ELEVENTH ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF
GAME AND FISH of GEORGIA

JULY 1st, 1921, TO JUNE 30th, 1922

J. FRANK RHODES

State Game and Fish Commissioner

## Eleventh Annual Report Department of Game and Fish State of Georgia

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, THOS. W. HARDWICK, GOVERNOR, and to the HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA :

In obedience to the requirements of the law, and in high respect, I herewith hand you my report of the operation of the Department of Game and Fish for the year ending June 30th, 1922, the same being the eleventh annual report of this Department since the date of organization.

It will be seen from this report duly audited by a registered certified accountant, that this Department of State government over which it is my honor to preside, is more than self-sustaining. A condition which shows a comfortable, net balance over expenditures made in the conduct of any department, may be taken as reassuring evidence in any administration committed to economic government by the people.

Under the operation of the game and fish laws of Georgia, administered in the exercise of courtesy and common sense; with the zealous cooperation of law respecting sportsmen; with the unselfish assistance of patriotic county officials and law abiding citizens, abundant evidence is to be had of great increase in both game animals, game birds, and all kinds of fish.

It is to be noted that a strong local sentiment which calls for growing respect for the game and fish laws, is to be observed generally throughout the State. This much desired condition may be further advanced by a firm, yet courteous policy of enforcement, by wardens and deputy
wardens, to hunters, trappers, fishers and citizens, and this consideration on the part of the official, in whatever contact with the people, is a part of the policy urged and encouraged by this department. Severity in admonition is never desirable in law enforcement, whereas prompt punishment of wanton offenders tends to wholesome determent in law violation.

To this end I would respectfully suggest as amendment to the law giving certain powers to wardens, so that these officials may be clothed with police authority, as this invalues the game laws of the State.

## GAME PRESERVES A COMPELLING NECESSITY

Notwithstanding our game and fish have shown hopeful increase under existing laws, there is ever present danger of disaster, which may come in restricted timber lands, through polluted streams, and through varying causes of decay now unknown to our State.

There can be no better time than now for the law making body of our great State to visualize and to plan for the future.

While Georgia yet abounds in timber lands of wide area, possessing in greater number, probably, more fresh water streams than any State in the Union; coastal territory that is unsurpassed for salt water fishing and propagation; natural resources without limit, that may be drafted to carry on the work of conservation, we have been too indifferent to the demands of the future, to provide game preserves and hatcheries for the preservation and propagation of game animals, game birds and fish and salt water fish and oysters.

This is a most threatening state of delay, and I respectfully call the attention of the Governor and your honorable body to these necessities that seem to compel the legislative mind.

# GAME LAWS SHOULD BE AMENDED AND SIMPLIFIED 

The game and fish laws of the State should be so amended as to better preserve game animals, game birds and fish and oysters, and they should be so simplified as to be easily understood by all the people. This can be done by careful codification, in which unnecessary form and superfluous words may be eliminated, leaving for the layman direct simplified expression, which may not be subject to confused construction-and which would rarely, if ever, be subjected to court review and interpretation.

All hunters of game animals and game birds, except where any of these may hunt upon their own land, should be compelled to procure a license. All persons who fish for a livelihood, or who sell fish which they catch from the streams of this State, should pay a license for this privilege.

As a further means of protecting deer in this State, I respectfully suggest that none other than male deer with horns three inches long, may be lawfully taken, and that the number may be restricted to two in one season.

The fox squirrel is one of the prettiest of our game animals. For further protection from extermination, I would respectfully suggest a five year limit time in which this animal may not be taken.

The wild turkey demands protection, or he will soon be extinct. It is therefore respectfully suggested that the law be amended so as to provide that only turkey gobblers, two in one season, may be taken.

In this connection I would suggest that the bag limit in quail that may be taken, be fixed at fifteen in any one day. This is enough to guarantee reasonable sport, and such limit would give needed protection.

There should be positive protection making it unlawful to take any mocking bird, blue bird, red bird, wren, thrush, brown thrasher or cat bird. These are song birds, that give inspiration to young and old-insectivorous birds, that give protection to health and vegetation.

## FISH AND OYSTERS

One could hardly magnify the importance of conserving, protecting and propagating fish.

A nutritious, and at the same time a tasteful and economic food, fish in all its varieties, has become a table necessity. The strongest laws that may be drafted, should protect our streams from being in any way polluted.

Fish, including the crustaceous animals, shrimp, prawn and crabs, and the testaceous animals, oysters and clams, has come to represent a great industry in Georgia, these finding a ready market in practically every State in the Union, while the canned product is being liberally exported.

There are estimated 100,000 acres of oyster marshes in Georgia, which under the law are public property, and therefore public prey. The oyster product in Georgia represents a wonderful industry, and this could be greatly advanced by a well determined legislation that would protect this vast area of oyster marshes.

The children of our State should be specially trained in intelligent appreciation of the birds and animals that use the fields and woodlands of Georgia, and of the fish that abound in our streams, and they should also be made acquainted with the laws that govern and protect these animals, birds and fish. I submit that it is not out of place here to respectfully request the help of the teachers of our State in this valued work of patriotic instruction and discipline.

The press of the State, daily, weekly and monthly papers, has given splendid assistance to this department and it is with pleasure that I acknowledge the valued aid received by editors and reporters generally.

Herewith I attach a financial statement of receipts and disbursements in this department, to which I invite your interested consideration.

> Respectfully submitted,
> J. FRANK RHODES, State Game and Fish Commissioner.

## AUDIT COMPANY OF THE SOUTH

Atlanta, Georgia, July 3, 1922.
Hon. J. Frank Rhodes, Commissioner, Department of Game and Fish, State of Georgia, Atlanta, Ga. Dear Sir:-

In accordance with your instructions, we have made an audit of the books and accounts of the Department of Game and Fish, for the year ended June 30, 1922, and transmit herewith the following Schedules:

SCHEDULE I—Assets and Liabilities.
SCHEDULE II-Surplus Account.
SCHEDULE III-Earnings and Expenses.
SCHEDULE IV-Reconciliation of Cash.
SCHEDULE V-Detail of Conservation and Propagation Expense.
SCHEDULE VI-Detail of Delinquent Accounts.
SCHEDULE VII—Detail of Receipts From Sale of Licenses.

Schedule VI shows a list of delinquent accounts in the sum of $\$ 548.50$. This sum total represents only the value of licenses in the hands of County wardens not yet reported or accounted for. On account of the contingent element in these accounts, we did not set same up as a receivable.

The net increase of revenue for the year ended June 30, 1922, over the corresponding period ended June 30, 1921, was $\$ 8,758.65$, whereas the expenses for the year ended June 30, 1922, show a decrease of $\$ 4,997.65$.

Bank balances were verified and cash on hand counted and found correct. Disbursements are properly supported by approved vouchers and receipts for the period have been accounted for.

The Department is in good condition and the books and records have been kept in a neat and orderly manner.

Respectfully submitted,
CHAS. JAS. METZ, President.


## Liabilities.

Surplus Account .............................................................................. $22,140.28$
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH-STATE OF GEORGIA. STATEMENT OF SURPLUS ACCOUNT June 30, 1921, to June 30, 1922.

SCHEDULE II


DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH—STATE OF GEORGIA. STATEMENT OF EARNINGS AND EXPENSES

June 30, 1921, to June 30, 1922.
Earnings.
SCHEDULE III

Less commissions retained by County Wardens:

| State, | 8,120 @ | \$1.00 each | \$ 8, |
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| County, | 9,856 @ | . 25 each. | 2,464.00 |
| Non-Resident | 158 @ | 3.00 each. | 474.00 |

Other Income:
Fines ..... \$ 248.68
Special Permits ..... 19.00
Lease of Oyster Beds, Blackbeard Island ..... 200.00
Interest on Deposit ..... 209.15
Delinquents ..... 422.25
11,058.00
$\$ 31,287.00$

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Total Earnings ..... $\$ 32,386.08$
Expenses.
Salaries-Office:
Commissioner ..... \$3,600.00
Bookkeeper ..... 1,500.00
Stenographer ..... 1,170.00
All others ..... 532.00
\$6,802.00
Less Amount paid by State Treasurer. ..... 3,600.00
\$ 3,202.00
Postage ..... 318.35
Travel ..... 1,064.09
Office Expenses ..... 400.13
'Phone and Telegraph ..... 91.52
Freight and Express ..... 33.49
Printing and Stationery ..... 568.41
Auto Expense ..... 259.92
Special Directions for Wardens:
Per Diem .................................................................. $\$ 1.170 .00$
Boat Expenses ..... \$ 322.54
Less Refunds ..... 156.48 ..... 166.06
Boat Repairs
Blackbeard Island Expense ..... 1,253.72
Propagation and Conservation (Schedule V) ..... 4,835.38
Audit ..... 50.00
Commissioner's Bond ..... 10.00
Firearms ..... 30.50
Incidentals ..... 1.80
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH-STATE OF GEORGIA.RECONCILIATION OF CASH ACCOUNTJune 30, 1921, to June 30, 1922.
June 30, 1921 Balance on hand ..... \$ 3,367.47
Receipts during Period:
Revenue (Schedule III) ..... 32,986.08
Received from sale of old engine ..... 75.00
Total ..... \$35,828.55
Expenditures:
Expenses (Schedule III) ..... \$15,456.87
Paid State Treasurer. ..... 5,000.00
Paid for Office Furniture and Fixtures ..... 374.73
Paid for Boat Equipment ..... 832.42
Paid for Auto Equipment. ..... 2,089.25June 30, 1922 Balance $12,075.28$
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH—STATE OF GEORGIA. DETAIL OF CONSERVATION AND PROPAGATION EXPENSES June 30, 1921, to June 30, 1922.
SCHEDULE V
Salaries ..... \$3,259.33
Supplies and Repairs ..... 919.52
Travel ..... 236.18
Advertising ..... 52.10
Prosecutions ..... 44.30
Phone and Telegraph ..... 34.78
Propagation-Cost ..... $\$ 538.00$
Less Refunds ..... 392.00
Incidentals ..... 143.17146.00
DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND FISH—STATE OF GEORGIA. DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS June 30, 1922. SCHEDULE VIValue ofLicenses NotAccounted For

BullochW.L. Hall (Deceased)\$267.50
Campbell J. H. Reeves ..... 83.75
DeKalb Dr. C. H. House ..... 19.00
Douglas Gordon Nalley ..... 45.25
Evans. S. L. Calder ..... 78.00
Irwin J. A. McInnis ..... 7.50
Towns Charlie Lee ..... 47.50
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