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BEFORE:

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DAVID W. SCHREFFLER, COMMISSIONER  
H. DANIEL HILL, III, COMMISSIONER  
JAY DELANEY, JR., COMMISSIONER

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1           PRESIDENT BOOP: Good morning, everyone.  
2 Welcome to our October Commission meeting. I'm  
3 glad to see everyone here this morning. Just a  
4 couple notes, I'm not going to make any comment on  
5 how long it's going to go this morning, because I  
6 was wrong yesterday. We'll just see what develops  
7 this morning as our normal meeting.

8           We would ask if you have cell phones with  
9 you that you turn them off, because they're very  
10 distracting if they go off during the meeting.

11           With that I would call the meeting to  
12 order and ask you to join with us in the Pledge of  
13 Allegiance to our flag.

14           (Pledge of Allegiance said.)

15           PRESIDENT BOOP: Mr. Secretary, will you  
16 call the roll?

17           MR. ISABELLA: Yes, Mr. President.

18           Commissioner Boop.

19           PRESIDENT BOOP: Present.

20           MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Palone.

21           MRS. PALONE: Present.

22           MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Isabella.

23 Present.       Commissioner Schleiden.

24           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Present.

25           MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Schreffler.

1 MR. SCHREFFLER: Present.

2 MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Hill.

3 MR. HILL: Here.

4 MR. ISABELLA: Commissioner Delaney.

5 MR. DELANEY: Present.

6 MR. ISABELLA: All present and accounted  
7 for, Mr. President.

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
9 Secretary.

10 Commissioners, you have before you the  
11 minutes of the June 26 meeting. You've had an  
12 opportunity to review those. Is there a motion  
13 that those minutes be approved?

14 MR. SCHLEIDEN: So moved.

15 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.  
16 Is there a second?

17 MR. ISABELLA: Second.

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

19 If there's no other question or comment  
20 on the minutes, all those in favor of the minutes  
21 from June that they be approved indicate by saying  
22 aye.

23 (Signified aye.)

24 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

25 (No response.)

1 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Secretary.

4 I did not receive from the lobby any  
5 forms for public testimony or public comment.  
6 Before we get into the business meeting, is there  
7 public comment or public testimony?

8 Yes. We would recognize you if you want  
9 to come up to the podium. Just if you'd please  
10 state your name and you may address the Board.

11 MS. SMITH: Good morning. My name is  
12 Jessie Smith and I am the Special Deputy Secretary  
13 for dog law enforcement at the Department of  
14 Agriculture.

15 I wanted to come today to speak briefly  
16 about the proposed revisions to the dog law  
17 regulations. The proposed revisions were  
18 published in December of 2006. They've drawn a  
19 lot of press and a lot of interest since then,  
20 particularly from the sporting community. So I  
21 wanted to come and talk about those very briefly  
22 and then answer whatever questions you may have.

23 The proposed revisions came from the fact  
24 that the dog law regulations were last revised in  
25 1996. The dog industry is rapidly changing, like

1 many other industries. In 1996, there was no such  
2 thing as dog daycare. There was no such thing as  
3 a kennel rescue network where dogs were brought by  
4 the thousands from one state to another to be  
5 adopted. There have been a number of changes in  
6 the dog breeding industry.

7           The other thing that occasioned these  
8 revisions besides just changes in the way people  
9 do business is the fact that our wardens had been  
10 coming to us at the Department of Agriculture and  
11 saying, "I have a situation particularly a  
12 commercial kennel situation where I don't think  
13 the dogs are being treated humanely and there  
14 isn't anything I can do about that."

15           The current regulations prescribe a cage  
16 size, which is very small. For a dog that's two  
17 feet long, there's a 6.25 square foot cage size  
18 requirement. So that's about a two by three-foot  
19 cage, six-foot head clearance. If you're  
20 transporting your dog somewhere and you have your  
21 dog in a field trial for an afternoon that's fine,  
22 but these are regulations that relate to the  
23 primary living space of the dog where the dog is  
24 all the time.

25           One of the practices in commercial

1 breeding is to have dogs more or less permanently  
2 caged. Our regulations now don't require that  
3 those dogs be taken out of the cages, that they be  
4 exercised, that they be removed whenever the cage  
5 is cleaned. Changes are proposed in that area.

6 Changes are proposed in the area of  
7 water. We require that dogs have water six hours  
8 out of 24. As our wardens have said, "If I go  
9 there and the dog doesn't have water, what do you  
10 want me to do? Wait 18 hours and see what  
11 happens?"

12 So we have made other proposals to try to  
13 improve the health, safety and welfare of all dogs  
14 in the Commonwealth.

15 There are certain things that we haven't  
16 done in the proposal and I want to talk about them  
17 briefly. We are not requiring anybody who doesn't  
18 have a kennel license now to get one. We're  
19 revising the regulations.

20 The law says if you don't have 26 dogs  
21 through in a year you don't need a kennel license.  
22 Those are dogs that you either own or you are  
23 keeping for someone else, like in a boarding  
24 kennel situation where actually with any number of  
25 dogs a boarding kennel needs to be licensed.

1           If you have a field trial, if you have a  
2 dog show, which the Department of Agriculture does  
3 all the time with the Farm Show, if you have a  
4 campground that permits dogs, if you have a bunch  
5 of dogs over to your house for the afternoon, you  
6 do not need a kennel license. Any kind of  
7 temporary event like that or some instance where  
8 dogs are on your property, but they're under the  
9 care of somebody else, like training is something  
10 that did not and does not require a kennel license  
11 and that's based on the law.

12           I think the other major point is there  
13 are many sporting dog kennels in Pennsylvania,  
14 most of which are not licensed and don't have to  
15 be licensed, because they don't have 26 dogs. We  
16 got 16,000 comments on the regulations, all agency  
17 all-time record. Most of those were positive.

18           Many of those were also from people who  
19 did not have kennel licenses who I think  
20 mistakenly thought that these new regulations were  
21 doing something to sweep them in, when they had  
22 not been required to get a license before. There  
23 is nothing that has changed there. If you don't  
24 need a license now, you're not going to need a  
25 license under the new regulations because the 26

1 dogs is in the law and remains the same.

2           We have a dog law advisory board. We  
3 have three members of our board who owns sporting  
4 dogs, one who owns beagles, one who owns  
5 Brittanys, one who owns German Shorthaired  
6 Pointers and has a boarding kennel for them. Two  
7 of those members of the board actually don't have  
8 licenses because although they raise sporting  
9 dogs, they don't have 26 through in a year.

10           We are responding to all the comments.  
11 You can imagine what kind of a task that is, which  
12 is why we had a 90-day comment period that ended  
13 in mid-March. We got the synthesized comments  
14 from the Regulatory Review Commission in the  
15 middle of April, where they looked at all the  
16 public comments and tried to analyze them and  
17 reflect them.

18           We are still working on the comment  
19 response document and revised regulations. I'll  
20 have them out by the end of the year. Anybody who  
21 has written to us form letters we're answering as  
22 one, but anybody who has written an individual  
23 letter we're answering it individually and that  
24 will be published on our web site and also in the  
25 Pennsylvania Bulletin.

1           So what I'm asking you today is just to  
2 keep an open mind with this. We're at the  
3 beginning of very complex regulatory process made  
4 more complex because of the dog law itself. It  
5 says we have to have a public hearing on these  
6 regulations. That is not typical since the advent  
7 of work, but it says in the dog law that we have  
8 to do it.

9           So we will be doing that in early 2008,  
10 taking testimony and written testimony. That will  
11 be on the second draft of the regulations. The  
12 third draft will then come out with a short  
13 comment period and then the regulations will be  
14 put into final form to be voted on by the House  
15 and Senate Agriculture and Rural Affairs  
16 Committee.

17           We have gotten a couple of comments from  
18 sporting dog owners that I think are very well  
19 taken. Probably number one is exercise, because  
20 these regulations were written with the view to  
21 the permanently kenneled dog. So the revisions,  
22 the proposed revisions require exercise for the  
23 first time and said you can walk the dog on a  
24 leash or you can turn the dog out in an exercise  
25 area.

1           Sportsmen said very practically, "Well,  
2 what about us? We hunt our dogs. They run for  
3 hours, so that's their exercise." We agree with  
4 that and that's a change that we will make in the  
5 second revision of the regulations.

6           We also got some complaints about some of  
7 the new record keeping requirements to make sure  
8 that there was a record of dogs, feeding, water  
9 and that kind of thing. That is something that we  
10 have committed to make some changes so that that's  
11 less burdensome.

12           We had many kennels, not just sporting  
13 dog kennels say, "Well, this is the setup we have.  
14 It works, but we don't have exactly the drainage  
15 that you're proposing. We don't have exactly the  
16 slope that you're proposing, but we don't have any  
17 problems with our kennel. Our dogs are in good  
18 shape so why should you prescribe these particular  
19 engineering requirements to us?" Again, that's  
20 something that we're taking under consideration.

21           Sporting dogs tend to be housed in packs.  
22 There's nothing in the regulations that say that  
23 the dogs can't be housed in packs. Again, that's  
24 been another confusion, because we specify what  
25 cages have to be like if dogs are caged.

1           But if your dogs are in your home or your  
2 dogs are in a pack where they're living together  
3 in a large enclosed run situation where they're  
4 not separated into cages, we certainly would not  
5 be requiring that. That's just the requirements  
6 if the dogs are caged.

7           At this point I know your time's very  
8 valuable. I know you have a big agenda for today,  
9 so I'd just like to let you ask me any questions  
10 you might have about the proposed revisions to the  
11 dog law regulations or how they affect sporting  
12 dogs and the sporting community.

13           PRESIDENT BOOP: Do the Commissioners  
14 have questions?

15           Commissioner Isabella.

16           MR. ISABELLA: Yes, thank you.

17           Ms. Smith, yesterday there were a lot of  
18 good, honest people that were here and testified  
19 about the proposed regulations and they were  
20 really scared, scared that there's dog police and  
21 maybe they will be put out of business.

22           I know the intention of the regulations  
23 are to put out puppy mills, which I agree. The  
24 only thing, I'm not going to debate with you today  
25 all the revisions and the changes which you were

1 talking about today. The only thing I ask if you  
2 would just step back, do a little bit slower and  
3 just seek more public input from these regs.  
4 That's all.

5 MS. SMITH: Well, I appreciate that.  
6 Beyond the 16,000 public comments, which we'll  
7 respond to, there will then be a public hearing.  
8 We've been meeting with public groups. Groups  
9 have been expressing their various concerns. The  
10 regulatory process is designed for maximum input.  
11 We're not even a third of the way through that  
12 process at this point, so we will definitely be  
13 taking that input.

14 I appreciate your comment.

15 MR. ISABELLA: Thank you. No more  
16 questions.

17 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you.

18 Commissioner Delaney, did you have a  
19 question or comment?

20 MR. DELANEY: Yes.

21 Madame Secretary, thank you for coming  
22 here today. We appreciate you being with us. As  
23 Commissioner Isabella said, we had several from  
24 the community voice their concerns to us  
25 yesterday. Actually, many of their concerns that

1 they mentioned to us I had written down here and  
2 actually you already addressed many that you're  
3 going to fix.

4           For instance, the daily exercise  
5 requirement by hunting dogs. You say now that  
6 that's a regulation that you've reconsidered. I  
7 evaluated a lot of the data here, the information,  
8 and myself I have two Springer Spaniels that I  
9 hunt with and it really concerned me. I looked at  
10 the number of 26, and I think we share the same  
11 thing. We want the dogs to be taken care of.

12           Most of us take care of our dogs like  
13 they are family members. So the sporting dog  
14 community was just really concerned with the  
15 really strict regulations that the regular  
16 breeders, the small time folks, were going to be  
17 restricted to.

18           I think we share the same concern, to  
19 take care of the puppy mills, to make sure that  
20 these dogs are healthy and all the same values as  
21 you. But they thought that their voice wasn't  
22 getting through.

23           Now, from what you said today, already  
24 the requirement that if there's a temporary hunt  
25 and you're going to have 26 dogs all together, the

1 housing requirements would not be the same, would  
2 I be correct in saying that?

3 MS. SMITH: That's correct.

4 The requirements in the regulations refer  
5 to primary enclosure, which means the dog's living  
6 space. They relate to the size that that living  
7 space has to be.

8 If a dog is in a temporary kennel, like a  
9 Vari kennel on an airplane or in the back of your  
10 car or being transported that particular  
11 regulation doesn't relate. It has to do with the  
12 dog's permanent living space.

13 MR. DELANEY: See, what I saw it says  
14 that this regulation will apply even to temporary  
15 housing. So if there was a foxhound or there's a  
16 hunt and they had all of the dogs together that  
17 this regulation would be too constrictive for  
18 their needs, even though this would only be a  
19 temporary thing. I think that was just one.

20 The daily exercise requirement. If you  
21 have a hunting dog and you're going to hunt that  
22 dog for four hours, that seems to be like it's  
23 enough exercise for a dog, yet the requirement  
24 says 20 minutes a day. So it seems like you're  
25 addressing those concerns, would I be correct in

1 that, saying that?

2 MS. SMITH: Yeah. You bring up a good  
3 point, because there's two different things there.  
4 With the exercise, we just got it wrong, because  
5 we didn't include something like the hunting dog  
6 or a dog that's in a big indoor/ outdoor run that  
7 runs back and forth all the time and has a lot of  
8 space to run in. That's something that we got  
9 wrong and we are fixing so that there's other  
10 exercise alternatives.

11 With the temporary home that's  
12 interesting, because that has nothing to do with  
13 sporting dogs. There is the phenomenon that I  
14 mentioned of kennel rescue networks where people  
15 are working with thousands of dogs a year and  
16 often bringing them from other states, but they're  
17 not kennels per se, because they don't have a  
18 kennel and they put these dogs in hundreds of what  
19 everyone calls foster homes.

20 We were struggling for another phrase for  
21 that that didn't sound like it related to children  
22 in foster homes and we came up with temporary  
23 home. Temporary home is obviously not the right  
24 phrase, because it's caused a lot of confusion and  
25 people have thought if I have a dog come visit me

1 for a couple of hours then I'm that dog's  
2 temporary home and that brings me into the kennel  
3 regulations.

4           That is not the idea. Temporary home was  
5 meant to relate to someone who is fostering a  
6 rescue dog for a period of time, not so that we  
7 can inspect their home like a kennel, but so that  
8 we have some track of these dogs. We can go to  
9 the organization and they can say Commissioner  
10 Delaney has five of our dogs and then we can come  
11 to you and say do you have five of this  
12 organization's dogs? Do they have licenses or  
13 kennel tags from the organization? Do they have  
14 their rabies shots?

15           It's unfortunate, because that has been  
16 widely misinterpreted, which tells us that we need  
17 to be much more specific about what is intended by  
18 the phrase "temporary home."

19           MR. DELANEY: Okay, ma'am, thank you.

20           PRESIDENT BOOP: Other Commissioners?  
21 Commissioner Hill.

22           MR. HILL: Thank you, ma'am, for coming.  
23 Face-to-face conversations are a lot more helpful  
24 than letters most of the time.

25           I just wanted to say that not so much in

1 the particular detail of the regulations but just  
2 the general sense of the hunting community of  
3 dogs, and I'll mention two books, both by Gene  
4 Hill, no relation to me: Sunlight and Shadows and  
5 Tears and Laughter.

6           Truly, the relationship between hunters  
7 and their dogs is storied, literally and  
8 figuratively. I am also a person who rescued a  
9 dog in January. I drove to Grand Rapids. It was  
10 my fifth consecutive rescued dog. The dog is now  
11 being fitted for a custom vest.

12           Just to have that sensitivity in mind,  
13 well, he will sink like a stone if doesn't. It's  
14 a floatation and orange vest. I won't criticize  
15 him any further either. But it is a tremendous  
16 and warm relationship.

17           Your sensitivity to that I think will not  
18 only be in developing the regulations but also in  
19 interpretation of them; I think this is really  
20 what the community wants to hear.

21           MS. SMITH: Thank you very much for your  
22 comment.

23           I was fortunate enough to go and tour  
24 both the Cheshire and Radnor hunts in Chester  
25 County and I decided that if I get another shot at

1 this world I want to come back as one of the  
2 Cheshire hunt foxhounds.

3 MR. HILL: That's exactly the point.  
4 Thank you. Everyone here that has -- well,  
5 there's a million stories much better than mine.

6 PRESIDENT BOOP: Mr. Schleiden.

7 MR. SCHLEIDEN: Madame Secretary, thank  
8 you very much for coming today. Excuse my voice.

9 In the past working with the Department  
10 of Agriculture on issues that they had relative to  
11 some things that we were doing, we've been able to  
12 sit down and talk between staff. Would you have a  
13 problem with the Commissioners directing some of  
14 our staff personnel to meet with you or meet with  
15 your staff to review that from the sporting side  
16 of the issue?

17 MS. SMITH: Absolutely not. We would  
18 welcome that.

19 Our only restraint at this point, which  
20 is part of the regulatory review process itself,  
21 is the comment period is closed. We can't take  
22 additional comments from the public until we  
23 answer the 16,000 we already have and set up a  
24 public meeting, but in terms of meeting with  
25 groups to see what their interest and concerns

1 are, meeting with staff of other agencies we've  
2 met a couple of times with her. We're very open  
3 to that.

4 MR. SCHLEIDEN: Thank you.

5 PRESIDENT BOOP: Any other Commissioners?

6 MR. HILL: I just have one follow-up.

7 Regarding the public hearing, do you have a sense  
8 of the date or the location or are there multiple  
9 dates and locations?

10 MS. SMITH: The public hearings will be  
11 in early 2008, because we've committed to have the  
12 comment response document done and the regulations  
13 revised by the end of the year. I'm sure there  
14 will be one at the Farm Show. I don't know if  
15 we'll do remote locations.

16 It's tough to do remote locations at  
17 times, because we don't necessarily have the  
18 professional sound system and some of the things  
19 that you need to run the hearing, but there will  
20 definitely be one early 2008, over at the Farm  
21 Show. There may be some remote locations, but I  
22 don't want to commit to that at this point,  
23 because I'm not sure about that.

24 MR. HILL: With Farm Show weather, it  
25 might even be tough to do one there.

1           PRESIDENT BOOP:   Anyone else?

2           MR. SCHMIT:   On behalf of all the Board,  
3 Deputy Secretary, we appreciate very much your  
4 coming and sharing these comments with us.  
5 Hopefully, we can provide some input at some  
6 point, as Commissioner Schleiden suggested. It's  
7 been very helpful for you to come here this  
8 morning with us, so thank you on behalf of all the  
9 Board.

10          MS. SMITH:   Sir, thank you very much.  
11 I've brought a few points, because as you know  
12 when you get up to speak you sit down and  
13 immediately say, I forgot about whatever. So I'm  
14 going to give your Deputy Executive Director, Mr.  
15 Schmit, my points to pass out. If there's  
16 something that you're wondering about that I may  
17 not have addressed, hopefully, it's in the points.

18                   Thank you very much.

19          PRESIDENT BOOP:   While that's being  
20 passed out, if we could turn to page 2 of the  
21 agenda? I don't see anyone else who wants to make  
22 public comments. Seeing no one I would move to  
23 the formal part of the agenda.

24                   The item which appears on page 2 this is  
25 the one item at the October meeting for adoptive

1 rule making, which if approved will be adopted.

2 Mr. Pouss, on page 2 would you give us  
3 the item?

4 MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

5 The first item relates to adoption of a  
6 proposed amendment to §133.41, Title 58 of Pa.  
7 Code.

8 To effectively manage the wildlife  
9 resources of this Commonwealth, the Game  
10 Commission, at its June 26, 2007 meeting, proposed  
11 the following change:

12 To Amend §133.41 (relating to  
13 classification of mammals) to update  
14 Pennsylvania's list of native endangered and  
15 threatened species with current recommendations  
16 provided by scientific technical committees of the  
17 Pennsylvania Biological Survey.

18 The Executive Director and staff  
19 recommend final adoption of this amendment to 58  
20 Pa. Code as shown on Exhibit A, which is on page 3  
21 of your agenda.

22 Essentially what it indicates is that the  
23 following mammals are classified as endangered:  
24 the Northern flying squirrel.

25 PRESIDENT BOOP: You've heard the reading

1 of the item. It's properly before us at this  
2 time. Is there a motion?

3 MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

4 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler  
5 has made a motion.

6 Is there a second to the motion?

7 MRS. PALONE: Second.

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

9 Is there any discussion on the agenda  
10 item?

11 (No response.)

12 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we will  
13 vote.

14 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

15 (Signified aye.)

16 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

17 (No response.)

18 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

19 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.

20 Secretary.

21 The Chair would recognize Director Palmer  
22 who is here at the podium to assist us and we'll  
23 now turn to page 4. You're now reading the  
24 proposed rule making. You'll have a number of  
25 items on proposed rule making.

1           The first one, Mr. Pouss, is quite  
2 lengthy. Maybe you could summarize it for us? I  
3 believe all the Commissioners have had a chance to  
4 read it.

5           MR. POUSS: Would you like me to read the  
6 commentary first?

7           PRESIDENT BOOP: Read the commentary  
8 first and then just summarize it.

9           MR. POUSS: The proposal is to amend 58  
10 Pa. Code, §137.1, which requires a person  
11 importing lawfully acquired wildlife, or part  
12 thereof, for menagerie, educational or scientific  
13 purposes to obtain an importation permit, but does  
14 not require an importation permit for exotic  
15 wildlife dealer or exotic wildlife possession  
16 permit holders.

17           In an effort to create consistency in the  
18 regulations and increase the Commission's  
19 capabilities to address wildlife epidemiological  
20 concerns, the Commission is proposing to amend  
21 §137.1 (relating to importation, sale and release  
22 of certain wildlife) to specifically require  
23 propagation, exotic wildlife dealer and exotic  
24 wildlife possession permit holders to acquire an  
25 importation permit prior to importing any wildlife

1 into this Commonwealth.

2           The Commission is also proposing to amend  
3 §137.1 to prohibit the importation, possession,  
4 sale and release of all non-human primates and the  
5 Conure-Nanday, sometimes referred to as the Black-  
6 hooded Parakeet, in response to human health and  
7 safety and wildlife habitat health purposes.

8           You can see the proposed changes to  
9 §137.1. A lot of them are specifically one word  
10 changes, adding "while" in subsection (a), "and/or  
11 possess" relating to domestic cats, and "and/or  
12 possess" in subsection (2) relating to Canidae.

13           Subsection 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 as they  
14 exist now are deleted. Language is added under  
15 those subsections.

16           Finally, under subsection (2) a person  
17 wishing to import wildlife for a menagerie, exotic  
18 wildlife possession, exotic wildlife dealer or  
19 propagation purposes shall be in possession of a  
20 permit prior to submitting an application.

21           I guess that's the best I can summarize  
22 it at this point.

23           PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

24           Commissioners, before you is the first  
25 item of proposed rule making.

1           Is there a motion?

2           MR. SCHREFFLER: I'd like to make a  
3 motion.

4           PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, Commissioner  
5 Schreffler.

6           MR. SCHREFFLER: I'd like to make a  
7 motion to table this to further study.

8           PRESIDENT BOOP: Your motion is to table  
9 and return to committee for further discussion?  
10           Is there a second to Commissioner

11 Schreffler's motion?

12           MR. ISABELLA: Second.

13           PRESIDENT BOOP: I would recognize  
14 Commissioner Isabella.

15           So it's been properly moved and seconded  
16 that we table.

17           Is there discussion on the motion that's  
18 on the floor?

19           (No response.)

20           PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those  
21 in favor of tabling this action item indicate by  
22 saying aye.

23           (Signified aye.)

24           PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

25           (No response.)

1 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Secretary.

4 We'll now move to pages 6 and 7. The  
5 next item of proposed rule making.

6 Mr. Pouss.

7 MR. POUSS: The next item also involves  
8 an amendment to 58 Pa. Code. This one is §141.20.

9 Various hunters and sporting  
10 organizations have called for the Commission to  
11 review and/or reconsider the current regulatory  
12 mandate that turkey hunters wear at least 100  
13 square inches of solid fluorescent orange-colored  
14 material on the head while moving about or  
15 relocating during the spring turkey season.  
16 Safety of hunters afield is without a doubt one of  
17 the paramount concerns of the Commission,  
18 especially as it relates to hunters shooting other  
19 hunters in mistake for game.

20 Notwithstanding anecdotal indications  
21 that the protective material requirement does in  
22 fact prevent some accidents, the available  
23 statistical data relating to HRSI's during the  
24 spring turkey season is indeed devoid of clear  
25 evidence that the protective material requirement

1 has made any appreciable reduction in the  
2 occurrence of HRSI's.

3           After thorough discussion and review, the  
4 Commission has determined that it is prepared to  
5 eliminate the protective material requirement for  
6 the spring turkey season, however, it will remain  
7 attentive to the effect such removal has on the  
8 occurrence of HRSI's. Therefore, the Commission  
9 is proposing to amend §141.20 (relating to  
10 protective material required) to eliminate the  
11 removal of this requirement. The Commission  
12 recommends that hunters consider continuing to  
13 wear orange.

14           You can see the proposed change on pages  
15 6 and 7 of your agenda.

16           The Executive Director and staff  
17 recommend the Commission approve this change.

18           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, the item  
19 is before us proposed rule making.

20           Do we have a motion?

21           MR. DELANEY: President, I'll make that  
22 motion.

23           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Delaney.

24           Is there a second to Commissioner  
25 Delaney's motion?

1 MR. HILL: Second.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

3 Properly moved and seconded.

4 Is there discussion on the item?

5 (No response.)

6 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we will  
7 vote.

8 All those in favor indicate by saying  
9 aye.

10 (Signified aye.)

11 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

12 (No response.)

13 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

14 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
15 Secretary.

16 Moving to pages 8 and 9 of the agenda.  
17 The next proposed item.

18 MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

19 The next item involves an amendment to  
20 §143.12 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

21 The Pennsylvania Game Commission's hunter  
22 education program has grown in recent years to  
23 include not only the basic Hunter-Trapper  
24 Education curriculum for all first-time license  
25 buyers, but also a mandatory Remedial Hunter

1 Education training program and a Cable Restraint  
2 Certification curriculum required for certain  
3 trapping activities.

4           A voluntary advanced training program,  
5 titled "Successful Bowhunting" was developed to  
6 improve bowhunters' knowledge, skills and  
7 abilities. Future curriculum expansion is  
8 envisioned with additional species-specific and  
9 discipline-specific advanced training programs.

10           With this growth, many agency staff and  
11 volunteer instructors have benefitted from these  
12 training programs, resulting in an improvement in  
13 their knowledge and skills. This regulation  
14 formalizes the ability for the agency to waive  
15 course registration fees associated with certain  
16 hunter education training programs, thereby  
17 allowing staff and volunteer instructors to  
18 participate in these and future training programs  
19 without being charged a fee. This waiver would be  
20 further defined by formal, written hunter  
21 education policy and would be subject to review  
22 and approval by the Director.

23           The proposed changes are shown on pages 8  
24 and 9 of your agenda.

25           The Executive Director and staff

1 recommend the Commission approve this change.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: You've heard the  
3 reading, Commissioners. The item is before us.

4 Is there a motion?

5 MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

6 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

7 Is there a second?

8 MRS. PALONE: Second.

9 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

10 Properly moved and seconded.

11 Is there discussion on the item?

12 (No response.)

13 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those  
14 in favor indicate by saying aye.

15 (Signified aye.)

16 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

17 (No response.)

18 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

19 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.

20 Secretary.

21 Moving now to the next item, which  
22 appears beginning on page 10 and continues I  
23 believe to page 16.

24 Again, Mr. Pouss, if you give us the  
25 commentary and then just briefly summarize the

1 item.

2 MR. POUSS: This item involves proposed  
3 amendment to Chapter 147, Subchapter P, of Title  
4 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

5 The Commission has been working in  
6 consultation with the Wildlife Rehabilitation  
7 Council to update and amend the wildlife  
8 rehabilitation regulations to redress concerns the  
9 Commission and Council share respecting current  
10 deficiencies.

11 Some notable changes in the proposal  
12 include the creation of a new rehabilitating  
13 facility caging and sanitation requirements for  
14 all wildlife, new special requirements for the  
15 rehabilitation of rabies vector species and new  
16 application, qualification and testing standards  
17 for permit applicants. Therefore, the Commission  
18 is proposing to amend §§147.301 through 147.307,  
19 §147.309 and §147.311 to update and correct  
20 regulatory deficiencies in these provision.

21 You can see the proposed changes on pages  
22 10, 11, and 12 of your agenda. There's a  
23 definition of rabies vector species and some  
24 additional single word type changes relating to  
25 nonreleasable wildlife being held.

1           Also, provisions relating to facility  
2 cages, sanitation and rabies vector species,  
3 permit applications and also a letter from a  
4 sponsoring wildlife rehabilitator and a sponsoring  
5 veterinarian. The changes do go to pages 13, 14  
6 and 15.

7           The Executive Director and staff  
8 recommend the Commission approve these changes.

9           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, the item  
10 as it appears on pages 10 through 16 at the  
11 printed agenda are before us this morning.

12           Is there a motion on the item?

13           MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

14           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

15           Is there a second?

16           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Second.

17           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

18           Is there discussion on this item before  
19 the Board?

20           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Mr. President.

21           PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes. The Chair  
22 recognizes Mr. Schleiden.

23           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Director Palmer, on page  
24 11, question on paragraph (1), subparagraph (3)  
25 rabies vector species. It says outside caging for

1 these species would include physical barriers,  
2 such as double wiring, solid wall barrier or other  
3 types of protective fencing.

4 A lot of menageries, for instance, they  
5 are required to have a four-foot barrier outside  
6 most of the wildlife unless you're driving  
7 through.

8 Is that what you're talking about here?  
9 It could have a split rail fence or anything of  
10 that nature to keep that distance away or does it  
11 have to have a heavy double wiring?

12 MR. PALMER: We're specifying exactly  
13 what you're saying. It's similar to the menagerie  
14 requirement that would prevent someone, a member  
15 from the public where an animal's here and a  
16 rehabilitation facility, specifically a rabies  
17 vector species, to prevent someone from sticking  
18 their hand into the cage and getting bit while  
19 this animal is being treated.

20 Because the facilities do differ, there's  
21 some flexibility within item (3), whether it's a  
22 solid wall or whether it's two sets of wire,  
23 because the few facilities that are out there we  
24 didn't want to impose a lot of unnecessary  
25 additional burden to, but we did want to take

1 protection measures for the rabies vector species  
2 to require that there will be some form of double  
3 caging that would prevent human access to those  
4 animals.

5 MR. SCHLEIDEN: In other words, these  
6 items can be listed as examples of types and not  
7 misinterpreted by our people who are inspecting?

8 MR. PALMER: That's correct.

9 MR. SCHLEIDEN: As one of those. Okay,  
10 thank you.

11 PRESIDENT BOOP: Other Commissioners have  
12 questions or comments?

13 (No response.)

14 PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, the item has  
15 been properly moved and seconded.

16 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

17 (Signified aye.)

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

19 (No response.)

20 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

21 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
22 Secretary.

23 Then if we could turn to page 17 the next  
24 item of proposed rule making to begin there on  
25 page 17 and continues to page 19.

1           Mr. Pouss, if you could give us the  
2 reading?

3           MR. POUSS: This item involves the  
4 addition of a Subchapter V, §§147.761-147.765 to  
5 Chapter 147 of Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code.

6           On July 3, 2007, Governor Rendell signed  
7 into law House Bill 881, which in relevant part,  
8 amended section 2121 of the act (relating to  
9 killing game or wildlife to protect property) to  
10 authorize the Commission to permit other  
11 individuals to assist eligible landowners in the  
12 destruction of wildlife causing agricultural  
13 damage on their property.

14           This bill became effective September 1,  
15 2007. However, before the Commission can begin  
16 the issuance of any permits to authorize this  
17 activity, the Commission must define and create  
18 the regulatory structure to implement this new  
19 program. To that end, the Commission is proposing  
20 to create Subchapter V (relating to agricultural  
21 damage depredation permit) in Chapter 147  
22 (relating to special permits) to define and create  
23 agricultural damage wildlife depredation permits.

24           You can see the proposed changes on pages  
25 17, 18, 19 of your agenda.

1           The Executive Director and staff  
2 recommend the Commission approve this addition to  
3 58 Pa. Code.

4           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, the item  
5 is before you. Mr. Pouss indicted beginning on  
6 page 17 and ending on page 19 of the current  
7 agenda.

8           Is there a motion?

9           MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

10          PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

11          Is there a second?

12          MR. DELANEY: Second.

13          PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Delaney.

14          Is there discussion on the action item?

15          (No response.)

16          PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those  
17 in favor indicate by saying aye.

18          (Signified aye.)

19          PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

20          (No response.)

21          MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

22          PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.

23 Secretary.

24           If we could move now to pages 20 and 21  
25 through 22?

1           Again, Mr. Pouss, if you would give us  
2 the comment area and a summary.

3           MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

4           That item relates to amending Title 58 of  
5 the Pennsylvania Code, §141.4 and Chapter 147, by  
6 adding Subchapter W, which would include §§147.781  
7 through 147.785.

8           Continental snow goose populations have  
9 experienced rapid population growth and have  
10 reached levels resulting in extensive, possibly  
11 irreversible damage to their arctic and subarctic  
12 breeding habitats, as well as negative impacts on  
13 other bird populations in these habitats. The  
14 Federal government has proposed via a Light Goose  
15 Management Final Environmental Impact Statement to  
16 reduce and stabilize snow goose populations  
17 primarily by allowing additional hunting methods  
18 and days.

19           The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
20 intends to establish a conservation order that  
21 will authorize states, beginning in 2008, to use  
22 hunters to harvest snow geese during the period  
23 when all waterfowl seasons, excluding falconry,  
24 are closed inside or outside the migratory bird  
25 hunting season framework. Participating states

1 are required to monitor and assess hunting  
2 activity and harvest conducted under this  
3 conservation order and annually report to the U.S.  
4 Fish and Wildlife Service each September.

5 To let Pennsylvania waterfowl hunters  
6 take advantage of this additional taking  
7 opportunity and participate in controlling  
8 overabundant continental snow goose populations,  
9 and to allow the Commission to assess accurately  
10 hunter activity and harvest, this amendment to 58  
11 Pa. Code creating a special snow goose  
12 conservation hunt permit is being proposed.

13 You can see the proposed provisions on  
14 pages 20 and 21 of your agenda.

15 The Executive Director and staff  
16 recommend the Commission approve this change and  
17 addition to 58 Pa. Code.

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you've  
19 heard the reading and the item is before us on  
20 pages 20, 21 and 22 of the current agenda.

21 Is there a motion?

22 MR. SCHREFFLER: So moved.

23 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schreffler.

24 Is there a second to Commissioner  
25 Schreffler's motion?

1 MRS. PALONE: Second.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

3 Is there discussion on the action item?

4 (No response.)

5 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those  
6 in favor indicate by saying aye.

7 (Signified aye.)

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

9 (No response.)

10 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

11 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you again, Mr.  
12 Secretary.

13 Moving to page 23 of the agenda, the last  
14 item of proposed rule making. If you could give  
15 us the reading, Mr. Pouss?

16 MR. POUSS: Yes, Mr. President.

17 County Treasurers who issue antlerless  
18 deer licenses for Wildlife Management Units 2B, 5C  
19 and 5D currently begin accepting applications  
20 over-the-counter on the third Monday in September,  
21 which is after the opening day of the new early  
22 archery season for antlerless deer.

23 By moving over-the-counter sales to the  
24 second Monday in September, it will allow the  
25 County Treasurer to begin accepting applications

1 and have time to process and issue over-the-  
2 counter antlerless licenses prior to the opening  
3 day of the new archery season.

4 The proposed item would amend §143.52 of  
5 Title 58 of the Pennsylvania Code to make that  
6 change in time.

7 The Executive Director and staff  
8 recommend the Commission approve this change.

9 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, this is  
10 the item before us, which appears on page 23.  
11 You've heard the reading.

12 Is there a motion?

13 MR. SCHLEIDEN: So moved.

14 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

15 Is there a second to Commissioner  
16 Schleiden's motion.

17 MR. SCHREFFLER: Second.

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: I heard Commissioner  
19 Schreffler first. Commissioner Schreffler is  
20 second.

21 Is there discussion on the item?

22 (No response.)

23 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, we'll  
24 vote. All those in favor indicate by saying aye.

25 (Signified aye.)

1 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed the same sign.

2 (No response.)

3 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

4 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.

5 Secretary.

6 Moving to page 24, we're now leaving  
7 proposed rule making and going to other business.

8 What appears on page 24, we have a number of  
9 hunting license revocation matters before us.

10 Director Palmer, I assume that the list  
11 that all Commissioners received yesterday in the  
12 packet, this is what we're voting on?

13 MR. PALMER: That's correct.

14 PRESIDENT BOOP: There are no amendments  
15 or changes to the list?

16 MR. PALMER: No amendments.

17 PRESIDENT BOOP: So the Commissioners  
18 received this yesterday. We're voting on the  
19 revocations that are set forth in the packet that  
20 was received yesterday, which is titled "Hunting  
21 License Revocations, October 2, 2007."

22 Is there a motion to approve?

23 MR. ISABELLA: So moved.

24 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

25 Is there a second?

1 MR. HILL: Second.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

3 Is there any discussion on this item of  
4 business?

5 (No response.)

6 PRESIDENT BOOP: Hearing none, all those  
7 in favor indicate by saying aye.

8 (Signified aye.)

9 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed same sign.

10 (No response.)

11 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

12 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.

13 Secretary.

14 Thank you, Director Palmer.

15 We'll now move to the Bureau of Wildlife  
16 Habitat Management.

17 After conferring with the Executive  
18 Director, I believe this would be an appropriate  
19 time to take a break. I have a little past 9:20.  
20 We'll resume at 9:40. Try to come back at 9:40.

21 (Recess 9:20 A.M.)

22 (Reconvened 9:50 A.M.)

23 PRESIDENT BOOP: I'd like to call the  
24 meeting back to order and we'll move now to page  
25 25 on the agenda.

1           I would like to resume on page 25. We  
2 welcome you from the Bureau of Wildlife Habitat  
3 Management. We have a matter on pages 25 and 26  
4 that involves four options: Cambria County,  
5 Somerset County, Clearfield County and another in  
6 Clearfield County.

7           Mr. Pouss, again, the Commissioners have  
8 all received this material and reviewed it, so if  
9 you do want to summarize, certainly, you can do  
10 so.

11           MR. POUSS: Thank you, Mr. President.

12           The first option, No. 50020 involves  
13 41.48 acres more or less of land in Blacklick  
14 Township, Cambria County, adjoining State Game  
15 Lands No. 79 (as shown on Exhibit RED 1) which is  
16 I believe on page 30 of your agenda.

17           The option price is \$31,000 lump sum.  
18 The amount to be paid from the Game Fund will be  
19 \$15,592 being part of a \$30,000 donation from  
20 Stephen Szabados for the purchase of lands in the  
21 Southwest Region.

22           The remainder will be paid from an escrow  
23 account set up by TJS Coal with regard to mining  
24 taking place on State Game Lands No. 153. Gas has  
25 been reserved for 15 years from the date of

1 conveyance. The property is mostly forested with  
2 cherry, oak, maple and birch.

3           Approximately seven acres of the property  
4 have been previously mined and reclaimed to  
5 Department of Environmental Protection standards.  
6 The South Branch of Blacklick Creek is the  
7 easternmost boundary and creates nearly two acres  
8 of riparian wetlands associated with the one-half  
9 mile of stream frontage.

10           The next option is No. 50029 and relates  
11 to 100 acres more or less of land in Shade  
12 Township, Somerset County, being near State Game  
13 Lands No. 93 (as shown on Exhibit RED 2). This is  
14 a donation from Consol Coal Company, made possible  
15 through the Conservation Fund. A township road  
16 bisects the property and provides good public  
17 access to the tract.

18           The entire property is forested with  
19 young pole-size cherry, red oak, maple and aspen.  
20 Only five percent of the tree species are in a  
21 mature saw timber class. There is a small  
22 tributary located on the eastern boundary of the  
23 property. That would be the second option.

24           The third option is No. 50012. It  
25 involves 926 acres more or less of land in

1 Covington Township, Clearfield County, adjoining  
2 State Game Lands No. 100 (as shown on Exhibit RED  
3 3). The option price is \$962,000 lump sum, to be  
4 paid from the Penn State escrowed funds and it  
5 will therefore require approval of the U.S. Fish  
6 and Wildlife Service.

7           Approximately 20 percent of the property  
8 is grasslands and reverting fields with the  
9 remaining portions in woodlands. Access is  
10 provided on the northwest corner from State Route  
11 1016, commonly known as Keewaydin Road and by  
12 Woolridge Road bisecting the western portion of  
13 the property running north and southeast.

14           This tract will also provide vital access  
15 to a 113-acre parcel of State Game Lands No. 100,  
16 currently separated from the main portion of State  
17 Game Lands 100 by the West Branch of the  
18 Susquehanna River.

19           Potter Run flows through the property  
20 until it enters adjoining State Game Lands No. 100  
21 and empties into the West Branch of the  
22 Susquehanna River.

23           The final option, No. 50042, it involves  
24 68 acres more or less of land in Karthaus  
25 Township, Clearfield County, adjoining State Game

1 Lands No. 100 (as shown on Exhibit RED 3). The  
2 option price is \$136,000 lump sum to be paid from  
3 the Penn State escrowed funds and will therefore  
4 require approval of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife  
5 Service.

6 The majority of the property is forested.  
7 Askey Road traverses the property running east and  
8 west and the West Branch of the Susquehanna River  
9 borders the southern boundary.

10 The Executive Director and staff  
11 recommend the options listed above be accepted by  
12 the Commission and authorize the Bureau of  
13 Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with the  
14 acquisition of these tracts.

15 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, you've  
16 heard the reading concerning the four options,  
17 which appear on 25 and 26 of the agenda. The  
18 motion will be to accept and authorize the Bureau  
19 of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed with  
20 acquisition.

21 Will someone make that motion?

22 MR. SCHLEIDEN: So moved.

23 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

24 Is there a second?

25 MRS. PALONE: Second.

1           PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Palone.

2           Is there discussion on the item that  
3 we're about to vote on?

4           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Mr. President.

5           PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, recognize  
6 Commissioner Schleiden.

7           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Bill, I'm glad to see  
8 that options 50012 and 50042 is using some of this  
9 Penn State escrow funds. There's been a lot of  
10 question as to our utilization and the time frame  
11 that we have to use it in.

12           I noticed that this 926 acres and an  
13 additional 68 acres and when we did that trade on  
14 176, I think that was for what, about 950 acres?

15           MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Right.

16           MR. SCHLEIDEN: So we're moving right  
17 along doing what we told the sportsmen we would do  
18 in getting good replaceable land. The sooner we  
19 can do that, I think we already purchased, what  
20 was that, another 300 acres up there in Centre  
21 County?

22           MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir.

23           MR. SCHLEIDEN: So we have a good record  
24 now. We're finding the land and I wanted to  
25 commend you and your staff on the work you're

1 doing there.

2 That's my comment, sir.

3 PRESIDENT BOOP: Other Commissioners,  
4 comments, questions?

5 Commissioner Delaney.

6 MR. DELANEY: I also would like to  
7 commend Bill for his work with this tract of land.  
8 Since 93 percent of our game lands are forested  
9 game lands, this is going to offer the small game  
10 hunter and pheasant hunter some tremendous  
11 opportunity. So rather than just worrying about  
12 forest land you can see much of this is grassland  
13 and reverting fields. I'm sure the sportsmen  
14 appreciate that.

15 PRESIDENT BOOP: Others questions,  
16 comments?

17 (No response.)

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: If not, we will vote on  
19 accepting and authorizing that we proceed with  
20 these four options.

21 All those in favor indicate by saying  
22 aye.

23 (Signified aye.)

24 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed the same sign.

25 (No response.)

1 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr.  
3 Secretary.

4 Moving to page 27, 28 and 29. For the  
5 audiences' benefit, these items that appear were  
6 time sensitive and the Commissioners did vote by  
7 notational vote. The vote was unanimous, but for  
8 the purposes of the record here today, we want to  
9 note the approval concerning the option in Cambria  
10 County and the AT&T class action.

11 So, Mr. Pouss, if you would give us a  
12 brief summary and then we'll follow?

13 MR. POUSS: Well, the first option, No.  
14 50003 involves a land exchange involving a 50 by  
15 1,000-foot tract of land, part of State Game Lands  
16 No. 51 situate in Dunbar Township, Fayette County.  
17 Trout Unlimited requires this property to convey  
18 to property owner who will allow Trout Unlimited  
19 to construct acid mine drainage treatment ponds on  
20 his property.

21 There will be a restriction put on the  
22 land that no occupied dwellings shall be built on  
23 the property. The Commission will also except and  
24 reserve all oil, gas and mineral rights. The acid  
25 mine drainage ponds shall be constructed with a

1 Growing Greener grant received from the Department  
2 of Environmental Protection. The project has a  
3 high environmental benefit specially to Morgan  
4 Run, by alleviating acid mine drainage.

5 In addition, Trout Unlimited will cause  
6 to be transferred from DEP 68 acres in Reade  
7 Township, Cambria County, which will become part  
8 of State Game Lands No. 158.

9 So that basically is that option.

10 The other action involved an AT&T class  
11 action suit which was filed on behalf of three  
12 individuals who owned similarly situated property  
13 adjoining railroad corridors in Pennsylvania. The  
14 complaint averred that AT&T had installed cable in  
15 railroad corridors without the consent of the  
16 underlying and adjoining property owners.

17 Plaintiffs sought compensatory and  
18 punitive damages against AT&T and on November 4,  
19 2005, the class was certified to include all  
20 persons or entities possessing a fee simple  
21 interest in land for some period of time after the  
22 AT&T cable was installed, underlying or adjoining  
23 railroad corridors in Pennsylvania.

24 The Pennsylvania Game Commission is a  
25 member of the class and for purposes of the

1 litigation the PGC chose to opt-in and file timely  
2 claims for Landowner Benefits by the deadline.

3           There's quite a bit more as far as  
4 description of what was involved in the class  
5 action suit.

6           PRESIDENT BOOP: I think everybody has it  
7 in the agenda. It's set forth on pages 28 and 29,  
8 so I think that is sufficient.

9           Just for purposes of the record will note  
10 that the Board unanimously approved both of these  
11 matters by a proper notational vote on August 27,  
12 of this year.

13           Let's move now within the same bureau to  
14 the oil/gas and minerals. We're looking at page  
15 33 on the agenda. I believe this is the last item  
16 from the Bureau.

17           Could you give us this item?

18           MR. POUSS: Yes, Mr. President.

19           This item involves deep mine daylighting  
20 and acid mine drainage abatement project on State  
21 Game Lands No. 268 in Tioga County.

22           The Pennsylvania Department of  
23 Environmental Protection has requested approval to  
24 conduct a mine reclamation and water quality  
25 enhancement project encompassing a 30.8-acre

1 portion of State Game Lands No. 268 in Morris  
2 Township, Tioga County (as shown on Exhibit OGM  
3 1).

4           The Rattler underground mine, operating  
5 on the Bloss Coal seam from 1903 until 1959,  
6 resulted in severe acid mine drainage discharges  
7 affecting the water quality and biologic life in  
8 Paint Run, Stoney Fork and Babb Creek. Between  
9 2001 and 2003, the Department of Environmental  
10 Protection in coordination with the Babbs Creek  
11 Watershed Association and the Pennsylvania Game  
12 Commission constructed passive treatment systems  
13 and completed reclamation of 75 acres of abandoned  
14 surface mine spoils. Unfortunately, the passive  
15 mine drainage treatment systems are overwhelmed by  
16 the severe acid mine drainage resulting in  
17 continued water quality impairment of Paint Run.

18           In an attempt to minimize or abate the  
19 severe acid mine drainage from the A2-4 discharge,  
20 the Department of Environmental Protection  
21 proposes to daylight a maximum of 15.3 acres of  
22 the deep mine complex, recover all remaining coal  
23 reserves including the One-Foot and Bloss coal  
24 reserves, apply 2,500 tons per acre of lime or  
25 waste lime, replace and re-grade mine spoil to

1 original contour, construct subsurface drains,  
2 construct erosion and sedimentation controls, and  
3 restore wildlife habitat.

4           The proposed operation will consist of  
5 two phases, with Phase I consisting of 8.2 acres  
6 of daylighting and Phase II consisting of 7.1  
7 acres of daylighting. The project will require  
8 15.5 acres of support area including the existing  
9 access road. The Department of Environmental  
10 Protection will award a contract to complete the  
11 reclamation project.

12           The PGC, as a partner in the project, has  
13 agreed to contribute its coal royalty value of the  
14 remaining coal reserves for Phase I to the  
15 project. Approximately 12,000 tons of recoverable  
16 coal reserves are estimated for Phase I of the  
17 project with a royalty value of \$42,500. The  
18 Commission's royalty value will be directly  
19 applied to the project to offset the cost of  
20 alkaline addition, the subsurface draining system  
21 and the surface reclamation.

22           Upon the successful completion of Phase  
23 I, the successful bidder, the PGC and DEP may  
24 elect to continue and complete Phase II. The  
25 successful bidder and the Commission may, at the

1 Commission's discretion, require the successful  
2 bidder to enter into the Commission's standard  
3 cola mining lease agreement.

4           In exchange for the 5-year lease, the  
5 successful bidder will pay the Commission at a  
6 royalty rate of \$2.50 or 12 percent of the then  
7 current pit price, whichever the greater, for each  
8 and every marketable ton of coal mined and removed  
9 from the leased premises.

10           All royalty revenues generated from Phase  
11 II will be deposited directly into the Game Fund.  
12 Approximately 10,224 tons of recoverable coal  
13 reserves are estimated for Phase II of the project  
14 with an estimated royalty value of \$36,800.

15           The project will be regulated by the  
16 Commonwealth's and surface coal mining regulations  
17 and the Commission's standard lease agreement.

18           The staff has reviewed this proposal and  
19 has determined that the total value of the  
20 reclamation and water quality enhancement is equal  
21 to or greater than the estimated value of the  
22 coal.

23           The Executive Director and staff  
24 recommend the proposed reclamation project and  
25 lease be approved and the Commission authorize the

1 Bureau of Wildlife Habitat Management to proceed  
2 with the leasing arrangement as listed above.

3 PRESIDENT BOOP: Thank you, Mr. Pouss.

4 Commissioners, the item is before us.  
5 You've heard the reading.

6 Is there a motion?

7 MR. SCHLEIDEN: So moved.

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden.

9 Is there a second?

10 MR. ISABELLA: Second.

11 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

12 The motion is before us, properly moved  
13 and seconded.

14 Is there discussion or question on the  
15 item?

16 MR. SCHLEIDEN: Mr. President?

17 PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, recognize  
18 Commissioner Schleiden.

19 MR. SCHLEIDEN: Bill, in layman's terms,  
20 basically this was a drainage project that we were  
21 having problems with and would have been on our  
22 responsibility in the long run; is that correct?  
23 Can you talk about that a little bit?

24 MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Yes, sir. Both of the  
25 discharges are on the game lands and we've worked

1 in partnership with the Babbs Creek Watershed, as  
2 well as DEP, over the course of the last several  
3 years to try to abate those discharges for  
4 habitat, as well as for the right thing to do by  
5 stewardship of the land.

6           Those efforts, although they've been  
7 pretty extensive, the water quality continues to  
8 cause impact to the stream, so this is an option  
9 that DEP presented to us by way of some Growing  
10 Greener funds that they have which is allowing for  
11 us to move forward and try to abatement that water  
12 quality further. Part of our partnering-ship is  
13 to waive the royalty that we might be able to see  
14 from that coal.

15           Quite frankly, they would never get a  
16 permit under normal conditions to mine that coal  
17 because of the fact that it creates mine drainage.  
18 So it wouldn't have been an asset that we would  
19 have been trying recover in the future anyway, but  
20 since they have to go in and abate it, there's no  
21 sense leaving the coal there so they can remove it  
22 and sell it, because the coal is in fact the  
23 reason why the drainage occurs.

24           MR. SCHLEIDEN: Thank you, sir.

25           PRESIDENT BOOP: Other Commissioners

1 questions or comments?

2 MR. SCHREFFLER: I'd like to make a  
3 comment.

4 PRESIDENT BOOP: Yes, Commissioner  
5 Schreffler.

6 MR. SCHREFFLER: Bill, I just want to  
7 commend you. I know this isn't the only one of  
8 our acid mine drainage abatement projects that we  
9 have. I know we've made special effort to help  
10 with water quality and the acid mine drainage in a  
11 number of other areas. I want to commend your  
12 efforts here in doing this.

13 It's a little known fact about the Game  
14 Commission and the good things that we're doing.  
15 This is one of them that I'd like to emphasize.

16 Thank you.

17 MR. CAPOUILLEZ: Thank you, sir. Both  
18 the regions and the staff have been working  
19 diligently on that. Mike DiMatteo, Nate Havens,  
20 Denny Dusza and Land Management staff up there  
21 have been pushing those hard throughout the year.  
22 So they deserve a lot of the credit.

23 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

24 MR. HILL: Bill, I guess I'd also like to  
25 mention Babbs Creek Watershed Association and it's

1 nice to see partners like that. I'm familiar with  
2 Water Creek Association through all my years on  
3 the State Board of Pennsylvania Trout and that's a  
4 valuable partnership. They're volunteers like we  
5 are and they do a lot of work. It's important for  
6 game to have good water, too, so it's nice to see  
7 that sort of collaboration.

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Anyone else?

9 (No response.)

10 PRESIDENT BOOP: Okay, the item is before  
11 us properly moved and seconded.

12 We're prepared to vote. All in favor  
13 indicate by saying aye.

14 (Signified aye.)

15 PRESIDENT BOOP: Opposed the same sign.

16 (No response.)

17 MR. ISABELLA: Unanimous, Mr. President.

18 PRESIDENT BOOP: Bill, I'd like to thank  
19 you for your assistance this morning.

20 And Bureau Director Palmer and Bureau  
21 Director DuBrock here would help us if we have any  
22 questions I'm sure, so thank you all for being  
23 here this morning.

24 Just a couple items before we move on.  
25 The Chair would like to recognize Representative

1 Ed Staback, who has joined us. Mr. Staback, as  
2 many of you know, is the Majority Chair of the  
3 House Game and Fisheries Committee. Welcome,  
4 Representative Staback.

5 In looking forward to our next meeting in  
6 January, when we had originally set the date for  
7 the January meeting, it was, the dates again  
8 that's the meeting we have Sunday, Monday and  
9 Tuesday. It's supposed to be on the twentieth,  
10 twenty-first and twenty-second. I guess that just  
11 simply slipped through and we realized that the  
12 Commonwealth, for Martin Luther King Day, that is  
13 a conflict so we are going to I believe need to  
14 move our date to the following weekend, which is  
15 the Sunday, the twenty-seventh and then Monday and  
16 Tuesday, the twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth.

17 Again, not that we govern things based on  
18 this, but I know always some concern about when  
19 the Super Bowl is, but I believe that's the  
20 following weekend. So I think, Commissioners,  
21 that we do, before we leave here today, we do need  
22 to make that change.

23 So this is the recommendation from your  
24 Executive Office that we do this, so since we  
25 previously set the date for the twentieth, twenty-

1 first and twenty-second, if you turn back to page  
2 1 on the agenda you'll see the new date. I would  
3 ask that someone would make that motion to change  
4 those dates.

5 MR. ISABELLA: Motion.

6 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Isabella.

7 Is there a second?

8 MR. HILL: Second.

9 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

10 Any discussion?

11 MR. DELANEY: Yes, President Boop. Just  
12 for the record, the start time on Sunday, the  
13 twenty-seventh?

14 PRESIDENT BOOP: I think we have started  
15 at 1 o'clock in the past, so I think we could go  
16 with, yeah, that's a good point, 1 o'clock on  
17 Sunday, and 8:30 on Monday and Tuesday. Those  
18 that made the motion will accept those amendments?

19 What we've voting on now is to change our  
20 January meeting from the twentieth, twenty- first  
21 and twenty-second to the twenty-seventh, twenty-  
22 eighth and twenty-ninth, which will start at 1:00  
23 on Sunday and 8:30 on Monday and Tuesday.

24 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

25 (Signified aye.)

1           PRESIDENT BOOP:   Opposed same sign.

2           (No response.)

3           MR. ISABELLA:   Unanimous, Mr. President.

4           PRESIDENT BOOP:   Okay, thank you, Mr.  
5 Secretary.

6           One of the problems in scheduling the  
7 meetings and agendas, as many of you know who  
8 serve on Boards, you never quite know how long  
9 they're going to last when you need to schedule  
10 things.

11           So we do have a presentation that was  
12 scheduled for 10:30 this morning.   Quite frankly,  
13 we thought there would be maybe some more public  
14 comment, particularly in light of some of the  
15 comments yesterday, but that didn't materialize.

16           So at this point I'd like to recognize  
17 Dot Derr from our Bureau of Administrative  
18 Services.   She is the Bureau Director.

19           Dot, are the people involved in this  
20 present now?

21           MS. DERR:   Yes, they are.

22           PRESIDENT BOOP:   Well, we thank you very  
23 much for being early folks, because I know you  
24 were told 10:30, so thank you.

25           I'm going to turn it over to our Bureau

1 Director, Dot Derr, for the presentation.

2 Thank you, Dot.

3 MS. DERR: Thank you, President Boop.

4 Thank you, Commissioners, Executive Director Roe,  
5 Deputy Executive Director Schmit. Thank you for  
6 this opportunity today.

7 On behalf of the Pennsylvania Game  
8 Commission and all sportsmen and women of  
9 Pennsylvania, I would like to acknowledge Bruce  
10 Mackle, Wayne County Treasurer.

11 After 20 years of service to the citizens  
12 of Wayne County and to the Commonwealth of  
13 Pennsylvania, Bruce will be retiring at the end of  
14 this year. During Bruce's tenure, he has served  
15 on the Antlerless Deer Committee for 11 years and  
16 seven of those 11 years he has been the  
17 chairperson.

18 Bruce, if you would like to come up and  
19 sit down I think you'll be closer to us and folks  
20 that would like to speak on your behalf.

21 I would first like to invite the  
22 Honorable Ed Staback to come up. He represents  
23 Lackawanna and Wayne Counties. As President Boop  
24 said, is also our Majority Chair for the House  
25 Game and Fisheries Committee.

1           REPRESENTATIVE STABACK: Good morning,  
2 everyone.

3           First off, I wanted to thank the Game  
4 Commission for inviting me and allowing me to be a  
5 part of this morning's very, very special  
6 gathering, a tribute to a very, very dear friend  
7 of mine in the likes of Bruce Mackle, who after 20  
8 years of serving the people of Wayne County as the  
9 County Treasurer, after so many years of serving  
10 the sportsmen and sportswomen across the  
11 Commonwealth as a member of the Antlerless Deer  
12 Committee, serving as the chairman for a number of  
13 years, has elected to retire.

14           After serving the people for 20 years,  
15 this man has established a reputation as a family  
16 man, a reputation as an elected public official  
17 throughout the Wayne County area that is  
18 impeccable, a reputation that can be challenged by  
19 absolutely no man. In my view, his retirement is  
20 certainly going to create a void within Wayne  
21 County politics that's going to be very, very  
22 difficult to fill in time to come.

23           But he has elected to retire and as such  
24 he has earned and deserved all the good things  
25 that go with retirement, including the tribute

1 being afforded him here this morning by all of us  
2 and I'm simply pleased to have the opportunity to  
3 be a part of it in some small way.

4           So, Bruce, congratulations on your  
5 decision to retire. I'm sure I'm speaking for  
6 everyone here when I say we hope and pray that God  
7 will bless your retirement years with good health  
8 and nothing but the very best that life could  
9 further offer both you and your family.

10           Congratulations, my friend, and good  
11 luck.

12           (Applause.)

13           MS. DERR: Now representing Susquehanna,  
14 Wayne and Wyoming County, the Honorable Sandra  
15 Major.

16           REPRESENTATIVE MAJOR: Thank you and good  
17 morning.

18           It's my distinct pleasure to be here this  
19 morning to share in this very special event as we  
20 gather to honor Bruce Mackle. Bruce has done a  
21 wonderful job on behalf of the County Treasurers'  
22 Association in his capacity of chairman of the  
23 Antlerless Deer Committee.

24           As a former county treasurer myself, I  
25 sincerely appreciate the job and sometimes the

1 thankless job that we do as county treasurers and  
2 our position in dealing with the Game Commission.  
3 Very often some of the decisions that you folks  
4 make here as Commission officers directly affect  
5 the job that we do as county treasurers and we're  
6 definitely on those front lines dealing with those  
7 constituents who want to buy those antlerless deer  
8 permits.

9           So very often I do respect the job that  
10 Bruce has done and certainly want to be here  
11 today. I'd like to welcome my colleague, ask my  
12 colleague, Representative Mike Peifer, who is here  
13 with me also, and present a citation to you.

14           Representative Peifer, as you know,  
15 represents Pike and Wayne Counties. Mike, I'm  
16 sure you want to say a few words.

17           REPRESENTATIVE PEIFER: Like Sandy, I was  
18 a former treasurer, too, in Pike County. It's  
19 great to see our fellow treasurers from the  
20 association here today. Thanks for making the  
21 trip.

22           I will tell you every time we came to  
23 Harrisburg, or whether it was a Game Commission  
24 meeting, the one important thing that Bruce would  
25 stop in to make sure we had breakfast first. So

1 we always had to leave quite early from Wayne or  
2 Pike Counties. That was 4:30/5:00 in the morning,  
3 so we could have a nice healthy breakfast before  
4 we came here.

5           Bruce Mackle is a family friend of mine.  
6 He's someone who is well-respected by the people.  
7 It doesn't matter your political party  
8 affiliation. It's a matter of serving the people.  
9 He's made that pretty much known throughout his  
10 tenure as treasurer that we're here to help our  
11 constituents. We're here to help the Game  
12 Commission. We're here to help the Treasurers'  
13 Association solve problems.

14           We know that there are problems out there  
15 and it's easy to throw stones, but finding answers  
16 are much more difficult.

17           So we have a citation here from the House  
18 of Representatives that is signed by myself, Ms.  
19 Major, as well as Mr. Staback. It basically says,  
20 "The House of Representatives of the Commonwealth  
21 of Pennsylvania congratulates Bruce Mackle upon  
22 his richly deserved recognition, partly recognizes  
23 his exemplary record of service in keeping with  
24 the highest ideals and traditions of this  
25 Commonwealth offers best wishes for a happy and

1 fulfilling future."

2           So thank you, Bruce. Want to just take a  
3 picture here with Bruce.

4           (Presentation given.)

5           MS. DERR: I'd like to invite Brian Grove  
6 to come down. Brian represents Senator Lisa  
7 Baker's office. Brian is Chief of Staff for  
8 Senator Baker's office.

9           MR. GROVE: Commissioners, thank you for  
10 inviting me here today as well on behalf of  
11 Senator Baker.

12           Boy, Bruce, where do I start? I have  
13 never served as a county treasurer, but I have  
14 been a treasurer of many organizations over my  
15 life. The work is indeed difficult. I've never  
16 seen anyone perform it so well.

17           I, also, on behalf of Senator Baker, have  
18 a proclamation from the Senate, a citation from  
19 the Senate of Pennsylvania and I will spare  
20 everyone the whereas and wheretofors, but there's  
21 a part in here that I think definitely needs to be  
22 read.

23           "Throughout his career Mr. Mackle has  
24 demonstrated remarkable knowledge, ability and  
25 integrity in carrying out his many

1 responsibilities, both to his county and to our  
2 Commonwealth, thus earning the respect and  
3 gratitude of all those who have received the  
4 benefit of his tireless devotion to duty."

5           The Senator is heartbroken that she  
6 couldn't be here today. She had a commitment in  
7 Monroe County and the district today and she's on  
8 her way back. She has known Bruce for many years,  
9 as have I. I fully believe that it's a loss for  
10 Wayne County and for the Game Commission, but you  
11 have chosen to step down.

12           I just want to say on behalf of the  
13 Senator and on behalf I think of everyone who  
14 knows you, your friendship, your work, your  
15 dedication and your integrity will be sorely  
16 missed. We appreciate everything you have done  
17 and are honored to work with you and serve with  
18 you.

19           Thank you very much.

20           (Applause.)

21           MS. DERR: Just a few more, Bruce.

22           I'd also like to acknowledge a set of  
23 treasurers who are with us today and are here to  
24 show their appreciation for you, Bruce. The  
25 president of the County Treasurers' Association,

1 newly elected I should say president of the County  
2 Treasurers' Association is Rick Fornicola, from  
3 Centre County, if you'll stand up, please.

4           We have Donna Schmitt from Somerset  
5 County; Kathy Robbins from Sullivan County; Gerald  
6 Hepler from Mifflin County; Jim Van Steenberg from  
7 Jefferson County; and Craig Ebersole from  
8 Lancaster County.

9           Thank you for joining us. Oh, I'm sorry,  
10 one more. Please.

11           MS. KIRKLAND: I'm Sandy Kirkland from  
12 Indiana County.

13           MS. DERR: Thank you, Sandy. I missed  
14 you coming in. I apologize.

15           Now I would like to ask President Boop  
16 and Executive Director Roe to come down, if you'd  
17 like to say a few words and present a print to  
18 Bruce in appreciation for his service.

19           EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROE: Well, I can't  
20 pass up the opportunity not to talk about Bruce.  
21 I'll make it very short.

22           When I took over the Director of the  
23 Bureau of Administrative Services, I guess about  
24 five years, six years, however long it's been, my  
25 big introduction was, you got to go up to Top

1 Trees and meet with the county treasurers. I  
2 said, "Well, that will be simple."

3 Val and a couple other people started  
4 laughing. I said, "Okay, what's the rest of the  
5 story?" Actually, there wasn't a rest of the  
6 story. When you meet with a group of  
7 professionals and you start good communication  
8 between the two groups, only good things can  
9 happen.

10 Now, I won't say we agreed all the time  
11 or maybe not the majority of the time, but we did  
12 find a way to make things work for the hunters and  
13 the trappers of Pennsylvania.

14 Bruce, as the chairman of that committee,  
15 it was a great pleasure working with you. You  
16 brought many good, innovative ideas to the process  
17 and it only made it better all the way around, and  
18 it will get better in the future for those of you  
19 who are staying around for a few more years. We  
20 promise.

21 So on behalf of the Game Commission, we  
22 have a little presentation we want to do and  
23 Commissioner Boop will help us give that. So,  
24 Bruce, if you will please come up. Only  
25 appropriate there would be a deer on here.

1 (Presentation given.)

2 PRESIDENT BOOP: I just would echo the  
3 comments that everyone else had made. I think one  
4 of the marks that someone has been successful in  
5 their career is they have their respect of their  
6 peers. The fact that so many of you county  
7 treasurers are here today to share in this I think  
8 is a good indication that Bruce has earned the  
9 respect of his peers.

10 On behalf of the Board, Bruce, we all  
11 wish you the best.

12 MR. MACKLE: Wow. I'm speechless really.  
13 I don't know where to begin. I can't begin to say  
14 the same things, the words, the comments that all  
15 have said.

16 But, anyway, Executive Director Carl Roe,  
17 Deputy Director Mike Schmit, as well as all the  
18 Game Commission Commissioners, I sincerely do want  
19 to thank you very much for an outstanding working  
20 relationship and to go one step further, more  
21 important to that, the excellent friendship that I  
22 will carry for the rest of my days.

23 I would also like to give many thanks to  
24 Cal -- where's Cal? Yeah, there you go, Cal, as  
25 well as Valerie. Is Valerie here? Yeah, there

1 you go. At any time, as well as our WCO, Frank  
2 Dooley, up there in northeastern, PA. Just an  
3 outstanding and just real good friends. Every one  
4 of them was there instantly upon a phone call.  
5 Anything I asked they were there and willing to  
6 work with not only me but the County Treasurers'  
7 Association. They have been there anytime I  
8 needed their much needed assistance and that goes  
9 for all.

10           The Game Commission should be, can and  
11 should be very, very extremely proud of these  
12 people. You are surrounded by the company you  
13 keep and believe you me there is outstanding  
14 company within the ranks of the Pennsylvania Game  
15 Commission.

16           Dottie Derr is a newcomer in my career  
17 anyway, but she is doing a fine job working with  
18 them she has communication excellent with all  
19 county treasurers throughout the state. She's  
20 doing a fine job, as well as, I know that she will  
21 be, my replacement is going to be Donna Schmitt.  
22 She will be chairing this. And I know that Dottie  
23 Derr and she will do just fine. There's no doubt  
24 about it.

25           Dottie, thank you very much again for

1 putting this occasion together. It has made my  
2 day.

3 I'm totally thrilled to have so many of  
4 the legislators with us here today. I just am  
5 speechless and I do thank you very, very much.

6 Now for a few words of our County  
7 Treasurers' Association, just a few. The  
8 Pennsylvania County Treasurers' Association is the  
9 very best public relations organization that the  
10 Game Commission could possibly have.

11 Let us both, not only the County  
12 Treasurers' Association, the Pennsylvania Game  
13 Commission, as well as our legislators, let us  
14 work towards making the hunters more satisfied.

15 There's turmoil, there's no question  
16 about it, but the three of us getting together  
17 there's no doubt in my mind that we could make the  
18 hunters very, very much more satisfied. With good  
19 communication, cooperation and common sense we can  
20 do it and we will do it.

21 Once again, folks, thank you very much  
22 for making my day. Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioners, I believe  
25 we've reached the end of our agenda for today. If

1 there's no other matter to come before the Board  
2 this morning, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

3 MR. SCHLEIDEN: Motion.

4 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Schleiden's  
5 motion to adjourn.

6 Is there a second?

7 MR. HILL: Second.

8 PRESIDENT BOOP: Commissioner Hill.

9 All in favor indicate by saying aye.

10 (Signified aye.)

11 PRESIDENT BOOP: We are adjourned.

12 Before we leave I'd like to thank  
13 everyone for coming today and joining with us as  
14 we work for the wildlife in the Commonwealth. We  
15 will have a press conference with members of the  
16 press immediately after the meeting.

17 I think our capable Mr. Feaser is here  
18 and he will coordinate that. He's back in the  
19 back so all those members of the press that want  
20 to participate, please see Mr. Feaser and we're  
21 now adjourned.

22 Thank you very much.

23 (Meeting adjourned 10:32 A.M.)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I hereby certify that the proceedings taken by me in the within matter are fully and accurately indicated in my notes and that this is a true and correct transcript of same.

  
Notary Public