GAME AND FISH DEPARTMENT:

Fees earned by the Commissioner before July 1, 1937, should be placed in the Game Protection Fund.

Bills and accounts made prior to July 1st should be paid from the Game Protection Fund.

June 29, 1937

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Honorable Wilbur C. Buford Commissioner Game and Fish Department Jefferson City, Missouri



Dear Mr. Buford:

Your letter of June 18th, submitting the following question for an opinion, is acknowledged:

"Will the income for licenses sold in June and which is remitted to this Department in July, be placed to the Game Protection fund or the Conservation Commission fund?

The last paragraph of Amendment No. 4 is as follows:

"The general assembly may enact any laws in aid of but not inconsistent with the provisions of this amendment and all existing laws inconsistent herewith shall no longer remain in force or effect. This amendment shall be self-enforcing and go into effect July 1, 1937:"

Amendment No. 4, although adopted at the general election of 1936, remains inoperative until July 1, 1937. The fees in question being collected under the laws in existence prior to July 1st would naturally be amenable to said laws, and as a result when remitted should be placed in the Game Protection Fund and not in the Conservation Commission fund.

Likewise the same result would apply to bills and accounts incurred prior to July 1st, the same being incurred under the laws existing prior to the effective date of Amendment No. 4, and being bills and accounts incurred under the statutes then existing.

Therefore we are of the opinion that the bills and accounts should be paid out of the Game Protection Funds, and any surplus funds remaining after the bills and accounts are paid should be delivered to the Conservation Commission.

Respectfully submitted,

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