

CHAPTER 205.

[ H. B. 351. ]

DEPARTMENT OF GAME AND STATE  
GAME COMMISSION.

AN ACT relating to the Department of Game and the State Game Commission; prescribing the Director's salary; providing for the issuance of certain licenses and the fees therefor; requiring certain reports; authorizing exchange of lands; amending sections 6, 25, 31 and 104, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, and declaring an emergency except as to section 4.

*Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:*

Amendment.

SECTION 1. Section 6, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

Meetings of  
State Game  
Commission.

Section 6. The State Game Commission shall hold regular meetings on the first Mondays of January, April, July, and October of each year, and special meetings at such times as may be called by the Chairman or by two-thirds majority of the members.

Organization  
of Com-  
mission.

The Commission at its first regular meeting after the appointment and qualification of its membership, shall meet at the State Capitol and organize by electing one of its members as Chairman to serve for a term of two (2) years, and until his successor is elected and qualified, and biennially thereafter the Commission shall meet at its office and elect one of its members as Chairman, who shall serve for a term of two (2) years and until his successor is elected and qualified.

Commission  
may elect  
Director.

At such meeting, and at any other meeting after a vacancy in the office of Director of Game has occurred, the Commission shall elect a Director of Game by a two-thirds vote of its membership, who shall hold office at the pleasure of the Commission. The Director shall receive such salary as shall be fixed by the Commission. The said Director shall be ex-officio Secretary of the State Game Commission,

Salary of  
Director.

attend its meetings, keep a record of the business transacted by it, and perform such other duties as the Commission may direct.

Each member of the Commission shall receive ten dollars (\$10) for each day actually spent in the performance of his duties and his actual necessary travelling and other expenses in connection therewith, including all expenses in going to, attending, and returning from meetings of the Commission.

Compensation of Commissioners.

Expenses.

The Commission shall, on or before the last Monday of October in each odd numbered year, make a full and complete report of the official business transacted by it, which report shall be published in pamphlet form.

Reports of official business.

The Commission shall maintain its office in the principal office of the Department of Game.

Commission office.

SEC. 2. Section 25, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

Amendment.

Section 25. The Director, with the approval in writing of the Commission, may entirely close, or shorten the open season fixed by any rule or regulation of the Commission for game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, or game fish within the respective game areas, and after a season has been closed or shortened, he may reopen it for all or any portion of the time fixed by rule or regulation of the Commission, and he may also fix daily, weekly, or season bag limits on game animals, fur-bearing animals, game birds, or game fish within any game area.

Closing or shortening of season by Director.

Whenever the Director finds that game animals have increased in numbers in any locality of the state to such an extent that they are damaging public or private property, or over-grazing their range, the Commission may establish a special hunting season, designate the area and the number and sex of the animals that may be killed by a licensed hunter therein, promulgate necessary rules and reg-

Special hunting season.

Hunters determined by lot.

ulations, and determine by lot the number of hunters that may hunt within such area and the conditions and requirements incident thereto. The drawing shall take place at the city hall of the town nearest the area to be opened. Notice of the establishing of such special hunting season and of the drawing shall be given in the manner provided for the publishing of orders opening or closing seasons.

Notice of special season.

Director's order closing season to be filed with County Auditor.

The exercise of power herein granted to close or reopen regular or special seasons, or fix bag limits, shall be by a written order signed by the Director and filed in the office of the Commission, and in the office of the Auditor of any county affected by the order.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. Section 31, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows:

Exchange of lands with United States or public agencies.

Section 31. Whenever it may become necessary in order to obtain additional lands for hatchery sites, eyeing stations, rearing ponds, brood traps, trap sites, game animal, fur-bearing animal, game bird, non-game bird, and game fish farms, habitats and sanctuaries and public hunting or fishing areas or for rights of way for access to any and all such lands, to transfer or convey lands held by the state to the United States, its agencies or instrumentalities, to any municipal subdivision of this state, or to any public utility company, or to any person, and in the judgment of the State Game Commission and the Attorney General such transfer and conveyance is consistent with public interest, the State Game Commission, acting by and through the Director of Game, may enter into agreements accordingly. Whenever the State Game Commission shall make any such agreement for any such transfer or conveyance and together with the Attorney General certifies to the Governor that such agreement has been made setting forth in such certification a description of the land or premises involved, the Governor may execute

Agreements for such exchanges.

and the Secretary of State shall attest and deliver unto the United States or its agencies or instrumentalities, unto any municipal subdivision of the state, or unto any public utility company, or unto any person a deed of conveyance, easement or other instrument necessary to fulfill the terms of the aforesaid agreement.

Deed by  
Governor  
and Secre-  
tary of State.

SEC. 4. Section 104, chapter 275, Laws of 1947, is amended to read as follows: Amendment.

Section 104. Any citizen of the United States, who is not a resident of the State of Washington, or person who has in good faith declared his intention of becoming a citizen of the United States who is a non-resident, or who has been a resident of the state for less than six months, may by paying the sum of ten dollars (\$10) obtain a state fishing license, which shall entitle the holder thereof to fish in any county of the state when it is lawful to fish therein: *Provided*, That an applicant for such license who is a resident of either the State of Oregon, or the State of Idaho, shall pay the same price for a state non-resident fishing license, that a resident of the State of Washington is required to pay for a similar type of license in the state of which the applicant is a resident.

Non-resident  
state hunting  
license.

Fee.

Residents  
of Idaho  
and Oregon  
excepted.

SEC. 5. This act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, the support of the state government and its existing public institutions, and shall take effect immediately, except that the provisions of section 4 hereof shall take effect January 1, 1950.

Emergency  
clause.

Passed the House March 1, 1949.

Passed the Senate March 6, 1949.

Approved by the Governor March 19, 1949.