



## MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

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# News Release

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### *CMR to meet in Jackson County*

BILOXI, Miss. – The Commission on Marine Resources will hold its October meeting at the Grand Bay NERR's Coastal Resources Center in Jackson County.

Commissioners normally meet at the Bolton Building on Bayview Avenue in Biloxi, but at the July meeting members voted to hold some meetings at other locations along the Coast.

"We represent the entire Coast, and we feel it's important to meet in different areas so that residents from all three counties can attend," said Jimmy Taylor, chairman of the Commission.

"The NERR serves as a key research and education facility for the northern Gulf of Mexico," said MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller. "We are proud to showcase this facility at our October commission meeting. We invite the public to tour this resource center at the conclusion of the meeting."

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. Oct. 15. The agenda for the meeting, as well as directions to the Grand Bay NERR, are attached.

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources is dedicated to enhancing, protecting and conserving marine interests of the state by managing all marine life, public trust wetlands, adjacent uplands and waterfront areas to provide for the optimal commercial, recreational, educational and economic uses of these resources consistent with environmental concerns and social changes. Visit the DMR online at [www.dmr.ms.gov](http://www.dmr.ms.gov).

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COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES

October 15, 2013 AGENDA

9:00 a.m.

Grand Bay NERR Coastal Resources Center, 6005 Bayou Heron Rd., Moss Point, MS 39562

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- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Minutes Commission Meeting –September 17, 2013 – Action Item
- C. Approval of Agenda – Chairman – Action Item
- D. Executive Director’s Report
- E. OFFICE OF MARINE PATROL – Interim Chief Rusty Pittman
  - 1. Report on Citations
- F. OFFICE OF MARINE FISHERIES – Dale Diaz
  - 1. Artificial Reef Update –Jimmy Sanders
  - 2. State Records – Erick Porche – Action
    - Conventional Tackle
      - a) Blueline Tilefish (*Caulolatilus microps*) 2 lbs. 13 oz. – Jon Parker
    - Fly-Fishing Tackle
      - b) Great Barracuda (*Sphyraena barracuda*) 17 lbs. 13 oz. – Doug Borries
- G. OFFICE OF COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT – Jan Boyd
  - 1. Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
    - a) Maritime Development Center, LLC – The applicant is seeking authorization to fill additional non-vegetated waterbottoms and construct a bulkhead – Permit Modification – James Davis – Action
    - b) V.T. Halter Marine, Inc. – The applicant is requesting to modify an existing dredging permit located at their Pascagoula Yard on Bayou Casotte in Pascagoula – Permit Modification – Greg Christodoulou – Action
    - c) City of Long Beach Port Commission – The applicant is requesting to expand the Long Beach Small Craft Harbor on the Mississippi Sound in Long Beach. Impacts include construction of piers, boat ramps, jetties, flow through breakwaters, and dredging – Permit – Greg Christodoulou – Action
    - d) Mississippi Development Authority – Informational presentation on MDA’s request for a Coastal Zone Consistency determination for the *State of Mississippi Offshore Leasing Rules and Regulations* and the *State of Mississippi Offshore Seismic Permitting Rules and Regulations* – Willa Brantley
- H. OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
  - 1. FY14 Monthly Report – Kara Vesa
- I. Directorate
  - 1. Public Affairs – Melissa Scallan
  - 2. Tidelands Presentation – Sonja Slater
- J. Other Business
- K. Public Comments

## **Directions to the Grand Bay Coastal Resources Center**

6005 Bayou Heron Road  
Moss Point, MS 39562  
228-475-7047

- From I-10, take Exit 75 (Franklin Creek Road) and head south towards Hwy 90.
- Turn right on Hwy 90 (heading west) and travel approximately 1.2 miles to Pecan Road. There will be a left hand turn lane here, but no signal light. (If you pass Pascagoula Auto Salvage and the Gator Farm, you have gone too far.)
- Turn left on Pecan Road.
- Travel approximately ½ mile and take your first right over the railroad tracks. This is Bayou Heron Road.
- Stay to the right on Bayou Heron Rd. You will see the Center approximately 1 mile down the road on the right-hand side.

\*Please park in front of the fence and follow the boardwalk to the main entrance of the building. The classrooms are located at the end of the hallway on your left as you come through the front entrance.

