the dates are the 22nd and 23rd of September.
Mr. Fry, you won't to have to drive so far.
I would like to thank everyone for attending this session. And that concludes our meeting unless.
Commissioner Martone?
COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Did we change the date of the working group meeting?
CHAIR:
The working group meeting is moved up to the 11th.
COMMISSIONER MARTONE:
Thank you.
CHAIR:

Thank you. That concludes the business for today. Thank you. There will be a press conference in 15 minutes in the cafeteria.

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MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:07 A.M.

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CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the proceedings are contained fully and accurately in the notes taken by me during the hearing of the foregoing cause and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

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Denise L. Travis, RPR

Notary Public in and for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

My commission expires
April 20, 2018.