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(Fiscal Year, July 1, 1930—June 30, 1931)

*Honorable Ibra C. Blackwood, Governor, and the Members of
the General Assembly of South Carolina:*

Gentlemen: I take pleasure in herewith submitting to you financial statement of the South Carolina Game and Fish Department for the fiscal year July 1, 1930—June 30, 1931, also recommendations which, in my opinion, will better the efficiency of this Department and also increase the game and fish of the State.

Man, Fire, Droughts and Floods have taken a heavy toll from our game and fish in recent years. The time has come when those who can vote must help those wild things that cannot vote. I make the same recommendations as I made last year, and previous years, and with the help of our recently formed Sportsmen's Associations I hope to be able to convince your Honorable Body that the passage of all, or any, of the following laws will be of benefit to South Carolina. I recommend as follows:

1. That a reasonable fishing license be required of the residents of South Carolina, exempting women and minors when they are accompanied by a member of the family who is the holder of a fishing license. At the present time the laws of South Carolina require a license of \$10.25 of non-residents of the State to fish in South Carolina. Both of our sister States, North Carolina and Georgia, have a closed season on fishing during certain months and, at this time, Georgians and North Carolinians use South Carolina as a fishing ground. It is impossible for a Game Warden to tell whether or not a person is a non-resident unless the residents of the State are also identified with a fishing license button. A person from another State fishing in one county in South Carolina can easily claim that he is a resident of some other South Carolina county, but if we had the resident fishing license the fisherman would be identified and described as to exactly who he was and where he came from.

This would mean a decided increase in the collections from non-resident fishermen. At the present time enforcement of the fishing laws are being paid for by the hunters and no fishermen contributing anything in a financial way to protection of the fish. I am positive that the sportsmen of South Carolina, who are fond of fishing, would be most willing to pay a reasonable license in order to secure them better fishing in the future.

2. I recommend a bag limit on game fish that no person catch or have in possession over twenty-five (25) game fish during any one day.

3. I recommend a size limit on all game fish, making it illegal to take from the waters fish under a certain size of each species.

4. I recommend that no nets be used in the clear water streams of the State under five and one-half inch mesh. The use of a five and one-half inch mesh net would not interfere with the shad fishermen and, on the other hand, would not catch any game fish to amount to anything.

5. I recommend that an Act be passed to give Game Wardens the right to search, without a search warrant, any hunter's or fishermen's bag.

6. I recommend that all money collected from either hunters or fishermen be used solely for protection, propagation and reclamation of game and fish.

7. I recommend that a bounty be offered on the heads of all birds and animals destructive to game and that the said bounty be paid out of the game protection fund, which fund is derived from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and fines.

8. I recommend that all Statee owned lands be used as sanctuaries where game birds and animals may breed unmolested.

9. I request that all railroads operating in South Carolina would set aside their right-of-ways as game refuges or sanctuaries. If every railroad right-of-way through South Carolina could be converted into a game refuge, a sanctuary greater than the area of the State's owned land would be the result. I realize the impracticality of asking the railroads not to cut the grass along the right-of-ways eliminating fire hazards, but when the section foremen supervise this work they could easily save much bird feed. If they would exercise caution when the cut-

ting is done in the spring they could prevent the destruction of thousands of small birds and especially Bobwhite quail nests. This is merely a suggestion that would have to have the co-operation of the proper railway officials.

10. We are building many miles of paved roads through South Carolina. I would suggest that the Highway Department, instead of using joint or wire grass for binders, use lespedeza, commonly known as wild clover. This is a great bird feed and not at all injurious to farming lands, as wire grass is. Lespedeza is a cover crop and beneficial to the land. I do not believe it would be much of an expenditure to try this experiment.

The Game Warden and the Sportsman

The average Game Warden is a pretty good fellow and would much rather see the laws obeyed than violated. It would be much pleasanter to him to have the co-operation of the sportsmen than to go through the embarrassment of having to arrest a person who violated the law. The sportsmen of the State, through co-operation, can do much more in helping out the situation than by criticism. The moral support of all the sportsmen will be appreciated by everyone in this Department.

Under the provisions of Act No. 225 of the Acts of 1931, a fish hatchery was established on lands donated by J. Harvey Cleveland in Greenville County. It appears that the investment will be well worth while. I herewith quote you the report of Mr. Jack Wier, who has been of most material aid in making a success of this proposition.

REPORT OF JACK WIER

To: Chief Game Warden Richardson.

From: Jack Wier.

Subject: Report of the construction and operation of the Cleveland State Fish Hatchery for the year 1931.

Work of construction on the hatchery started about the first of August, and although most of the work was completed by November, a great deal more has been done since, to the first of the year.

Two buildings were constructed. One a five room log house to serve as living quarters for the keeper. The other is a large single room log house used for the hatching troughs. Both of these houses are on the property donated to the state.

Eight pools 33'x12' were built to raise the fish in. These pools are built of rock and concrete, and have a continuous supply of water running through them. Each pool will accommodate about 35,000 young fish. There is also a pond about 75x25 in which a few bass have been placed. Inside the hatching house is eight troughs 14"x12' in which the eggs will be placed for hatching. Continuous running water is passing through these troughs. Each trough will accommodate from 50,000 to 75,000 eggs.

Water supply is available from two sources, so that in the event trouble is encountered with one the other can be used. Only spring water is used in the hatching house and likewise two supplies are available for this purpose. About 1200 feet of pipe was used in bringing all of this water to the hatchery, and about one-half a mile of open ditch and box flume is used.

The grounds were cleared of all underbrush and dead wood, drives and walks have been laid out, and the hatchery as a whole presents a very pleasing sight.

Operations started in November when 7,500 rainbow fingerlings, and about 100 large rainbow and speckled trout were secured. A few eggs were secured from the adult fish, and the fingerlings have grown to several inches in length. Beef hearts, clabbered milk, and corn bread are used as food. On the second day of December 85,000 speckled trout eggs were secured and these were placed in the hatching troughs. They have done fine and will hatch in a few days now. Forty thousand more speckled eggs will be secured next week. Orders have been placed for 250,000 rainbow eggs, and the first order will be received in about two weeks. It has been estimated that the hatchery will turn out close to 275,000 fish this coming year. It is the plan to keep the fish until they are about five inches long before liberation, as about ninety percent of them at that length will survive.

Mr. F. J. Reiger from the Balsam Fish Hatchery, Waynesville, N. C. rendered us his very valuable services. Mr. E. K. Burnham, from the Bureau of Fisheries, Washington, D. C.

took charge of operations on the second of December, and will be here through the hatching period. Mr. Mays Nelson, has been keeper from the time of construction, and is assisting Mr. Burnham at present, and will continue as keeper after Mr. Burnham leaves. Of course, we couldn't have done a thing had it not been for Harvey Cleveland, and he has helped in every way that he could at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

JACK WIER.

I will not go into further details concerning the Fish and Game Department but will, at any time, be glad to furnish any Delegation with any information they may desire pertaining to their county, or to the state at large.

Following I submit to you the financial report of the collections and expenditures of the State Game Department for the past season.

Respectfully yours,

A. A. RICHARDSON,
Chief Game Warden.

Hon. Albert S. Fant,
State Bank Examiner,
Columbia, S. C.

Dear Sir: In compliance with the law we have audited the accounts of the Chief Game Warden, Columbia, South Carolina, covering the period beginning July 1st, 1930, and ending July 27th, 1931.

The records of this department were found to be in excellent condition. The clerical work is performed in a creditable manner and it appears that the affairs of this Department are handled with efficiency and dispatch. All cash of record is fully accounted for.

As indicated by statement on page 14 of this report the revenue yield for this period was approximately \$18,000.00 less than that of the corresponding previous period. It is thought that this decrease, however, is in line with decreases shown in other revenue departments of the State and is, no doubt, due to general conditions prevailing over the State at this time.

In other respects the affairs of this Department appear to be progressing normally.

Our report is submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

J. M. SMITH,
State Auditor.

Columbia, S. C.,
August 1st, 1931.

SEASON 1930-1931 (JULY 1, 1930 TO JUNE 30, 1931)

County	County Hunting Licenses Sold	State Hunting Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Hunting Licenses Sold	Non-Resident Fishing Licenses Sold	Fines	Number Cases	Confiscated Game and Fish Nets Sold	15% of Dog Law Fines	Misc. Dividends & Old Cashiers' Checks Paid	Scientific Permits	Breeders Licenses	Fur Tags	Fur Buyers Licenses	Total Fur Business	Total Business
Abbeville	\$1,524.00	\$405.00	1,425.00	100.00	\$75.00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	\$5.00	638.80	.....	.....	\$2,067.80
Aiken	1,784.00	1,371.00	1,486.00	100.00	275.00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	7.50	91.25	.....	141.25	5,161.25
Allendale	500.00	486.00	450.00	10.00	75.00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	74.15	.....	199.15	1,727.65
Anderson	3,658.00	1,080.00	1,080.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	88.60	.....	88.60	4,736.60
Bamberg	1,357.00	831.00	350.00	20.00	720.00	27	.58	.....	.....	.....	5.00	1,116.00	.....	75.00	4,479.55
Barnwell	608.00	426.00	255.00	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.20	.....	128.20	1,222.20
Beaufort	624.00	822.00	1,420.00	150.00	150.00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	367.75	.....	467.75	4,143.75
Berkeley	923.00	291.00	1,845.00	.....	225.00	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	421.55	.....	602.55	3,888.55
Calhoun	805.00	498.00	1,845.00	10.00	200.00	8	2.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	181.90	.....	256.90	1,931.90
Charleston	1,835.00	741.00	1,605.00	.....	607.00	20	12.00	.....	.....	4.00	.....	608.35	.....	450.00	1,658.35
Cherokee	2,035.00	438.00	.....	10.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14.90	.....	25.00	8,863.55
Chester	1,609.00	720.00	45.00	20.00	10.00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	142.80	.....	39.90	2,522.90
Chesterfield	730.00	423.00	525.00	50.00	25.00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20.75	.....	20.75	2,596.80
Clarendon	1,561.00	717.00	480.00	.....	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,042.85	.....	125.00	1,677.85
Colleton	1,185.00	657.00	1,605.00	10.00	505.00	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	808.25	.....	250.00	4,450.85
Darlington	1,349.00	843.00	45.00	10.00	505.00	20	.....	.....	.....	.....	2.50	9.60	.....	100.00	5,020.25
Dillon	581.00	414.00	.....	90.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	455.15	.....	75.00	2,359.15
Dorchester	919.00	765.00	615.00	.....	305.00	12	1.00	.....	.....	1.00	.....	167.85	.....	242.85	2,851.35
Edgefield	1,038.00	645.00	180.00	10.00	50.00	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.95	.....	75.95	2,879.85
Fairfield	1,873.00	579.00	150.00	10.00	192.20	9	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75.65	.....	75.65	2,979.85
Florence	1,542.00	3,117.00	420.00	.....	80.00	5	1.05	.....	181.00	.....	.....	649.60	.....	300.00	6,315.65
Georgetown	984.00	540.00	1,865.00	20.00	200.00	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	485.45	.....	785.45	4,435.45
Greenville	3,970.00	3,774.00	1,865.00	.....	825.00	33	.....	54.30	.....	.....	.....	78.85	.....	203.85	8,828.15
Greenwood	1,555.00	1,473.00	15.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	115.35	.....	115.35	3,159.35
Hampton	732.00	1,170.00	1,605.00	90.00	515.84	21	4.50	.75	.....	.....	.....	282.00	.....	482.00	4,600.09
Horry	2,644.00	750.00	855.00	50.00	800.00	32	31.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	689.90	.....	275.00	6,135.40
Jasper	430.00	366.00	2,940.00	50.00	625.00	20	8.20	.....	.....	.....	.....	53.25	.....	50.00	4,522.45
Kershaw	1,200.00	642.00	870.00	40.00	150.00	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	151.75	.....	125.00	3,178.75
Lancaster	977.00	309.00	45.00	.....	25.00	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51.90	.....	25.00	1,432.90
Laurens	3,747.00	972.00	180.00	.....	150.00	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103.70	.....	103.70	4,977.70
Lee	554.00	405.00	60.00	3	74.70	250.00	1,523.70

SEASON 1930-1931 (JULY 1, 1930 TO JUNE 30, 1931)—Continued.

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Lexington	1,705.00	2,022.00	338.00	13	15	40.71	5.00	42.25	42.25	4,157.11
McCormick	538.00	150.00	30.00	53.90	53.90	786.90
Marion	1,201.00	1,008.00	400.00	375.00	15	13.00	486.65	250.00	736.65	4,003.65
Marlboro	1,065.00	357.00	45.00	2.50	42.95	125.00	167.95	1,637.45
Newberry	1,997.00	1,353.00	75.00	8	95.80	95.80	3,520.80
Oconee	1,670.00	2,094.00	155.00	8	16.00	2.50	96.25	50.00	146.25	2,193.75
Orangeburg	3,123.00	2,499.00	150.00	330.00	15	1.25	2.50	1,851.25	375.00	2,226.25	8,332.00
Pickens	1,527.00	612.00	85.00	6	45.80	25.00	70.80	2,124.80
Richland	2,089.00	5,757.00	60.00	175.00	7	2.50	631.35	475.00	1,106.35	9,519.85
Saluda	1,265.00	564.00	112.70	112.70	1,941.70
Spartanburg	4,556.00	2,130.00	122.50	6	71.70	200.00	271.70	7,085.20
Sumter	1,466.00	1,134.00	150.00	55.00	3	5.00	473.45	150.00	623.45	3,438.45
Union	1,503.00	1,762.00	45.00	75.00	3	69.35	69.35	2,454.35
Williamsburg	1,474.00	1,125.00	50.00	240.00	12	37.15	330.70	225.00	555.70	5,521.85
York	2,526.00	1,125.00	435.00	40.00	300.00	11	109.60	25.00	134.60	4,560.60
Totals	\$72,294.00	\$50,472.00	\$1,390.00	\$9,755.54	\$9,755.54	374	\$75.80	\$55.05	\$274.86	\$8.00	\$50.00	\$13,093.15	\$5,600.00	\$18,693.15	\$177,008.40

APPROPRIATION FOR
CHIEF GAME WARDEN'S OFFICE

(Calendar Year, January 1, 1931 to December 31, 1931)

Sec. 67. *Chief Game Warden's Office.*

Item 1. Superintendence and Records:

A. Personal Service:

A-1. *Salaries:*

Chief Game Warden	\$3,600.00
Chief Clerk	2,730.00
Part Time Assistant Clerk	600.00

B. Contractual Services:

B-1. Freight, Express and Deliveries	25.00
B-2. Travel	2,000.00
B-3. Telegraph and Telephone	250.00
B-4. Repairs	725.00

C. Supplies:

C-4. Office Supplies and Stamps	1,300.00
C-9. Motor Vehicle and Supplies	1,000.00

D. Fixed Charges and Contributions:

D-4. Insurance and Bonds	600.00
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G. Equipment:

G-1. Office Equipment	150.00
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Total (Item 1) Superintendence and

Records	\$12,980.00
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Item 2. Enforcing License Tax on Fur Dealers:

A Personal Service:

A-1. *Salaries:*

Clerical Help	\$2,457.00
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B. Contractual Services:

B-1. Freight, Express and Deliveries	25.00
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C. Supplies:

C-4. Office Supplies	600.00
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Total (Item 2) Enforcing License	
Tax on Fur Dealers	\$ 3,082.00
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Total (Chief Game Warden's Office) ..	\$16,062.00

Provided, That the money appropriated in this Section shall be paid from the Game Protectoin Fund.

FOLLOWING IS LIST OF GAME WARDENS
IN CHARGE OF THE COUNTIES

COUNTY	GAME WARDEN	P. O. ADDRESS
Abbeville	C. E. Branyon	Honea Path, R. F. D. 3
Aiken	C. Hayes Weeks	Aiken
Allendale	W. L. Maner	Allendale
Anderson	Ray Fisher	Honea Path, R. F. D. 2
Bamberg	C. L. Bessinger	Bamberg
Barnwell	Angus Patterson	Barnwell
Beaufort	Hal G. Heyward	Hardeeville
Berkeley	C. H. Wilson	Moncks Corner, Route 1
Calhoun	L. R. Arant	Fort Motte
Charleston	V. S. Sloan	Charleston
Cherokee	Roland T. Clary	Cowpens, R. F. D. 2
Chester	Jesse H. Hardin	Chester
Chesterfield	Geo. H. McManus	Jefferson
Clarendon	W. S. Plowden	Manning
Colleton	S. M. Crosby	Walterboro
Darlington	S. W. Folsom	Darlington
Dillon	E. T. Elliott	Dillon
Dorchester	J. B. Meyer	Summerville
Edgefield	A. M. Clark	Johnston
Fairfield	D. A. Crawford	Winnsboro
Florence	J. Mack Humphrey	Timmonsville, R. F. D.
Georgetown	B. O. Bourne	Georgetown
Greenville	J. O. Lewis	Greenville
Greenwood	Geo. T. Lomax	Greenwood
Hampton	J. H. Zeigler	Estill
Horry	G. F. Outlaw	Myrtle Beach, R. F. D.
Jasper	J. W. Wall	Ridgeland
Kershaw	L. O. Funderburk	Camden
Lancaster	O. S. Porter	Lancaster
Laurens	F. W. Little	Laurens
Lee	H. A. Moore	Bishopville
Lexington	L. V. Spires	New Brookland, R. F. D.
McCormick	H. W. Bailey	Modoc
Marion	H. L. Ayres	Nichols
Marlboro	F. M. Stanton	Bennettsville
Newberry	John P. Livingston	Newberry
Oconee	J. F. Hedden	West Union
Orangeburg	D. F. Livingston	Orangeburg
Pickens	W. D. Sitton	Easley
Richland	V. F. Funderburk	Columbia
Saluda	L. W. Blease	Saluda

GAME WARDENS IN CHARGE OF COUNTIES—Cont'd.

COUNTY	GAME WARDEN	P. O. ADDRESS
Spartanburg	M. Hart	Greer, R. F. D.
Sumter	J. L. Brogdon	Sumter, R. F. D. 1
Union	J. Haskell Thomas	Union
Williamsburg	A. R. Moseley	Salters Depot
York	Ben Farris	York