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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
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Employment Updates

- 02.02.2020 – Jason Privett – Shellfish Technician
- 03.01.2020 – Paul Terrell – Chief Administrative Officer
- 03.01.2020 – Jeff Davis – Promoted to Seafood Technology Bureau Director
- 04.01.2020 – Madison Parker – Coastal Preserves Specialist
- 04.01.2020 – Sierra Ortiz – Coastal Preserves Specialist
- 04.01.2020 – Jennifer Green – Finfish Scientist

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Contracts and Procurements for April 2020

Current Procurements					
Office Requesting	Procurement Method	Estimated Amount	Description	Board Approval	Funding Source
Executive	USM Master Contract	$ 196,083.0	Mid-Breton Sediment Diversion Assessment	PPRB	100% Tidelands

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Spotted Seatrout Endorsement (SST)

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020

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Background

- Agenda item E.1. appeared on the March 17, 2020 CMR agenda under Commissioner's Report: Spotted Seatrout Endorsement (SST) – Mark Havard – Discussion
- The March 17, 2020 CMR meeting was cancelled due to COVID-19 Pandemic.
- Agenda item E.1. was not considered at the March 31, 2020 CMR meeting nor at the April 7, 2020 CMR Special Session.

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Previous SST Endorsement Rules – 10/22/2018
Title 22 Part 7 Chapter 9 Section 110

- 110 Individuals harvesting Spotted Seatrout (Cynoscion nebulosus) for sale must possess a Spotted Seatrout endorsement ($10.00) in addition to a current applicable harvester's license. To qualify for this endorsement an application must be completed. The fisher must present proof that five thousand dollars ($5000.00) of seafood product was sold in any twelve (12) consecutive months. Proof would be copies of sales records and a copy of the applicable harvester's license for the appropriate time period, or the fisher must present proof that ten (10) percent of their net income came from commercial fishing activities in a previous tax year. Proof would be a form provided by the DMR completed by a licensed tax preparer possessing a PTIN (Preparer Tax Identification Number), notarized, and submitted to the department. This endorsement will be valid for a three-year period at which time a new application with qualifying documents must be submitted for a new endorsement. The income requirement and seafood sale provision of this section shall cease to be in effect April 30, 2020 unless further Commission action is taken to extend the requirement.

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Current SST Endorsement Rules – 11/17/2018
Title 22 Part 7 Chapter 9 Section 109

- 109 Beginning January 1, 2019 individuals commercially harvesting Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) must possess a Spotted Seatrout endorsement ($10.00) in addition to a current applicable harvester's license. To qualify for this endorsement an application must be completed. For the 2019 fishing season the fisher must present documentation that a minimum of twenty (20) percent of their taxable income came from commercial fishing activities in a previous tax year between 2013-2018. Documentation shall be a copy of the appropriate filed IRS tax form showing the applicant's taxable income for one of those years. A Marine Fisheries Trip Ticket officer will then run a sales summary for the year chosen using trip tickets to determine if the eligibility requirement has been met. This endorsement will be valid for a one-year period at which time a new application with qualifying documents for the previous tax year shall be submitted for a new endorsement. The endorsement will be valid from January 1st – December 31st each year. In the event of a hardship approved by the Commission, the department may consider qualifying documents for the two years prior to the onset of the hardship.

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SST Quota

- Current SST Quota of 50,000 pounds was set by the CMR in 2012
- 2019 SST Commercial Landings: 37,155 pounds
  - Contributing factors: Bonnet Carre was opened twice in one year for a total of 123 days – displacing SST populations. Algae blooms in the MS Sound during 2019 suppressed the market for SST (less demand).
- Current 2020 SST Commercial Landings: 4,447 pounds*
  - Historic data from 2019 indicate approximately 7,900 pounds were landed compared to just 4,447 pounds, to date in 2020. The difference between these landings are attributed to the impacts of the COVID-19 Pandemic on the demand for seafood, including Spotted Seatrout.

*Subject to update before the April 21, 2020 CMR meeting
** 2019 data represents data from February and March. 2020 data is all of February and only partially March.

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Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results

as of March 31, 2020

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Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of $4.4M
- Agency Revenue of $21.7M
- State Net Income of ($587K)
- Agency Net Income of $2.3M

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Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2020
As of March 31, 2020

	State	Federal : GOMESA PHII: NFWF:	Operating Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
Revenue:					
Transfer in from Other Governments	0	50,590	50,590	-	50,590
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	-	4,247,208	4,247,208	-	4,247,208
Sales Revenue	590,405	1,632	592,037	3,259	595,296
Indirect Cost Recovery	691,435	-	691,435	-	691,435
Other Revenue	150,928	778,795	929,723	12,182,791	13,112,514
Current Budget Year Revenue:	4,482,768	5,078,225	9,560,993	12,186,050	21,747,043
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	4,067,779	2,139,003	6,206,781	633,926	6,840,708
Travel	28,873	33,305	62,178	24,359	86,537
Contractual Services	655,638	3,361,331	4,016,969	773,475	4,790,444
Commodities	274,650	1,198,666	1,473,316	107,929	1,581,245
Other than Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
Equipment	34,393	200,958	235,351	76,484	311,835
Vehicles	-	-	-	207,613	207,613
Wireless Devices	331	-	331	-	331
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	8,415	2,852,810	2,861,225	2,756,675	5,617,900
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	5,070,079	9,786,072	14,856,150	4,580,461	19,436,611
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	$ (587,311)	$ (4,707,847)	$(5,295,158)	$ 7,605,590	$ 2,310,432

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Financial Budget Comparison

- After nine months of Fiscal Year 2020:

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2020 Budget Comparison
As of March 31, 2020

	Actual Year to Date Expenditures			*Budget Year Totals*			*Percent Remaining*		
	Operating	**Tidelands**	**Total**	**Operating**	**Tidelands**	**Total**	**Operating**	**Tidelands**	**Total**
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	$ 6,206,781	$ 633,926	$ 6,840,708	$ 4,993,680	$ 553,920	$ 5,547,600	-24.3%	-14.4%	-23.3%
Travel	62,178	24,359	86,537	108,378	10,641	119,019	42.6%	-128.9%	27.3%
Contractual Services	4,016,969	773,475	4,790,444	4,289,858	532,241	4,822,099	6.4%	-45.3%	0.7%
Commodities	1,473,316	107,929	1,581,245	2,961,873	248,728	3,210,602	50.3%	56.6%	50.7%
Equipment	235,351	76,484	311,835	727,821	235,082	962,903	67.7%	67.5%	67.6%
Vehicles	-	207,613	207,613	7,220	12,387	19,607	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Wireless Devices	331	-	331	5,860	-	5,860	94.4%	0.0%	94.4%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	2,861,225	2,756,675	5,617,900	28,984,626	4,197,764	33,182,390	90.1%	34.3%	83.1%
Total Expenditures:	$ 14,856,150	$ 4,580,461	$ 19,436,611	$ 42,079,317	$ 5,790,763	$ 47,870,080	64.7%	20.9%	59.4%

- Operating Funds have 64.7% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 20.9% of Budget remaining

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Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 11 Section 101 Charter For-hire Reporting Requirements

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020

K.1.

Background

- At the November 2019 CMR meeting, the following motions were passed regarding the Charter For-hire (CFH) Reporting Program:
  - Motion 11: To forego moving forward with this particular project.
  - Motion 13: For staff to come back at the next meeting with language that requires reporting pursuant to Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 11 Paragraph 101.
- At the December 2019 CMR meeting, the following motion was passed regarding the Charter For-hire (CFH) Reporting Program:
  - Motion 10: For staff to review pertinent sections of Title 22 Part 9 and bring back updated language and options to improve the reporting systems within 90 days.
- At the March 2020 CMR meeting the following motion was passed regarding the Charter For-hire (CFH) Reporting Program:
  - Motion 3: To table this until April meeting without any changes to how we currently operate the program.

Current Regulation
Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 11

- **101 Charter and Head Boat Reporting.** Charter Boat and Head Boat captains operating in Mississippi waters shall be required to complete questionnaires furnished by the MDMR for each trip. Completed questionnaires shall be furnished to an information confidentiality officer upon request. In addition to the reporting required pursuant to this paragraph, the following reporting is also required.

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Options for For-hire Reporting

1. Current approach (MRIP CFH Procedures)
   - Would require modification of language in Title 22 Part 9
   - **101 Charter and Head Boat Reporting.** Charter Boat and Head Boat captains operating in Mississippi waters ~~shall be required to~~ may complete questionnaires furnished by the MDMR ~~for each trip~~. Completed questionnaires shall be furnished to an information confidentiality officer upon request. In addition to the reporting required pursuant to this paragraph, the following reporting is also required.

2. Establish a CFH reporting component within the Gulf States program. This action would be implemented in January 1, 2021.

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Captain and Crew Limits for Spotted Seatrout, Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack

Matt Hill

April 21, 2020

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Background

- At the March 31, 2020 CMR meeting, the following motion from the Charter For-hire task force was presented to the CMR:
  - Motion 11: To move Red Snapper and Amberjack to disallow captain and crew from keeping their limit and to correct Spotted Seatrout placement.
- Spotted Seatrout captain and crew limits underwent final adoption in December 2016.
  - This regulatory modification was inadvertently misplaced in the two-day bag limit section of Title 22 Part 7 when it should have been placed in the Charter Boat section of Chapter 7.
- This presentation will outline:
  - 1. The original 2016 CMR motion and subsequent regulatory language that was placed in the incorrect section.
  - 2. Specific corrective changes requested to Title 22 Part 7 to comply with the original CMR motion in 2016.

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1. The original 2016 CMR motion and subsequent regulatory language that was placed in the incorrect section

- 2016 CMR Motion: (Bosarge) I'll make the motion to proceed with final adoption of Title 22 Part 7: increase Spotted Seatrout minimum size length to fifteen inches and no take for Charter Captain and Crew.

Subsequent Action:

Chapter 07 Charter Boat Exemption from Certain Bag Limits

- 100 Persons on a licensed charter boat or headboat may possess a two-day (2) bag limit only when complying with the following conditions and only for the species listed in 100.06 of this chapter.
  - 100.07 Charter vessel and crew are prohibited from keeping a recreational bag limit of Red Snapper, Greater Amberjack, and Spotted Seatrout.

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2. Specific corrective changes requested to Title 22 Part 7 to comply with the original CMR motion in 2016 and the MS For-hire Task Force recommendations.

Title 22 Part 7 **Chapter 07 Charter Boat Exemption from Certain Bag Limits**

100 Persons on a licensed charter boat or headboat may possess a two-day (2) bag limit only when complying with the following conditions and only for the species listed in 100.06 of this chapter.

~~100.07 Charter vessel captain and crew are prohibited from keeping a recreational bag limit of Red Snapper, Greater Amberjack, and Spotted Seatrout.~~

103 The vessel's captain and crew are prohibited from keeping a recreational bag limit of ~~Spotted Seatrout,~~ Red Drum~~, or~~ and Southern Flounder while exercising the endorsement. The presence of the captain and crew does not count towards the vessel's daily possession limit for the species listed above.

104 Charter vessel captain and crew are prohibited from keeping a recreational bag limit of Red Snapper, Greater Amberjack, and Spotted Seatrout.

~~104~~ 105 This Chapter shall renew automatically on an annual basis for a one-year period unless the Commission initiates a review of this section.

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Required:

A motion to proceed with a Notice of Intent for regulatory changes to Title 22 Part 7 Chapter 7 regarding changes to captain and crew limits for Spotted Seatrout, Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack.

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Title 22 Part 7 Chapters 8 and 9: Regulatory Compliance for Cobia

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Trevor Moncrief
April 21, 2020

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Background

- In the April 2018 meeting of the Gulf Council, a framework amendment was made to increase the minimum size limit of Cobia from 33 to 36 inches fork length.
  - The final rule for this change was effective federally on March 25, 2020
- This presentation will outline specific changes to ensure federal compliance for Cobia.

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Title 22 Part 7 Chapter 8

Chapter 8 Recreational Bag, Possession and Size Limits

102

102.03 Cobia – ~~thirty-three (33)~~ thirty-six (36) inches (fork length).

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Title 22 Part 7 Chapter 9

Chapter 9 Commercial Size, Possession and Catch Limits

102 It shall be unlawful for any commercial fishermen to possess any Cobia smaller than ~~thirty-three (33)~~ thirty-six (36) inches fork length or to possess more than a daily bag limit of two (2) Cobia per person.

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Required:

A motion to proceed with a Notice of Intent for regulatory changes to Title 22 Part 7 Chapters 8 and 9 regarding changes to the minimum size limit of Cobia for federal compliance.

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Artificial Reef Program Update

Office of Marine Fisheries – Artificial Reef Bureau

Travis Williams

April 21, 2020

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State Statute: § 49-15-15.
Powers and duties of commission

- (1) (q).To promote, construct, monitor and maintain artificial fishing reefs in the marine waters of the State of Mississippi and in adjacent federal waters; to accept grants and donations of money or materials from public and private sources for such reefs; and to apply for any federal permits necessary for the construction or maintenance of artificial fishing reefs in federal waters.

State Statute: § 49-15-17.
Seafood Fund

- (1)(b) There is established a special account to be known as the "Artificial Reef Program Account" within the Seafood Fund. Any funds received from any public or private source for the purpose of promoting, constructing, monitoring or maintaining artificial reefs in the marine waters of the state or in federal waters adjacent to the marine waters of the state shall be credited to the account. Any unexpended funds remaining in the account at the end of the fiscal year shall not lapse into the Seafood Fund, but shall remain in the account. The department may expend any funds in the account, subject to appropriation by the Legislature, to accomplish the purpose of the account.

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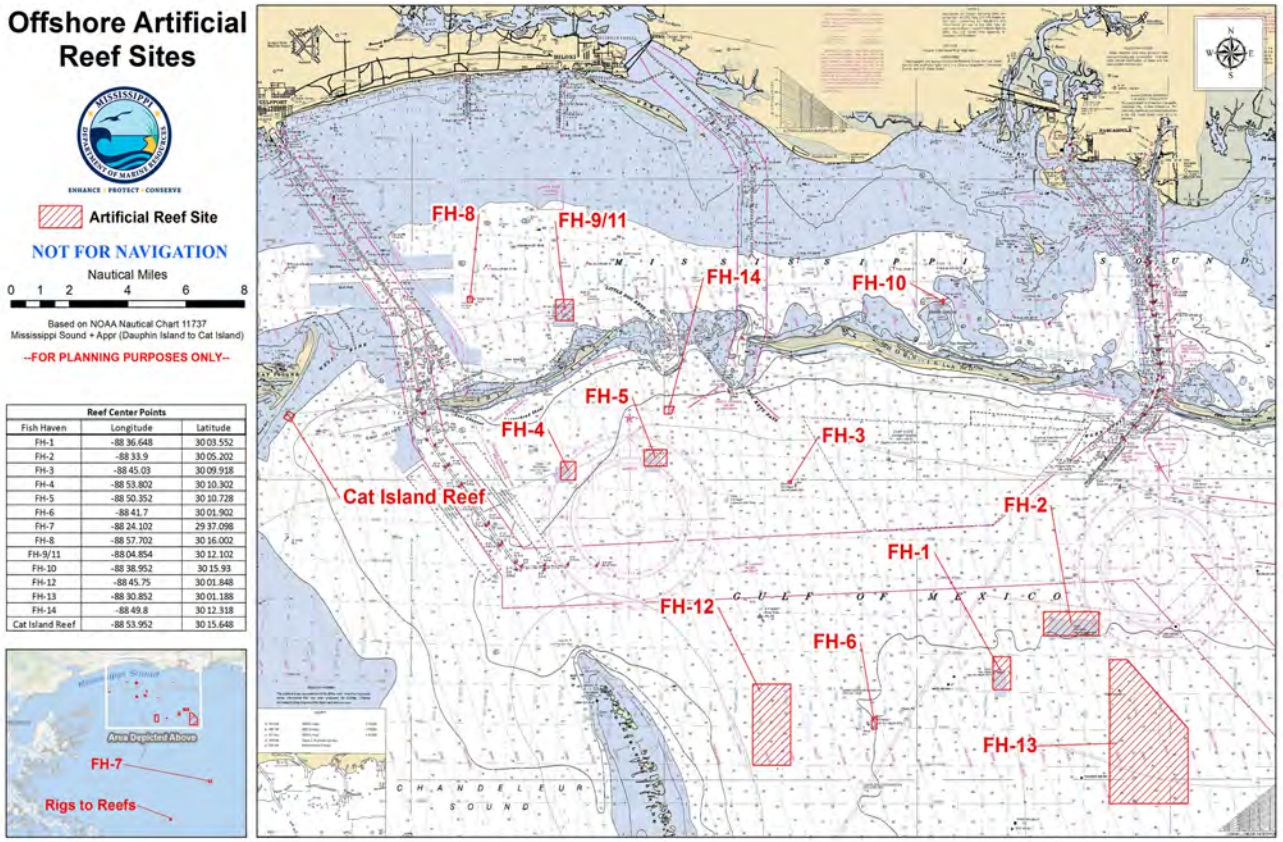
Nearshore Artificial Reef Sites

Offshore Artificial Reef Sites



Reef Center Points		
Fish Haven	Longitude	Latitude
FH-1	-88 36.648	30 03.552
FH-2	-88 33.9	30 05.202
FH-3	-88 45.03	30 09.918
FH-4	-88 53.802	30 10.302
FH-5	-88 50.352	30 10.728
FH-6	-88 41.7	30 01.902
FH-7	-88 24.102	29 37.098
FH-8	-88 57.702	30 16.002
FH-9/11	-88 04.854	30 12.102
FH-10	-88 38.952	30 15.93
FH-12	-88 45.75	30 01.848
FH-13	-88 30.852	30 01.188
FH-14	-88 49.8	30 12.318
Cat Island Reef	-88 53.952	30 15.648

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Artificial Reef Staging Site

<u>Materials Donated</u>

In 2019 three companies donated 61 loads of material totaling 1095 pieces of material.

Current capacity at the Staging site (November 2015).

- 333 loads were delivered
- 5,532 pieces of concrete material.

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NFWF and Ingalls Artificial Reef Project

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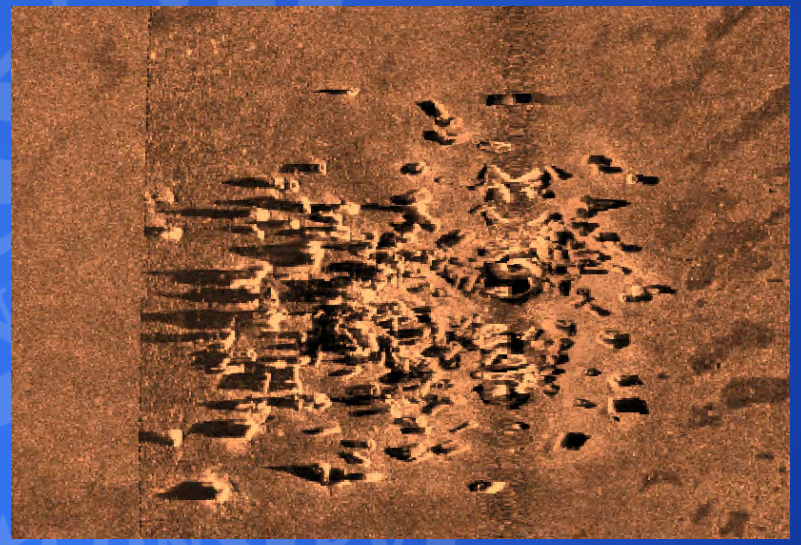
Monitoring

NFWF Artificial Reef Post-monitoring

- Two-year juvenile reef fish survey (March-October)
- Habitat mapping and side scan survey

Inshore and Offshore Monitoring

- Monthly inshore reef monitoring in the three coastal counties (hydrology and species composition)
- Tidelands grant with the Mississippi Gulf Fishing Banks to complete dive assessments on different structure types



Permit Status

- 64 Inshore Reefs (low profile): USACE engaged in consultation with NMFS. These permits are issued to the DMR.
- Gene Taylor Key, Ernie Zimmerman Key and Pass Christian Key: These permits are issued to the DMR.
- Katrina Key and Cat Island: Final stages of the permitting process with USACE. These permits are issued to the DMR.
- Mississippi Reef Zone 1 and 2- USACE engaged in formal consultation with NMFS. These permits are issued to the DMR.
- 8 Rigs to Reefs sites- USACE is processing the applications for permit renewals. These permits are issued to the DMR.
- 14 Fish Haven sites: These permits are issued to MS Gulf Fishing Banks and are currently pending approval by Mobile District Corps of Engineers.

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State Saltwater Finfish Records

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020

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Conventional Tackle

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Saltwater Fishing Record

Yellowfin Tuna

Thunnus albacares

Old Record: 205 lbs. 12.8 oz.

New Record: 236 lbs. 9.6 oz.

Angler: Michael McElroy III

*Also qualifies as All Tackle Record

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Required:

Motion to Adopt New State Record.

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State For-hire Red Snapper

Office of Marine Fisheries
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020

K.6.

Background

- At the March 31, 2020 CMR meeting, the following motion from the Charter For-hire task force was presented:
- **Motion 6:** to recommend an increase in the SFH quota by 50%. Season would be weekend only (Fri – Sun) concurrent with the PR season.
- The CMR then adopted the following motion:
  - **Motion 4**: That we do an increase 100% to 6,600 pounds for the upcoming year and we can reassess in January.
- The CMR motion does not clearly state the action to be taken. The State For-hire quota allocation for 2019 was 3,077 pounds. 100% of this quota would be 6,154 pounds.
- The motion then states 6,600 pounds, which conflicts with the 100% increase to 6,154 pounds

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2018-19 Mississippi Exempted Fish Permit (EFP)

- Language from the 2018/19 MS EFP Application:
  - Purpose: to determine if a recreational Mississippi landed ACL for Red Snapper (*Lutjanus campechanus*) can be accurately attained.
  - The EFP will set a quota of 135,149 pounds for private recreational anglers and 2,800 pounds for the state charter for-hire sector to harvest Red Snapper annually for a total of two years.
  - An in-season increase in the Mississippi quota increased these components to:
    - Private recreational from 135,149 to 148,507.
    - State For-hire from 2,800 pounds to 3,077.
    - There was an over harvest in 2018 by the State For-hire component of 435 pounds. This was subtracted from the 3,077 pounds leaving 2,642 pounds for the start of the 2019 season.
  - The EFP will be effective the years of 2018 and 2019. Currently the Mississippi EFP is no longer in effect – it expired December 31, 2019.

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EFP Appendix 1

- Purpose (p.1) Note that persons aboard state-licensed charter vessels are prohibited from fishing for or possessing red snapper in or from federal waters when under charter unless those vessels have been issued a federal reef fish charter vessel/headboat permit.
- Background (p.1) State-permitted for-hire vessels are included in the private angling component, but are not able to fish in federal waters.

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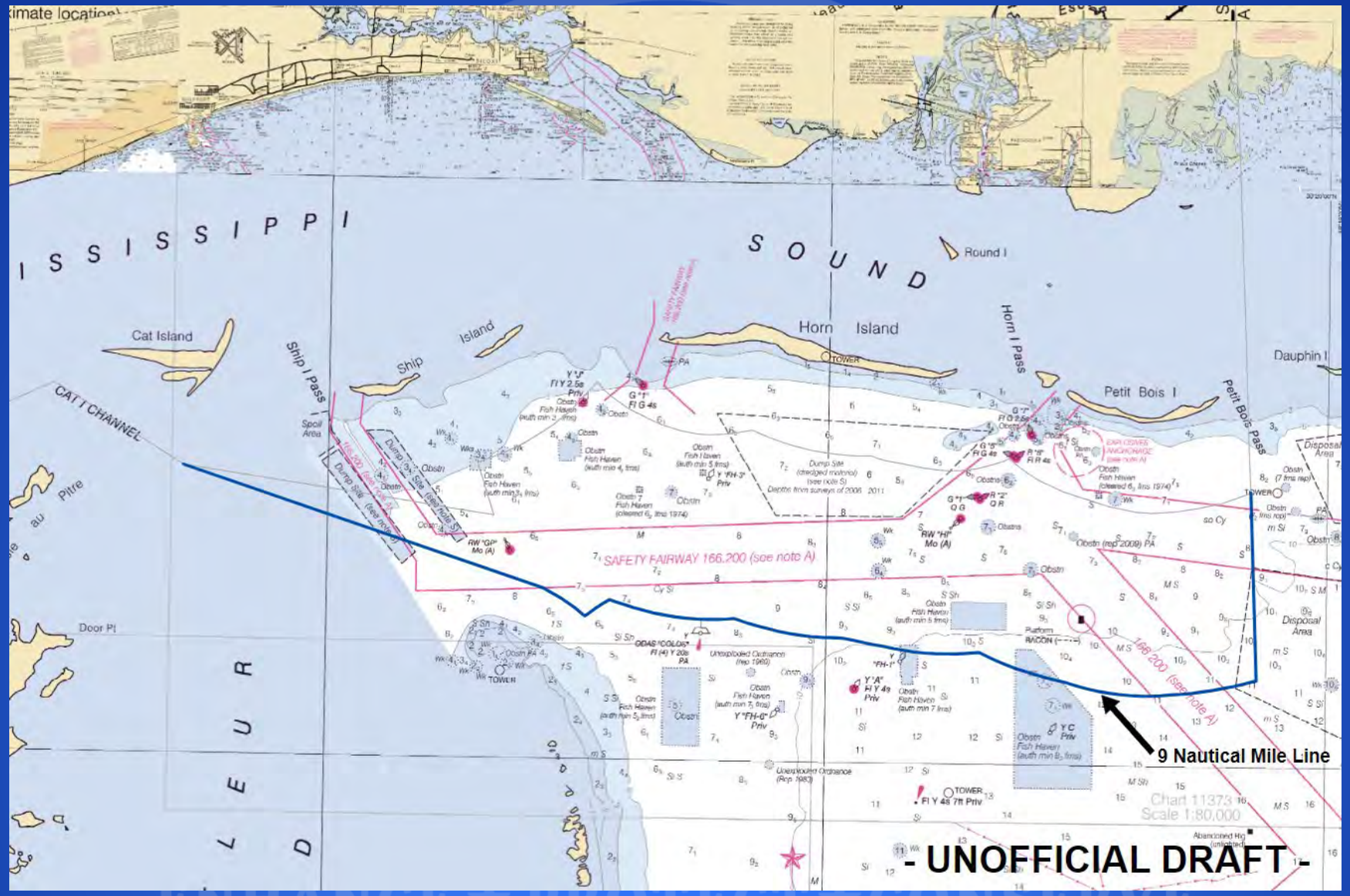
Mississippi State Waters for Reef Fish



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Amendment 50A and 50C Language

- Amendment 50 consists of six amendments: Amendment 50A consists of actions affecting all Gulf states and the overall federal management of Red Snapper, regardless of whether all states have a management program. In addition, each Gulf state has its own amendment.
- Amendment 50C assigns 3.55% of the overall Gulf quota to Mississippi
- The Council's preferred alternative Program Amendment is for the state management to include only the private angling component (50C Page 14).
- Amendment 50A would allow state management programs to be established for the private angling component only. The private angling component includes anglers fishing from privately owned vessels and for-hire vessels without a federal permit (e.g., state-licensed). (Because the Council decided to include only the private angling component in state management.)

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Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act

- MSA SEC. 3. Definitions
  - 104-297 (3) (p.4) The term “charter fishing” means fishing from a vessel carrying a passenger for hire (as defined in section 2101 (21a) of title 46, United States Code who is engaged in recreational fishing.
  - 104-297 (37) (p.18) The term “recreational fishing” means fishing for sport or pleasure.

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Required Motion

CMR should rescind previous motion, because the EFP has expired and Amendment 50 does not recognize a separate state for-hire component within the private recreational sector.

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CMR Option

Motion to establish a separate sector for SCH from the Private Recreational.

a. This motion will require a regulatory change to Title 22 Part 7

b. After the Commission approves the proposed regulation change, it will go out for public notice for a minimum of 25 days.

c. The CMR may request a public hearing; however, if a political subdivision, an agency, or more than 10 people request an oral proceeding, the public hearing must be held no earlier than 20 days after the pubic has been notified of the date, time and location of said hearing.

d. The proposed change along with the comments received at the public hearing, will then be presented to the Commission for their final approval.

e. Upon final approval by the Commission and filing with the Secretary of State's office, the new regulation will be effective 30 days after filing.

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COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES

PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION

A motion was made by Vice Chairman Ronnie Daniels and seconded by Chairman Mark Havard at the March 31, 2020 "Special Session Webinar" conducted by The Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources (hereinafter "the Commission"). The motion sought to decrease the poundage of American Red Snapper (hereinafter "ARS") available for harvest by the Private Recreational Anglers of the State of Mississippi. A vote was taken on the motion immediately, despite numerous procedural deficiencies, and the motion appeared to pass. A copy of the Minutes of the "Special Session Webinar" are attached hereto as Exhibit "A". The actual status of the motion is still unclear. The Private Recreational Anglers of the State of Mississippi will be aggrieved by the motion, if passed, and I hereby petition the Commission for reconsideration on the following grounds:

1. Section 5.6 of the Administrative handbook for the Commission provides that "An agenda shall govern the conduct of business of each Commission meeting." A copy of the agenda for the "Special Session Webinar" is attached hereto as Exhibit "B". There is no notation on the agenda that a decrease of the Private Recreational allocation of ARS will be discussed or voted on. Further, there is no notation on the agenda that an increase of the State for Hire (hereinafter "SFH") allocation of ARS will be discussed or voted on. Due to the fact that the issue was not placed on the agenda, the public did not have any opportunity to make plans to

appear and make their comments heard at the "Special Session Webinar" or submit written comment to the Commission.

2. Title 22 Part 15 Chapter 2 Paragraph 102 provides "DMR will notify the public of proposed rule making by publication in a newspaper having general circulation in the county or counties potentially affected by the rule and on the DMR website at www.dmr.state.ms.us." Any change to the private recreational allocation of ARS would affect residents of all 82 counties in the State of Mississippi. Accordingly, notice should have been published in at least one paper in general circulation for each county as well as on the DMR website. No such notice was published. Due to the lack of notice, the public did not have any opportunity to make plans to appear and make their comments heard or submit written comment to the Commission.

3. Section 8.3 of the administrative handbook for the Commission states that "The Department shall present the Commission with a PROPOSED notice of intent setting out the rule or regulation the Department or the Commission wishes to have enacted... changes to existing rules, regulations and ordinances must be submitted to the Commission in advance in accordance with Section 5.6...the Commission shall then vote on whether or not to adopt the notice of intent". The agenda for the March 31, 2020 "Special Session Webinar" of the Commission contains no notation on the agenda or notice of intent indicating that the Commission intends to consider or vote on any change to the SFH allocation or the private recreational allocation.

4. Section 8.4 of the administrative handbook for the Commission states that "A minimum thirty-day comment period shall follow the filing of the Notice of Intent." No comment period was held or noticed.

5. Section 8.5 of the administrative handbook for the Commission provides that a proposed rule or regulation shall only be voted on after public comment period and

recommended changes to have been reported to the Commission. With its immediate vote on the matter, the Commission did not allow for any public comment or hear proposed changes.

6. The motion itself is unclear in that it requests an increase of the 2020 SFH ARS allocation of one hundred percent to Six Thousand Six Hundred (6,600) pounds. These numbers conflict. The SFH allocation of ARS in 2019 was originally set at Three Thousand Seventy-Seven (3,077) pounds. The 2019 SFH allocation was subsequently reduced to Two Thousand Six Hundred Forty-Two (2,642) pounds to account for an over harvest by that sector in 2018. Therefore, an increase of One Hundred percent (100%) would equate to a 2020 SFH allocation of Five Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-Four (5,284) pounds. An increase to Six Thousand Six Hundred (6,600) Pounds would be an increase of approximately One Hundred Twenty-Five Percent (125%). The ambiguity in the motion requires reconsideration of the vote.

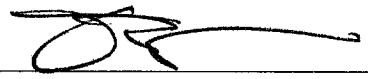
7. On March 13, 2020 the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19. On March 14, 2020 Governor Tate Reeves issued a Proclamation declaring that a state of emergency exists as a result of the outbreak of COVID-19. On March 15, 2020 the City of Biloxi, Mississippi passed a resolution declaring a state of emergency due to the outbreak of COVID-19. Many other municipalities, states and nations across the world have taken similar action due to the pandemic resulting from the outbreak of COVID-19 which has taken lives and crippled economies worldwide. As a result of the worldwide calamity most Citizens of the State of Mississippi are confined to their homes and not in tune with the regular business of their lives, much less the business of the Commission. Discussing and voting on such a pivotal issue while the citizens of the State are confined to their homes is not consistent with the rules of the Commission or generally accepted principles of fairness and good faith. Due to the worldwide pandemic the public did not have

ample opportunity to appear and make their comments heard at the "Special Session Webinar" or submit written comment to the Commission.

For the aforementioned reasons I respectfully request the Commission take the following action:

1. Reconsider and Reverse any action taken at the March 31, 2020 "Special Session Webinar" concerning the 2020 SFH ARS allocation.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this the 13th day of April, 2020.



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COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES

COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, March 31, 2020
9:00 a.m.
Via Webinar by Zoom

Commission Members:

Mark Havard, Chairman

Ronald Daniels, Vice Chairman

Steve Bosarge

Natalie Guess

Also Present:

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director DMR
Sandy Chesnut, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

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COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie, if you would just kind of take over, if my computer dies, or decides to get offline. Ronnie, if you would just resume the meeting as the chair, please.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Roger that.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: March the 31st, 2020, a little after nine, I would like to call the meeting to order.

First off, I would like to get approval of the agenda.

Do we have any changes for the agenda today?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I don't think we do.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I make a motion to approve the agenda.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I've got a motion to approve the agenda as written.

Do I have a second?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I'll second it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: All those opposed?

(None opposed.)

1 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: So moves.
2 That brings us to the Executive Director's
3 report.
4 General Spraggins, what do you have for us
5 today?
6 JOE SPRAGGINS: Thank you.
7 Brian, are you on, Brian Sherwood?
8 BRADY SMITH: He is listening, but he is not on.
9 JOE SPRAGGINS: Brady, can you do this, then, if
10 Brian is not on?
11 Can you tell anyone out there, if they would
12 like to make public comment and they have not already sent
13 it to Crystal, how they could go online and do this?
14 Can you explain that to them at this time,
15 Brady?
16 BRADY SMITH: I'm going to connect Brian so he
17 can explain. Just one second.
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.
19 Where is Brian?
20 I'm not seeing him.
21 BRADY SMITH: Brian is good for talking.
22 BRIAN SHERWOOD: Good morning.
23 JOE SPRAGGINS: Brian?
24 BRIAN SHERWOOD: Yes, sir.
25 JOE SPRAGGINS: Can you explain to everyone if

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they have not already sent a public comment to Crystal's email, or if they haven't already done one -- if they did last night, we've got them, but, if they have not, to go ahead and how they could go about being able to do a public comment?

BRIAN SHERWOOD: Certainly.

Anyone who wants to give public comment before the meeting is over who hasn't done so already, if you out to our website at dmr.ms.gov, there is a CMR link. If you guys go to dmr.ms.gov/CMR, it will take you directly to the page and from that page you will see a link that gives you information for the call as well as a public comment form.

As long as you put the phone number that you are calling in from, we will be able to identify you and we will unmute your call when it is time for your public comments.

You just have to submit that form and that form will get over to Director Spraggins and he can identify you at the proper time.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay, and what we will do, for anyone that has submitted one we have put it down to where we think it ought to be on the agenda and we will just call your name out at that time and Brady will unmute you to be able for you to add the public comment.

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Mark and Commissioners, are y'all understanding that?

Do you understand how we are doing it?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The next thing is we did do an oyster plant. Joe and them put together a big operation and we put one million oysters into the water this week, this past week, maybe a little over a week, but we put them in three different locations, at St. Joe, at Pass Christian and in Biloxi Bay. These are market size oysters that we have put in the water.

We are hoping that the Bonnet Carre won't open and we have to lose any of them in the Western Sound. We are giving it our best shot we can, but we need to go ahead and put the oysters in the water at this time, due to the fact that they were about to spawn and we want to try to get them into the spawn season in the spring, if that is possible, to help regenerate our oyster population that we lost.

Any questions on that from the Commissioners?

(No response.)

JOE SPRAGGINS: License. We suspended, as far as taking any license, as far as commercial license in

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1 person, and the reason for that, the Governor has issued
2 an order of basically distancing, and we didn't want to
3 have people standing all out in line and doing things
4 outside.
5 Sandy, I am going to turn it over to you and let
6 you tell them now what the regulation is and why we did
7 what we are doing.
8 SANDY CHESNUT: The statute provides that those
9 commercial licenses expire April 30th of each year. The
10 agency typically starts selling the licenses April 1st of
11 each year, but, because of the executive order and mandate
12 on social distancing, we made the decision to suspend the
13 in-person license sales until the 17th of April because
14 that is the date that the executive order goes through.
15 If the Governor issues a subsequent executive
16 order, we will revisit that and let the public know how we
17 are going to deal with it.
18 At this time, we won't be selling in-person
19 commercial licenses until April 17th. They can still apply
20 by mail, but they can't be coming up here in person
21 because we want to comply with the executive order.
22 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, what we may do if
23 the Governor -- which I anticipate, but I don't want to
24 speak for him -- extends this distancing the same as the
25 President of the United States did to the 30th of the

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month, then, what we would probably recommend at that time -- and we will know this before our Commission meeting, but we will probably recommend that we just extend the current licenses that we have and allow them not to have to renew until maybe one June, until we can find out what we need to do with that.

We will get you that information before the next meeting and, if we have to, we will do some type of special call.

Any questions from any of the Commissioners on that?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: No, sir.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: No. It sounds good.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The other thing, just to give you a quick update, we are working about ninety percent at home. From DMR, everyone is doing very well. Brian and his team have done a fantastic job of getting everybody online.

Thank y'all for that, Brian, and each one of the IT team.

We are able to do ninety percent of what we have been doing to a point. As far as our testing, the only thing that I know of -- and, Joe, tell me if something has changed, but we did stop MRIP because of personal contact with people, but that is about the only thing that we have

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1 stopped as far as testing.
2 Is that correct, Joe?
3 And I think we delayed the testing in the
4 Fisheries part of it, as far as with USM, until later in
5 the month.
6 Is that correct?
7 JOE JEWELL: That is correct.
8 I do want to point out that two other Gulf
9 states have also stopped their MRIP surveys and one is
10 considering it right now. So we are in line with the rest
11 of the Gulf.
12 JOE SPRAGGINS: We are checking with every
13 Federal agency to make sure that they are okay with doing
14 what we are doing and so far, other than National Park
15 Service and I still haven't heard back from NFWF, but we
16 are waiting on it to be able to find out if we do have to
17 put people on administrative leave, if they will allow us
18 to continue paying off of that and, if not, then, we will
19 check with the Governor and see if we can use other funds
20 that we have in the state to be able to do it. We are
21 also waiting on an answer from the state as far as
22 Tidelands.
23 As we are doing now, everyone is working. We
24 have some type of work for them to do. Whether it is at
25 home, or whether it is in the field, we have something for

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them to be able to operate, and we are going to continue doing that until we see that we need to change things.

Any questions from the Commissioners?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.

Mr. Levine, did I see him in the conference room?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: How is enforcement handling the social distancing, but still trying to do their job?

How is that affecting you guys?

PATRICK LEVINE: Good morning.

They have been doing a great job. We have encouraged our guys to maintain a strong officer presence. The only time they are getting close to somebody is when there is a violation that warrants them taking action.

Public safety is number one. We want to make sure we look out for officer safety. They are out there looking for violations. They are keeping a safe distance from everybody. We are encouraging only to take action if it is something that is serious enough, but they are a hundred percent and they are working, and they are doing a good job.

I know the weekend was pretty busy. There were a lot of boats out this weekend, and they were out there

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in full force. I know there were a few violations that were written. There were some people that took the advantage of the social distancing to go out there and maybe consume a little more alcohol than they should. So we are making sure we are keeping everybody safe on the water and still protecting the resource.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Very good. I appreciate it.

JOE SPRAGGINS: One of the things we are also doing -- I talked with Kyle about it -- we are going to make sure that if they are out here on the islands and they are starting to congregate together, that they warn the people the first time to get out of there and move on and get away from each other. If they don't, then, we are going to authorize them to give them a ticket for it because the Governor is very strong about that. He is very strong about it and I think we have the right to do it. Sandy says we can issue the ticket because of the executive order.

We don't want to issue tickets, but we want people to understand and we want to give them every chance we can. We want to get them to understand because the social distancing needs to operate.

SANDY CHESNUT: A governor's executive order has full force and effective law, and there are provisions for

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violations of the executive order in the emergency statutes. That is the authority we are going under.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Please, if you see something on there and it may be up in one of these areas north of I-10, we do not have jurisdiction of that. Understand that we are trying to do everything in our jurisdiction and we will help anywhere Wildlife asks us to help them.

Any other questions?

(No response.)

JOE SPRAGGINS: The last thing I have is the GOMESA funds are out. I cannot tell you the number because the Governor has not released it. I have six bosses. I have you five, plus him. I know he is as busy as he can be, but he will release the GOMESA funds probably this week, what we are talking about, or how much we got this year. I think everybody will be impressed. It is very nice and I think we will be okay. We will be able to do a lot of projects.

Any other questions?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: No, sir. I appreciate that.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, I will send y'all a copy.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Very good.

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1 That brings us along to Commissioners Report.
2 Do any Commissioners have anything they would
3 like to speak about?
4 COMMISSIONER GUESS: I don't have anything.
5 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I don't have anything
6 either, Mark.
7 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie?
8 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sorry. I had to unmute.
9 No. I'm good.
10 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Well, that brings us on to
11 Office of Marine Fisheries, Mr. Joe Jewell.
12 Tell us something good, Joe.
13 JOE JEWELL: Good morning, Commissioners. It is
14 good to see all of y'all, even though it is from a
15 distance.
16 We have five items on the agenda for y'all's
17 consideration.
18 First up is the Charter For-Hire Reporting
19 requirements that we have been addressing over the last
20 two, or three, months.
21 Giving that presentation will be Mr. Matt Hill.
22 MATT HILL: I've got Trevor here with me. He
23 will try to help me with this technology, but we will try
24 to get through this.
25 A little bit of background.

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1 BRADY SMITH: Matt and Trevor, you have control
2 of the power equipment.
3 MATT HILL: A little background. At the
4 November 2019 CMR meeting, the following motions were
5 passed regarding a Charter For-Hire Reporting Program:
6 Motion eleven of the meeting was to forego
7 moving forward with this particular project, and motion
8 thirteen of the meeting was for staff to come back at the
9 next meeting with language that requires reporting
10 pursuant to Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 11, Paragraph 101,
11 and I will read that here in the next few slides.
12 Then, at the December 2019 meeting, the
13 following motion was passed regarding the Charter For-Hire
14 Program:
15 Motion ten of the meeting was for staff to
16 review pertinent sections of Title 22, Part 9, and bring
17 back updated language and options to improve the reporting
18 system within ninety days.
19 This presentation will outline potential options
20 and considerations for improvement to charter for-hire
21 reporting and potential language changes for pertinent
22 sections of Title 22, Part 9.
23 It is going to delay. It is taking a minute.
24 The current regulation in Title 22, Part 9,
25 Chapter 11 reads:

1 "Section 101, Charter and Head Boat
2 Reporting.
3 "Charter Boat and Head Boat captains
4 operating in Mississippi waters shall
5 be required to complete questionnaires
6 furnished by the MDMR for each trip.
7 "Completed questionnaires shall be
8 furnished to an Information
9 Confidentiality Officer upon request.
10 "In addition to the reporting required
11 pursuant to this paragraph, the following
12 reporting is also required" --
13 We left his off to save some space. This refers
14 to all the Tails n' Scales reporting for Red Snapper.
15 Here is what the effort portion of the current
16 survey looks like which we administer it, but it is
17 through the MRIP Program. It is a mailout survey to
18 collect the effort information.
19 The pre-evaluation is the sheet on the left hand
20 side. Ten percent of the fleet is randomly drawn, and we
21 physically have a technician that goes down to the harbors
22 three days a week with the date, the time, the site, the
23 source where we got their information and the status of
24 that vessel. He is in. He is out fishing. He is out.
25 We don't know here he is.

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1 Basically, we are seeing what they are doing for
2 the week with our own eyes, before we send the post-
3 evaluation on the right-hand side.
4 This is more for validation of whether the data
5 is correct, or not, but these are the two forms that we
6 currently use. The one on the right-hand side is sent
7 through the mail. The charter captain has the ability to
8 either fax it back to us, or we call him on the phone and
9 we will get the information from him.
10 Most of them have begun faxing these to us. It
11 is actually a pretty efficient process.
12 For the harvest portion of it, we do not collect
13 that through the mailout survey. We do that through our
14 dockside intercept surveys, and here is the portion of the
15 forms that we use. The site is there. Where they left
16 from. The target species. Angler participation. Several
17 things that we would ask any recreational anglers off of a
18 pier, or the private recreational anglers coming, we ask
19 the same of the anglers coming off of the for-hire
20 vessels.
21 That is a draw. It is given to us through Gulf
22 States each month, and we go to our assigned sites and we
23 do the charter surveys.
24 Here are some results from 2019 just to give you
25 an idea about how many of these that we do accomplish.

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1 The requirement is to survey ten percent of the
2 charter for-hire vessels, and this is for the effort
3 survey.
4 In that portion of the survey, we did three
5 hundred and twelve pre-evaluations, and that is where a
6 technician goes down to the site and validates whether the
7 vessel is there, or not.
8 We completed three hundred and twelve phone
9 surveys to determine fishing effort, targeted species and
10 fishing locations. Like I said before, this portion does
11 not cover the harvest.
12 We completed eight hundred and sixteen dockside
13 surveys for the charter for-hire fleet to incorporate the
14 harvest information and where these people come from.
15 Here are some of the options for the program to
16 continue, or to be modified.
17 Our current approach is through MRIP.
18 The program is currently not mandatory per NOAA.
19 They do not have to participate in it.
20 It is just like when we interview a private
21 recreational angler, they have the ability to turn us
22 down. So it is not mandatory.
23 If we continue to use this approach, we would
24 need to adjust the language to fit the program that we
25 were using.

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1 It would need to read:
2 "Charter Boat and Head Boat captains
3 operating in Mississippi waters may
4 complete questionnaires furnished by
5 the MDMR" -- and it is not going to be
6 for each trip, as I said. We will strike
7 that out because it is a random draw of
8 ten percent each week -- "and completed
9 questionnaires shall be furnished to an
10 Information Confidentiality Officer
11 upon request.
12 "In addition to the reporting required
13 pursuant to this paragraph, the
14 following reporting is also required"
15 -- and that is the Tails n' Scales
16 reporting which is our reporting
17 program which is mandatory through
18 regulation. So there will not be any
19 changes that will need to be made, so
20 we would continue to comply with the
21 regulations.
22 The next option is to establish a Charter For-
23 Hire Reporting component within the Gulf States Program.
24 Currently this action will be implemented
25 January 1st, 2021. A little bit of explanation on this.

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1 Currently we are swapping the commercial trip
2 ticket program over to a new program which is called
3 Vessel. Vessel is not an acronym. It does not stand for
4 anything. It is just a clever name they came up with.
5 It is all electronic reporting. The dealers
6 will be able to report electronically. They will have
7 their own user name and password. It will be very similar
8 to the Tails n' Scales reporting where they can see the
9 information that they are entering.
10 Also, currently we are adding the oyster
11 aquaculture fishermen to that. They requested that to
12 make it easier on them.
13 The live bait operators have also requested it.
14 While we are doing it, we have explored the
15 options of going ahead and adding a platform to the
16 charter for-hire captains to begin reporting
17 electronically.
18 There is currently no regulation for that, or
19 how that would work, but while we have the funds available
20 and we have the contractor available, that is the current
21 preference of the staff is to continue with this to at
22 least developing the platform similar to how we did with
23 Tails n' Scales. We develop the platform, and, then, the
24 Commission put regulations in place to make it mandatory.
25 Now, there will be a lot of things to work out

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with that. All we would be asking here is to be able to continue with the platform, until we will be able to present it most likely to the Charter For-Hire Task Force and get some of their opinions, and, then, eventually to the Commission.

I know that is a little bit more complicated, but that is something that while we are changing some of these other platforms and formats, that we have been actively working on.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Matt, if I may, isn't it my understanding that y'all are already working on that Gulf States platform?

MATT HILL: Yes. Currently we are working with Gulf States. We are working with Bluefin Data right now. Gulf States has the overall contract on them and they are basically the keepers of the data and the keepers of the program for the commercial trip tickers. For all commercial activity, that is who we are using.

Then, we saw a need to -- we had a lot of paper tickets still out there, and we got a lot of requests from the fishermen and dealers to begin swapping to electronic and make it a much more user friendly platform.

What we have done is we have done the basics with the commercial fishermen and the dealers. While we were at it, like I said, we have added something that is

1 new that came along and we saw a need. Erik may can
2 elaborate a little bit more on that.
3 They came to us and we have added, or began
4 adding the oyster aquaculture program to reporting into
5 that and the live bait dealers.
6 We said what are some of our options in here?
7 South Carolina is currently going through a
8 similar platform. We are kind of perusing through that
9 and seeing what is good and bad about it.
10 Basically what it would be is the current
11 surveys swapped over to electronic reporting, and, then,
12 whatever regulations would accompany that.
13 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Over the past I don't
14 know how many months we have been talking about this now.
15 It has been said repeatedly and now once again, there are
16 other programs already in the works that we are waiting to
17 be implemented.
18 I don't see a need to make any changes right
19 now, whenever we already have other programs being built
20 that we will have the ability to implement in the future.
21 Isn't that what I am understand from what y'all
22 are doing here?
23 MATT HILL: Yes. We kind of saw the writing on
24 the wall several months back, with the Seafire Program
25 that NOAA is trying initiate. They are having a lot of

1 difficulties with it right now and it was my opinion --
2 and this came up at the last Gulf States meeting. Joe was
3 there. A few other people were there. They may want to
4 chime in on this, but they had a lengthy discussion on
5 when that program is initiated, that program is mandatory
6 for all federally-permitted vessels. They will have the
7 VMS system on there and other requirements.
8 The question raised is once that program comes
9 online, is there going to be any funding left for state
10 for-hire guys to continue to report through MRIP, and the
11 answer was more than likely not.
12 We are developing this program to take care of
13 our federally-permitted vessels. So once that program, if
14 it goes into effect, we would be stuck with nothing for
15 the state guys to be able to report to.
16 Now, once they begin reporting to that system,
17 they would not be required, in my mind, to report to the
18 system that we are building with vessel right now, but it
19 would give the ability for the state guys to continue to
20 do some type of reporting, whether we would continue with
21 the ten percent random draw, or the dockside surveys, or
22 however we want to do it with the validation.
23 It is just allowing us to continue to build the
24 platform so that once they swap over to the Seafire
25 Program, we don't leave the rest of these vessels out in

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1 the cold, if we need to continue with the effort and
2 harvest surveys form.
3 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: But you said it is
4 allowing you to continue building this program.
5 Isn't that actively going on now?
6 MATT HILL: Yes. We haven't started actually
7 building it. We are definitely -- like I said, we are
8 concluding finishing up with the oyster aquaculture which
9 was the most important thing that we needed to add, and,
10 then, we are going to move on to the live bait, and, then,
11 after that, we will begin to start to develop and work
12 with Andrew and Bluefin on the charter for-hire.
13 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: But there is nothing that
14 you need from us here today for you to be able to continue
15 doing what you are doing.
16 Correct?
17 MATT HILL: No. We will continue on as we are.
18 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: So, in that case, it
19 seems to me like we should leave things the way they are
20 until y'all get your system built, and we are looking at
21 that January 2021 time frame and we can revisit it then.
22 Did I make everybody get quiet?
23 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I agree with you, Ronnie.
24 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: If it is all right, I
25 would like to make a motion that we just change the

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current language and wait until the new program is built to revisit adopting that.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Okay. We have a motion on the table.

Do we have anymore questions, or discussion, that needs to happen?

JOE JEWELL: Yes, Commissioner Havard.

Can I ask a quick question?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.

JOE JEWELL: Matt, if the Commission so votes to delay until January 1 when the new program is online, will that require a regulatory change to continue going on as we are right now?

MATT HILL: In my opinion, it would not require a regulatory change. We are just exploring options. It is similar to the vessel program that we are implementing for the commercial trip tickets. We are changing programs. We are using a new platform, but we don't need a regulatory change for them to continue reporting as they are now.

JOE JEWELL: Okay. I just wanted to point that out.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I'm not sure.

Are you referring to my comment about making the language change?

1 In option one there, it said that there needed
2 to be a language change in what we are currently doing.
3 JOE JEWELL: Yes. That is what I was referring
4 to which would mean sort of status quo that we are
5 continuing on with the ten percent survey that we are
6 normally doing and as indicated, if we continued on with
7 that, it would require a regulatory change, and I was just
8 asking for clarification.
9 Hold on a second. I will pull that up.
10 That would be slide seven where Matt has
11 identified certain language that would have to be struck
12 through and deleted from the current regulation for us to
13 continue on with our current program, and I was asking for
14 clarification on that. Yes, that is the slide right
15 there.
16 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Guys, I keep getting
17 kicked off.
18 Do you hear me, now?
19 JOE JEWELL: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes.
21 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'm sorry. There is a
22 lot going on there and I'm getting bits and pieces of it,
23 but I'm trying to work with it as best I can.
24 I'm with Matt on trying to build a system for
25 the future that would try to capture some of the catch and

1 discard.
2 I mean, right now we are capturing effort, I
3 believe, if I'm correct, Matt, but we are not actually
4 capturing any of the species that are being caught and/or
5 discarded, other than maybe those post-evaluations.
6 Is that correct?
7 MATT HILL: In the effort survey, we are
8 capturing obviously the effort and target species, the
9 length of the trip, how many anglers participated in that
10 trip, and, then, we combine that with the dockside
11 intercept. It's not the post-evaluations, but the actual
12 dockside surveys where we send a surveyor down there to
13 the assigned site and we possibly we will get between
14 twenty-five and thirty surveys each time we go down there.
15 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: And my concern, like it
16 has always been, is for these guys to have that
17 information for the future.
18 I know I've seen it on my end of the industry
19 and not just in the State of Mississippi, but in different
20 states and...
21 MATT HILL: Did we lose Steve again?
22 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sounds like we lost him.
23 Matt, just one thing to clarify right now.
24 Isn't effort what you need, as opposed to catch
25 data?

1 MATT HILL: Currently right now we rely heavily
2 on the effort portion of the survey. Even if we
3 instituted some type of newer electronic reporting, we
4 would still have to go down -- we would still have to
5 implement dockside surveys similar to what we do with
6 Tails n' Scales to validate any type of data there, and
7 that is where we continue to get our harvest data. We
8 would continue to still get our length metrics, our weight
9 metrics.
10 Obviously, that would not be any kind of census
11 data. Basically we would be adding census effort data to
12 survey harvest data. I don't see that changing. We don't
13 have the staff to do that from state line to state line to
14 capture all that and be able to validate it, and it would
15 be very similar to me.
16 We are not talking about getting codes, or
17 anything like that, but it would be very similar to me on
18 how we come up with the harvest information for Tails n'
19 Scales.
20 We have effort data and census data that is
21 being reported on how many they caught and discarded, but
22 we still have to go down to the docks and get the
23 biological data to be combined to come up with these
24 numbers.
25 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay. Thank you.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Mark has had to get off. He lost it. They are having tornado warnings. He is going to try to call in.

Ronnie, you need to take over, as far as that, but one thing real quick.

On the 101, Matt, do we need to change that wording "shall be required to make" and, then, after the "furnished by the MDMR for each trip"?

Do we need to do that for right now to satisfy the issue?

If we leave it as it is saying, then, everybody should have to do it every time anyway.

MATT HILL: To Joe's point earlier is to that. We have done it this way for this long. Yes, for our current program to follow the letter of the law, we would need to change it to how we have it written in there because our current program does not meet these requirements, or nor does it have the ability to meet these requirements.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Legally it can't. We would be out of compliance, by requiring that.

Correct, Matt?

MATT HILL: That is correct because technically it is not our program. It is NOAA's program and it is not a mandatory program.

1 JOE JEWELL: Sandy, I want to ask this question.
2 Ronnie, while you made that point, the motion
3 that is on the floor right now, the motion is to delay
4 implementation of a program until January 1st, 2021, then,
5 that would, by default, require a regulatory change.
6 Is that correct?
7 SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.
8 JOE JEWELL: I just wanted to make that point
9 clear, as they proceed with the motion.
10 SANDY CHESNUT: If you are not doing the
11 questionnaires for each trip, that needs to be stricken
12 from the regulation.
13 JOE JEWELL: That's correct, and that is what
14 Matt has identified in option one.
15 SANDY CHESNUT: Right.
16 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: In my motion, I said go
17 ahead and adjust the language in option one there as well.
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay, Ronnie, I'm not sure who
19 all is on.
20 Mark, have you been able to come on audio?
21 Mark is not able to come on audio.
22 Ronnie, we may not be able to do anything. We
23 only have two people right now.
24 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I've got it buddy. Take
25 cover. Y'all be safe. Thank you.

1 That was Commissioner Havard that just called me
2 on the phone. They've got a tornado headed straight at
3 them at seventeen miles an hour. They are having to take
4 shelter.
5 Joe, it looks like we have lost Steve as well.
6 I don't know that we can vote on anything with two
7 Commissioners.
8 BRADY SMITH: I looks like Commissioner Bosarge
9 just dropped back in.
10 JOE SPRAGGINS: Steve, are you back on?
11 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir, Mr. Joe, just
12 temporarily here. This whole issue, there is a lot of
13 conversation that needs to be had that we are not being
14 able to have here.
15 JOE SPRAGGINS: Why don't we just table this
16 until the April 21st meeting?
17 Can we do that?
18 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sure. That is fine with
19 me.
20 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir, that is fine
21 with me, Mr. Joe.
22 JOE SPRAGGINS: Natalie, is that okay with you?
23 COMMISSIONER GUESS: That sounds good.
24 MATT HILL: This is Matt. I would like
25 clarification. I know we are tabling. We had a lot of

discussion about this, but I think we should continue the program that we have in place. We have been doing it this long and I understand it doesn't meet the letter of the law, but it is all we currently have.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I agree, Matt.

MATT HILL: I understand some changes need to be made, but, in my opinion, we need to continue what we are doing until we get this resolved so we will at least have something.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Matt, I think if we don't do anything right now, we are going to continue as we have been operating.

Does anybody have an issue with that?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Matt, are you worried about us being out of compliance without making a vote to change that wording?

Is that what you are talking about?

MATT HILL: Yes, we would be out of compliance.

We are in compliance with NOAA. We would be out of compliance with our own regulation which we have been for several years. I think if everybody can live with that, I don't think we should suspend the program because it is not meeting the requirement in the regulation right now.

JOE JEWELL: Ronnie, you can make that clear.

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1 In your motion to table, you can motion to table and to
2 continue on with our current reporting program until the
3 Commission takes it back up.
4 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: We are going to make a
5 motion to table this until the April meeting.
6 I apologize for that. This is Mark again. We
7 are going to able the current one until next month. Thank
8 you.
9 For some reason, he is getting through to me and
10 not y'all.
11 I apologize for the interruption.
12 I make a motion to table this until the April
13 meeting without any changes to how we are currently
14 operating, or implementing, this program.
15 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I will second your
16 motion.
17 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: All in favor say aye.
18 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.
19 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.
20 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.
21 The motion passes.
22 JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie, the next thing is
23 Mississippi For-Hire Task Force.
24 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I am waiting for the
25 slide to change there.

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JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie, just for your information, too, we do have about seven, or eight, comments on this one. So before we make a motion, we will need to be able to allow them to make comments.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir. I understand that.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Matt, would you like to go ahead with this?

MATT HILL: Yes, sir.

A little bit of background. I do want to make this clear. The reason I am giving this is the task force passed a motion requesting a Fisheries representative -- I am the Fisheries representative on the task force -- to present recommendations passed at this meeting, and these are recommendations from the Charter For-Hire Task Force.

I will try not to ramble. I am just going to read exactly what it says.

The Mississippi For-Hire Task Force met on March the 5th to discuss the upcoming Red Snapper season, captain and crew limits, and future federal reporting requirements.

The meeting was centered around the management of the State Charter For-Hire component for the 2020 Red Snapper season.

Topics covered included permit/endorsement for participants, reviewing initial allocation between components, increase in allocation, setting a number of days for the season, including state for-hire within the private recreational sector.

Minutes from the meeting are available to the pubic on the MDMR website.

This presentation will outline the three motions passed out of eight that were considered by the Mississippi For-Hire Task Force.

The first two motions address the State Charter For-Hire Red Snapper season and allocation.

The third motion addresses captain and crew bag limits.

Motions one and two of the State Charter For-Hire Red Snapper season.

Motion one. The task force recommends an endorsement to be developed with the cost of one hundred dollars per licensed captain and a designated cutoff date of purchase to be February 1st.

Discussion of this motion focused on the date of cutoff for purchase, along the necessity to define the universe of participating captains prior the start of the season.

Captains also commented that the amount may not

be enough to deter low-level participation.

To proceed requires regulatory action.

Motion two. The task force recommended an increase in the State Charter For-Hire quota by fifteen percent which recommends approximately an increase of sixteen hundred and fifty pounds, and season to be weekends only concurrent with the private recreational season.

Discussion of this motion focused on the structure, weekdays versus weekends, and a reasonable amount to recommend for an increase in quota.

This does not require regulatory action.

Motion three. This was something that we have been needing to fix and we brought it up because this directly applies to them. It will be captain and crew bag limits. To move Red Snapper and Amberjack to disallow captain and crew from keeping their limit and to correct the Spotted Seatrout placement.

Discussion on this motion included how the regulatory change for Spotted Seatrout was misplaced and options for regulatory modification.

To proceed, this would require regulatory action.

Any questions?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Do we have any

1 discussion?
2 We have public comments on this.
3 JOE SPRAGGINS: We do have public comments.
4 Do y'all have any discussion, before the public
5 comments?
6 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would like to hear the
7 public comments before I bring up any discussion on it.
8 JOE JEWELL: Ronnie, could I make one statement,
9 please?
10 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir.
11 JOE JEWELL: I just want to make clear that
12 these are recommendations that are coming from the Charter
13 For-Hire Task Force. It is not a recommendation by the
14 MDMR. It is coming from the task force, and I also want
15 to point out that the official quota for the State of
16 Mississippi has not been assigned yet. That may have an
17 impact on any decision y'all might make. I just wanted
18 top point that out.
19 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir.
20 JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie, the first person that I
21 have on the list is Mark Wright.
22 Mr. Wright, can he be unmuted?
23 BRADY SMITH: Yes, sir. I am going to identify
24 Mr. Mark and I will unmute his mike. Hold on one second.
25 Director, I don't see Mark Wright on the call.

1 JOE SPRAGGINS: If Mr. Mark Wright is not on
2 there, then, the next one is Mr. Bryan Cuevas.
3 BRADY SMITH: I've got Bryan Cuevas.
4 BRYAN CUEVAS: Good morning, guys.
5 JOE SPRAGGINS: Good morning.
6 BRYAN CUEVAS: How are you guys?
7 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir, Bryan. Good
8 morning. We are ready for your public comment on this.
9 BRYAN CUEVAS: Well, I think there has been a
10 lot of discussion about it, and the State For-Hire Task
11 Force is individuals that represent the fleet. Everyone
12 has a different opinion on this.
13 I agree that -- I think we all agree we need a
14 little bit more quota. We need a little bit more time.
15 We need to balance this in a fair and just way where we
16 could fish this season, we could earn a living, we can
17 bring more fishermen to the Coast.
18 Let's face it. Red Snapper is one of the most
19 desired fish in the Gulf and that is what people want to
20 catch.
21 We can now provide that to them, as a state for-
22 hire fleet, and I would think and hope that the Commission
23 would look at giving us a fair and just quota, or time
24 frame.
25 I think that we need a time frame because we

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1 know then when we start and we know when we stop.
2 Quotas are a little iffy. It makes it hard to
3 book trips late in the year, or later toward the tail end
4 of the quota.
5 Matt has done a great job in the past by giving
6 us a buffer, or letting us know it looks like you've got a
7 few days left, but the general public is not going to be
8 aware of that.
9 The way we market, advertise and the way we
10 books trips, some of us book far out. I might book trips
11 more than sixty days out.
12 It is just hard right now, and I know that we
13 are basically recreational fishermen and we are providing
14 that recreational service. I know there were some things
15 done in the past that separated us into a separate sector.
16 It is just done. It has been done. We are here now and I
17 think we want to move forward and go forward.
18 I have spoken to a lot of guys and for the most
19 part a lot of people would like to be placed back in the
20 box in the recreational sector because we are a
21 recreational boat after all taking recreational fishermen.
22 I'm open for options.
23 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Is that all you have
24 there, Bryan, or did we lose him?
25 BRYAN CUEVAS: Yes. It is cutting in and out a

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1 little bit on my end here. Sometimes my wifi is not super
2 great, and I'm on my tablet and it is wifi only, but I did
3 hear you a little bit there, Ronnie.
4 I would like to ask the Commission to look into
5 possibly putting us in the recreational quota, if that is
6 possible. I think that is where we should be. I think
7 that is where we belong.
8 We fish recreational quota on every fish in the
9 Gulf, every fish in the Sound, every fish in the river and
10 the bay.
11 Why exclude one species?
12 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: All right, Mr. Cuevas.
13 We appreciate your time today talking with us. The time
14 is up. I am sure everybody will take your comments into
15 consideration.
16 BRYAN CUEVAS: Thank you.
17 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, you said we've got a
18 couple of public comments on this issue?
19 JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, we do.
20 The next one is Mr. Mike Freeman.
21 Do we have him, Brady?
22 BRADY SMITH: We are checking, now.
23 Mr. Mike Freeman, your mike is on.
24 MIKE FREEMAN: Good morning, Gentlemen.
25 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Good morning.

1 How are you today?
2 MIKE FREEMAN: Doing well.
3 I will go ahead and get to it. I know I'm on a
4 clock. I can't see the clock. So, Mr. Ronnie, if I get
5 down to, like, thirty seconds just give me a heads up. I
6 don't have any idea where my time is.
7 Is that okay?
8 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: It will cut you off
9 probably.
10 MIKE FREEMAN: My name is Mike Freeman and I'm
11 an operator of Boat Trash Charters and the owner and I'm a
12 third generation fishing guide here on the Mississippi
13 Gulf Coast, and I would like to comment for the record
14 about this snapper situation and the state allocation.
15 I really, really believe that it is the right
16 thing to do to put state for-hire back into the
17 recreational quota. I am going to try to layout my
18 argument as logically as I can.
19 State guides are recreational fishermen. There
20 is no other fishery in Mississippi where state for-hire
21 guides are separated from the recreational limits, or
22 recreational quotas.
23 We have had issues with this already and I am
24 not trying to call you out, Mr. Hill, but you have stated
25 publicly at a task force meeting that separation was kind

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of created arbitrarily and part of the reasoning was to protect the interest of federally-permitted charter boats.

You have also stated at a task force meeting that it was probably a mistake to separate us, but we are where we are was the comment.

It is my thought that we don't make regulations to protect one business at the detriment of others. This sector separation was flawed from the outset, and we are the only state separating state for-hire fleet from the recreational quota. This alone makes it unjustified at this point.

There has also been concern about increasing participation numbers from the state for-hire fleet, and I would counter that by saying DMR has created one of the most accurate and effective data collection tools I am aware of in the Tails n' Scales app.

We can easily track participation and catch numbers. If there is a problem, it can be addressed with real data in real time and not with suspected information about what may, or may not, happen.

In reality, it is doubtful there will be a huge increase in state for-hire boats because of a very limited access to a snapper fishery.

The process of obtaining a captain's license, increased insurance and permitting alone will continue to

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limit these entries. Combined with a very limited opportunity in state waters, it is unlikely there would be outlandish catch numbers from the state fleet.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: You've got thirty seconds.

MIKE FREEMAN: We have to recognize that these snapper aren't just there in the hottest months. They move out. We are very limited in the area we can fish. So it is going to limit our late season catch numbers.

Lastly, the task force is tainted on this issue. We are allowing half of the task force which are federally-permitted vessels to have input on a fishery they are not permitted to participate in.

Those recommendations from the three federally-permitted vessels were ridiculous, punitive and an obvious attempt to protect their own interests.

We need regulations based in science and factual numbers in the interest of the fishery, not protecting sixteen boats that already have a forty-two percent allocation of the overall quota.

Thank you for considering doing this.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Mr. Freeman, we appreciate you calling in and we appreciate your comments. We are out of time on that one.

Again, I'm sure everyone will take your comments

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in their advisement.

Joe, have we got another one?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, Mr. Bill Hancock.

BRADY SMITH: Director, I don't see a Bill Hancock in the call.

JOE SPRAGGINS: If not, Mr. Connor Knight.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, I just got a text from him that he is not going to be able to comment. So we will move past that one.

BRADY SMITH: I've got Connor Knight on the mike.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.

BRADY SMITH: Is that the one that is not going to be speaking?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I received a text about two minutes ago from him that said he is not going to be able to comment. I think he's got his phone logged in, but he is tied up doing something else.

BRADY SMITH: Okay.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Connor, you are talking about?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Connor Knight, yes.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The next one I have is Terry is all I have. It is TPRAT 25. It is a 6-0-1 number.

BRADY SMITH: I'm looking for him, now.

JOE SPRAGGINS: It is a 6-0-1 number where he

1 would be calling.
2 BRADY SMITH: I don't see his number, or his
3 name, on the list.
4 JOE SPRAGGINS: Do you see a 6-0-1 number?
5 BRADY SMITH: No, sir.
6 JOE SPRAGGINS: All right. The other one, then,
7 is Mr. Mark McDonald.
8 BRADY SMITH: I don't have a Mark McDonald
9 either.
10 JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.
11 The next one is Mr. Barry Deshamp.
12 BRADY SMITH: Barry Deshamp, your mike is live.
13 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: His TV sounds good.
14 JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, he's got good TV coverage.
15 I don't know if he is hearing us, or not.
16 BRADY SMITH: Barry, can you hear us?
17 (No response.)
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: We will have to do like Paul
19 Finebaum. Move on.
20 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir.
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: Real quick, could you check Mark
22 Wright again and see if he is on?
23 BRADY SMITH: Mark Wright?
24 JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes. He was on earlier. I know
25 because I saw it, but I just didn't know if he might have

gone off and come back.

BRADY SMITH: I don't see his phone number, or his name, on the list.

JOE SPRAGGINS: If not, those are the only ones I have on that, Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: It sounds like we got what we were going to get out of our public comments.

Now, discussion on this topic.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: This is Mark. I finally got back online.

We have plenty of fish out there to catch for everybody. I agree with that.

Without knowing what our current year quota is, whether it is going to increase, decrease, or stay the same, that is a little bit concerning to me.

Everybody is a recreational fisherman. I understand that and it does bring money to our economy from a state level with all the fishermen coming in here wanting to charter fish.

I am a little bit reluctant about naming a poundage that we designate to this industry, without knowing what our current quota is.

What kind of time frame are looking at, Joe Jewell, to get our quota for the year?

JOE JEWELL: That generally occurs in mid to

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1 late April, but it has been as late as the first, or
2 second, week of May. Right around that late April, or
3 early May, time frame.
4 JOE SPRAGGINS: This is Joe Spraggins. I was
5 talking with Paul. We had talked to Roy and, Paul, did
6 you not say that the council had said right now to use
7 what we had last year, and, then, go with that and just
8 try to use it as a baseline because we don't know the
9 answer yet?
10 PAUL MICKLE: Sure. They released the federal
11 fore-hire season and it was exactly the same amount of
12 days as year two of the EFP which is last year.
13 When I approached Dr. Crabtree at Gulf States'
14 meeting, I asked about the allocations, if they were going
15 to be bumped up, or down, and he said that he is ninety-
16 nine percent sure they would stay exactly the same.
17 So we should expect the allocation that we
18 received in 2019 which I don't have it in front of me for
19 the private sector, but I think it's a hundred and fifty-
20 one thousand and change which would be the same from him
21 orally telling me that verbally.
22 I think we can assume with some fairly strong
23 confidence that the poundage will be within a percent, or
24 two, of the last year's allocation.
25 He did mention other states that had overfished

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1 their ACT in 2019 would have to go through paybacks. I
2 will make it clear that Mississippi did not go through
3 that. So we would not have a payback to endure like a
4 couple of other states would.
5 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Dr. Mickle, we get such a
6 small portion of the allotted quota.
7 Is there any hope in the future, or anything we
8 can do, to try to increase our quota in the future?
9 PAUL MICKLE: Sure. The federal process is
10 divvying up the quota a hundred percent. Currently right
11 now we have three point five five percent of the total
12 recreational allocated quota which changes from year to
13 year depending on the biomass that is measured out there.
14 Red Snapper is currently in a rebuilding plan.
15 Over the last few years we have seen small bumps go up for
16 each state because the percentage has been agreed upon by
17 Amendment 50, but, during the rebuilding plan, we can
18 expect a couple of bumps each year to go up until the
19 rebuilding plan is complete. That is how the stock
20 assessments work.
21 Now, allocations can be changed. Anyone on Gulf
22 Council representing a state, or a sector, can bring it up
23 and make a motion to reevaluate the allocations for each
24 state under Amendment 50.
25 It can be done at any amount of time, but I

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1 don't want to make it sound like it is an easy thing. It
2 is a very aggressive process. It took us virtually five
3 and a half, almost six years to get to Amendment 50.
4 We had Amendment 39 which made it to final vote,
5 and, then, failed all because of allocation.
6 It is not a pretty process, but it can be
7 brought up and started at any time. An allocation is just
8 a formation of policy at the Gulf Council level.
9 JOE SPRAGGINS: Mark, I sit on the council also
10 and we have sat down as executive directors and talked
11 this through, through the five states, and I can tell you
12 we went through a lot of different renditions on what to
13 do. Of course, every state wants more, and it doesn't
14 matter what state it is.
15 I can say the number of days that we have had
16 over the last couple of years have been pretty good
17 compared to most of the states and we have not overfished
18 our hundred and forty-something thousand the year before.
19 I think we have done very good with managing it,
20 but we are always asking them if nothing else a small
21 percent, but if gave us one more percent, you are not
22 talking that many more pounds of fish.
23 Now, Texas only gets, like, six percent.
24 Isn't the right, Paul?
25 PAUL MICKLE: No. They get less than that.

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JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, right at six percent, and we get three point five. That just gives you an idea of the size of Texas.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: But our neighboring states, General, Louisiana and Alabama, and they get a very large percentage, and that is where my question comes from.

One concern that I do have is I have been advised that Alabama's reefs are full of Red Snapper, the resource is doing really well, and a lot of our reefs are starting to get silted over, over the past couple of years due to storms and just natural flow.

This Red Snapper fishery is very important to our economy, as we are hearing now and as most of us already know.

What are we doing to make sure that our reefs remain exposed and can hold these fish, when they leave the overcrowded reefs, some of the overcrowded reefs in our Alabama State waters?

Are we doing what we should be doing to hold these fish in our waters to ensure that our fishery remains strong in our waters?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, do y'all have anything to say to that?

JOE JEWELL: I listened to the question. There

is not a lot of comparability between Alabama and Mississippi, as far as reefs.

Alabama has an extensive program both public and private to create reefs, and they also have a little bit different asymmetry that we do. Most of our state waters are very shallow waters.

The observation about the submersion of reefs, that has typically happened. There is not a lot of mitigation for that, other than to deploy new materials out there.

Does that help, Mark?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: It does some, but I want to be proactive. I want to see our state be proactive in our reefs that we have out there. Depth is an important thing, but, as most of us know, we have snapper north of the islands. So depth is not the only factor that decides whether fish hold on a reef, or not.

I do know personally that a lot of our structure is silted over. I know that we've got plans to add additional structure out there, but I really think and I really would like to see -- Alabama has been doing this for many years and they have done some things that were not the best. They have taken approaches that were not the best approach, but they have learned from that and they have figured this out.

1 If we want to maintain a strong fishery that
2 helps the state from the top to the bottom, we need to
3 really pay attention to our reefs and make sure that we
4 have adequate reefs out there for these fish to stay close
5 to and to hold them.
6 JOE JEWELL: Sure. I understand that.
7 In light of your comments, I want to add a
8 couple of additional statements for clarification.
9 We do have a pretty active program that is under
10 the jurisdiction of Travis Williams. Travis is very
11 proactive in working with the cities and counties here on
12 the Coast in acquiring new materials. Our staging site is
13 at maximum capacity right now waiting for deployment.
14 The main reason why we are waiting on deployment
15 is our federal reef permits. Those have been held up by
16 the feds' concerns they with the Endangered Species Act
17 and our compliance with that act.
18 We are in the process of trying to mitigate that
19 and address some of the concerns with those. Once those
20 issues have been addressed, we do plan on continuing with
21 our reef deployments.
22 The siltation of the reefs that you described,
23 the strongest impact is on our low-profile reefs, the
24 smaller materials that are deployed.
25 Our large-structure materials like the Rigs-to-

1 Reef Program and large vessels that are deployed,
2 siltation and submersion has minimal impacts on those.
3 Our program is pretty proactive in addressing
4 specific issues about reef loss, but our main hindrance
5 right now is approval of the federal permits to deploy.
6 I hope that clarifies some of the issue.
7 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Havard, how about
8 we sit down maybe between now and the next meeting which
9 we have and we get you some information and send it to you
10 on what we are doing to be able to maintain any of our
11 reefs?
12 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I would appreciate that,
13 and what brought that to my attention was we went out in
14 Pascagoula this weekend and I know that we have access to
15 a large sinking dock, if you will, that Ingalls has so
16 greatly given us the opportunity to use as reef structure.
17 It has been moved, and I just don't want it to -- I don't
18 want us to sit on our hands and miss that opportunity to
19 get such a great structure for our reefs out there.
20 JOE SPRAGGINS: We are working hard to be able
21 to get any of those and that is part of that FS13, and I
22 know that they are very close.
23 Paul, do you have the update on it?
24 PAUL MICKLE: On the Ingalls reefs?
25 JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes.

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1 PAUL MICKLE: Currently, Ingalls is searching
2 for a contract. I think they have their RFP out for the
3 demolition, or breaking down the drydock.
4 Then, from an agency perspective, we have
5 acquired the funding agreement from NFWF, we have acquired
6 the permit from the Corps, the federal permit and that
7 provides the money to acquire the permits for deployment,
8 and we have acquired the contracts for the barges to
9 deploy the material.
10 Once demolition occurs, it will actually happen
11 very quickly and deployment will go, I guess, within a
12 two-week period I think the contractor had mentioned.
13 So there is strong indication that this will be
14 completed literally mid summer, I think, is what the last
15 meeting we met with Ingalls and the contractor for
16 deployment was for the fruition of the current contracts.
17 All the very difficult hurdles have been
18 crossed, as far as funding and permitting, and we are
19 excited to see the benefits of it once material starts
20 hitting the water out there.
21 It is not a small amount of material,
22 Commissioners. It is a massive structure.
23 When you think about the amount of material that
24 has gone out in the past compared to what is going out
25 now, it is truly sizeable of things we used to do and we

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1 are currently doing.
2 It is worth mentioning and identifying it in a
3 category of a very large deployment.
4 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Very good. Thank you, Dr.
5 Mickle.
6 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: That is great news, but
7 back to the point which is our state for-hire charter
8 industry, and Mark brought up a good point in what he was
9 talking about in what we lose to Alabama and Louisiana in
10 tourism dollars alone. We are obviously all in very
11 uncertain times right now. We don't know if and when this
12 year our tourism will come back.
13 I think it would be a great advantage to our
14 state to have that offered to our state for our charter
15 industry to be able to book these Red Snapper trips and
16 retain some of these people that are going over to
17 Alabama, or Louisiana.
18 At thirty-three hundred pounds, I think that is
19 the one thing everybody has agreed on is we are severely
20 undervaluing the impact that our state charter for-hire
21 industry can have here and we are limiting them. We are
22 tying their hands. I think we have got to get them an
23 increase.
24 I know there was a recommendation of fifty
25 percent that came out of the Charter For-Hire Task Force

1 and that is great.
2 In talking with a lot of people since then, it
3 just really doesn't seem like enough to me.
4 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie, I'm not sure that
5 it is ever going to be enough for anybody.
6 It is just like they talked about the quotas
7 with each state. Every state wants a little more and that
8 is just the American way.
9 I'm with you guys. I think that it is hard to
10 book charters. It is hard to maintain a viable business,
11 with such a small quota.
12 At this time, I think we ought to hear your
13 motion, Ronnie, whatever that poundage increase might be.
14 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I think something that
15 would be fair without encroaching too much on the
16 recreational sector. There has been a lot of talk about
17 just open access back into the recreational quota, and I
18 don't think that is the right thing at this time, but we
19 have got to give these guys a fair shake at it.
20 Even if we doubled, or did a hundred percent
21 increase, that would put us at sixty-six hundred pounds.
22 We are talking about a very small percentage of
23 the overall quota. We are talking about a minimal amount
24 of time, coming off of the recreational days.
25 I would like to make a motion that we do a

hundred percent increase to sixty-six hundred pounds for the upcoming year, and we can assess that as needed at the beginning of January.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I agree, Ronnie. I think that we need to look at this every year and make sure that we are continuing to get the quota that we have gotten in the past couple of years through the RFP, but I see no reason why we can't double the amount of quota that they have. So I will second your motion.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Any more discussion?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: We have a motion on the table to double the for-hire industry's quota to sixty-six hundred pounds until the following year, and, then, it will be readdressed at that time.

I have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: All those opposed like sign.

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion moves unanimously.

1 Thank you guys.
2 That brings us on to our next point.
3 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Chairman, if we could
4 address the Red Snapper endorsement that we have talked
5 about doing?
6 If you don't mind, I will just say little bit on
7 this.
8 This would be an endorsement that would have to
9 be purchased in addition to their license at the beginning
10 of each year, and the value of this endorsement is it will
11 give Matt the ability to know exactly what the
12 participation is going to be in the upcoming year and it
13 guarantees that we have a set field of participants, not
14 simply a lot of people jumping in and out of this fishery
15 and making it harder to manage and predict based on a
16 pretty day.
17 These guys are basically going to have to state
18 at the beginning of the year that they are, or are not,
19 going to participate in the Red Snapper fishery, and I
20 don't believe I have talked to one person yet that has
21 been opposed to this.
22 Anybody else?
23 JOE JEWELL: I just wanted to point out, Ronnie,
24 your statement that the endorsements start at the
25 beginning of each year.

1 The task force had recommended -- and, Matt, you
2 might want to chime in on this -- that that be completed
3 no later than February of each year. That would give
4 staff enough time to accumulate those for the purchase of
5 them.
6 Is that not correct, Matt?
7 MATT HILL: They asked me what the drop-dead
8 date, or month, would be, and I want to say I told them
9 April, and, then, we started backtracking a little bit so
10 we could get a little more consistent, but we said
11 somewhere in the end of February, or possibly mid March
12 range, would give us an idea and we could get out some
13 pretty accurate projections. Obviously that can't happen
14 this year. We would just have to kind of wing it and do
15 what we could do, but from here on out, I think no later
16 than mid March would be fair.
17 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Daniels, I think we
18 need to let Sandy speak on this. She has some issues.
19 SANDY CHESNUT: In order for the Commission to
20 establish a fee, it has to be a limited-entry management
21 program and I'm not sure this qualifies as a limited-entry
22 management program. We might need to look at that.
23 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay. I was unaware of
24 that. I have not been told that to this point, and that
25 is why we've got you here.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Maybe we can put this part of the meeting to the April meeting, regular meeting, and we can look at it then.

Would that be okay?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay. So I guess, at that point, we would like to make a motion for Ms. Sandy to bring us back some information on that and let us know what that would look like?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, sir.

JOE JEWELL: I want to point out that that was discussed at the task force. Sandy tried to meet that minimum requirement.

The initial fee that I heard the task force say was a thousand dollars, and the intent of that fee to be so high was to limit participation, or sort of restrict new entrants into the fisheries, but there was discussion at the task force and they thought that that might be unduly high, and, then, they resolved to a hundred dollar fee, and I think you are probably getting to the heart of it. At that low amount, it probably is not going to restrict entry into the fishery.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Plus, there are no qualifications for it, other than being a chart boat fisherman.

JOE JEWELL: That's correct.

1 JOE SPRAGGINS: We need to look at that.
2 Let us look at it. If it is okay with the
3 Commission, let us look at this and let Sandy come forward
4 at the mid April meeting that we are going to have and
5 maybe bring some information back to you.
6 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Ms. Sandy, one other
7 thing to keep in mind, one of the qualifications that has
8 been brought up a couple of times on that is that it be
9 Mississippi resident only.
10 SANDY CHESNUT: Okay.
11 MATT HILL: This is Matt and there were a couple
12 of qualifications that -- I mean, I think it meets the
13 qualifications personally, but can you tell me where that
14 is so I can look at it where it says the actual language?
15 SANDY CHESNUT: 49-15-16.
16 MATT HILL: Okay.
17 SANDY CHESNUT: I will get with Fisheries and
18 get some more specific information about the parameters
19 and look at it according to the statute and report back in
20 April.
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: We are going to have a hard time
22 getting this permitted before the season this year anyway.
23 So it might be something that we have to look at for the
24 next season, but we can look at it and come back with some
25 more information for y'all on it, if that will be okay.

I think the 21st is our next meeting.

SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Daniels, is that okay with y'all?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes. That would absolutely be fine with me.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Do we need a motion on that, Sandy, for you to come back?

SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Would y'all make that motion, Ronnie?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would like to make a motion that legal staff bring back information pertaining to a Red Snapper endorsement at the April meeting.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll second it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: All those opposed like sign.

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion moves.

Before we get too much farther along the agenda, I would like to get a full artificial reef update and the

upcoming efforts to do so inshore and offshore. That way, we kind of know what is coming down the pipe. It kind of talks to our fishery, tells what kind of reefs we've got out there and what we are actively doing to maintain these reefs.

I would like to make a motion that the department come back with an artificial reef update, including upcoming efforts for inshore and offshore.

JOE JEWELL: I just wanted to mention, Mark, before you move forward, we have done that in the past and we would be absolutely available to do that in April, or whenever the Commission designates. We would enjoy that opportunity to explain our inshore and offshore reefs.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I made a motion.

Do I have a second for the motion?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I'll second that.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Can y'all do one thing for us?

We are having a hard time, as far as recording this.

Could we do a roll call on each one of the motions real quick?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Sure.

1 Mark says aye.
2 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.
3 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie says aye.
4 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.
5 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Natalie says aye.
6 I have three ayes.
7 Is Steve still on the call?
8 BRADY SMITH: Steve is on the call, but his mike
9 is muted.
10 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Steve, did you want to
11 vote on this?
12 JOE SPRAGGINS: He is having trouble with his
13 internet, too.
14 BRADY SMITH: He dropped off.
15 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I think there are four
16 Commissioners on here. So we have a quorum with three.
17 We have three ayes. So the motion moves.
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: If you don't mind, from now on
19 let's do that so we will be able to record it.
20 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes, sir. No problem.
21 That brings us to the Bonnet Carre Disaster
22 Grant Appropriation Update.
23 Trevor, are you with us?
24 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. I'm here with Matt.
25 I'm just going to go over the Bonnet Carre

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1 Disaster Grant Appropriation. I will give you a little
2 bit of background.
3 At the February 18th, 2020, CMR meeting the
4 following motion was passed. That motion was to authorize
5 the MDMR to utilize 2011 Bonnet Carre Spillway Funds not
6 to exceed one million dollars to distribute to oyster
7 fishermen who qualify for the program as established by
8 MDMR guidelines and approved by NOAA. This passed five to
9 zero, unanimous.
10 This presentation will address the metrics of
11 the program that will be established by the MDMR for the
12 distribution of these funds.
13 We are going to go over a few different pathways
14 for distribution of these funds to anglers.
15 The goal of this payout design is to create a
16 standardized approach. As y'all know, we have had to deal
17 with disasters recently and in the past.
18 We wanted to alleviate human input and potential
19 biases associated with it, and, then, use historical catch
20 data specifically from our trip ticket landings to inform
21 proportional payback.
22 Really what we wanted to do was balance fairness
23 and simplicity across the board.
24 The payout options, we are going to go over for
25 your consideration. We've got basically three different

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payment options for y'all to consider.

The first one is a licensed-based payout. Essentially what this is, is just the total number of qualified license holders divided by the total award.

It is similar to what the crab payout will be, since we don't have trip tickets, or landings, for the crab fishery during this time period.

The next one will be an individual-based payout. This will mean that each individual is reimbursed based on their proportion of landings.

The other one will be a binned payout, which we are going to call the base plus method. Each individual is reimbursed at a base rate, based on their license and a plus payout for their binned proportion of landings. Whatever bin they fall into, they will be reimbursed for an amount, plus their base payout for their license.

Each one of these bins is just a representative range of values from the fishery that I grouped together.

Each option listed above has its own pros and cons, along with additional options for the CMR to consider. The following slides will provide a little bit more detailed information for each option, along with those pros and cons.

I will say, based on the CMR's decision, we can certainly bring back a more detailed explanation of the

1 specific method that is chosen and some options with that
2 specific direction.
3 The first one we are going to go over real quick
4 is the licensed-based payout. Remember this is the total
5 award divided by the number of licenses.
6 The pros on this one is that it distributes
7 funds equally across all license holders. Specifically,
8 all license holders will receive the same payout.
9 This is the same as the crab payout, since we
10 don't have any landings information for the crab fishery.
11 Some of the cons associated with this one is
12 that it does not take into account any effort levels, or
13 catch history, in the fishery, and anyone with a license
14 receives a payout, even with no participation. So an
15 individual with no landings during the time period will
16 receive the same amount of money as the person with the
17 highest landings in the fishery.
18 The next one I will talk about is the
19 individual-based payout.
20 Some pros are that this awards individuals based
21 on their catch history within the fishery, and it
22 distributes the funds proportionally based on their past
23 harvest. So their level of participation in the fishery
24 will be linked to how much they actually get paid out from
25 the award.

1 The cons are that it assumes the effort within
2 the qualifying years will be the same as the disaster
3 year. Specifically, the payouts for the 11-12 missing
4 seasons. So we are making a critical assumption that
5 their effort will be the same as it was for the previous
6 years from 08 through 10. Then, a base payout will be
7 needed if individuals with no catch are to be awarded.
8 This is simply based on catch at this moment.
9 So individuals with zero catch would get zero for their
10 award.
11 The last one we are going to talk about is a
12 binned payout. Remember we called this one the base plus.
13 The pros are just like the individual-based
14 payout. These bins are based on effort/catch history, all
15 individuals receive a proportional payout based on their
16 activity within the fishery, and, then, that base payout
17 provides compensation for those with no catch. So
18 everyone is getting a portion of the award.
19 The cons, once again, are the same as the one
20 previous. It assumes that the anglers will fall within
21 specific effort categories based on catch history. This
22 does alleviate a little bit of that critical assumption of
23 the individual-based payout. So we are grouping
24 individuals based on effort levels.
25 Then, the biggest one is the disproportionate

effect within the first bin so that fishermen landing one sack will be awarded the same amount of money as those who landed fifteen hundred sacks.

I will say that if we move forward with something like this, we can look at minimum sack counts, or anything else that the Commission wants to consider.

Additional options for consideration. Joe Jewell will be able to explain a little bit more on this one, if y'all have any questions.

Oyster Job I.6. Increase to approximately one million two hundred ninety two thousand five hundred and forty-three dollars for eligible oyster fishermen, and approximately ten percent, or a hundred and twenty-nine thousand will be allotted for the oyster processors.

Crab Job II-2. Approximately two hundred and eleven thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars available for eligible crab fishermen, and approximately ten percent, or twenty-one thousand one hundred and sixty-seven dollars would be allotted for the crab processors.

To proceed with these options, a motion and approval by the CMR would be required.

With that, I will take any questions.

JOE JEWELL: I will make a comment, while we are thinking about the programs.

I certainly want to highly recommend the binned

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1 approach to the Commission. It takes a lot of the
2 arbitrariness out of decision making and it bases it
3 simply on metric within the program that Trevor and his
4 staff, the Finfish staff and the staff in the Marine
5 Fisheries office have input a lot of data, effort and
6 time. So sort of that arbitrariness of it will be
7 eliminated. The human component of it would be
8 eliminated.
9 There is no program that you can develop that
10 takes into all potential accounts, but this one is the
11 best based approach right now.
12 Then, can you back up one slide?
13 I would like to discuss the evaluation of the
14 program and the recommendation on that slide to the
15 Commission.
16 As y'all recall, Director Spraggins had
17 approached the Commission and we had approximate numbers
18 at that time. He mentioned to the Commission and the
19 Commission so motioned for one million dollars.
20 We have evaluated the program a little bit more
21 detailed and we have identified, in Job I.6 for the oyster
22 program, an additional approximately two hundred and
23 ninety-two thousand dollars and, in the crab program,
24 around two hundred and eleven thousand dollars.
25 In order to capture those funds and to able to

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1 make that part of the program, the Commission would have
2 to make a second motion that would override the original
3 motion.
4 When we evaluated the grant and the original
5 program in 2011, we had made funds available for the
6 processors. That would be taken into account, by
7 capturing approximately ten percent of these funds.
8 As you can see, it is relatively minimum amounts
9 to be reimbursed to processors for their loss during this
10 time.
11 If the Commission would consider this updated
12 information, it would require a motion to move forward.
13 Of the three approaches that are available for
14 the Commission's consideration, it is just the staff's
15 opinion that the bin-based approach would be the most
16 equitable. It would take into account most of the biases,
17 or questions, from the industry and, as Trevor mentioned,
18 it does have the flexibility that the Commission can alter
19 some of the bandwidth of the bin approach.
20 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, this is Joe
21 Spraggins. That is just the Fisheries staff. That is not
22 the DMR staff.
23 The DMR staff does not recommend any one of the
24 options. We ask that you look at it, each Commissioner,
25 and make your decision on what you are looking at.

1 The idea was not to give you three options, and,
2 then, give you an option to choose.
3 We want you to understand that we are not asking
4 you to choose any one of those options. As the Director,
5 we want you to pick the option you think is best for the
6 people.
7 JOE JEWELL: I absolutely agree with that,
8 Director Spraggins. We have discussed this internally,
9 Commissioners, and we want to present to you on equal
10 basis all three options that are available to the
11 Commission.
12 It is just an opinion -- and it is not an
13 opinion the Commission has to take into consideration --
14 that the binned approach eliminates some of the biases,
15 but, as Director Spraggins and Trevor pointed out, it has
16 its unique biases, too. It is no better, or less, than
17 the other options available.
18 I appreciate Director Spraggins pointing that
19 out. I want to make that clear that we are not advocating
20 one over the other. They are three approaches that are
21 available to the Commission.
22 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Trevor, do you mind
23 sliding a slide back to where it shows the three options?
24 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, if I can real
25 quick, Joe, we might want to explain it a little bit to

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1 them.
2 On the license-based payout, we had decided that
3 if that would be divided among it, it would be somewhere
4 in the neighborhood of seven thousand and something each.
5 Is that correct?
6 JOE JEWELL: I think that was correct for the
7 oyster fishermen.
8 JOE SPRAGGINS: The oyster fishermen at one
9 point two million and, if you took out the hundred and
10 twenty-something thousand for the processors, divided
11 equally among the ones that we had that qualified that
12 bought a license in those years it would be somewhere
13 around seventy-five hundred, or seventy-seven hundred,
14 dollars a person.
15 For the individual-based payout, Commissioners,
16 it would be -- tell me if I'm correct -- after you
17 subtracted the amount for the oyster processors, it was
18 eight hundred and something as a base which was ten
19 percent.
20 Is that correct?
21 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. The base will be
22 approximately eight hundred and thirty dollars.
23 Director, I can run through the range of each
24 option.
25 JOE SPRAGGINS: Let me just give them a base on

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1 it, and, then, we will do that for you.
2 At eight hundred and something, that would mean
3 that everybody that bought a license -- and we are talking
4 roughly a hundred and fifty-five.
5 Is that correct?
6 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes, roughly.
7 JOE SPRAGGINS: If they bought a license,
8 everyone had that license during the requirement, the same
9 way we did in 2016 when we did the relay, they would be
10 able to qualify. At that point, they would be given eight
11 hundred and whatever dollars as a base.
12 Then, if you caught one sack of oysters, we
13 estimated it at somewhere around three dollars a sack. So
14 you would get paid that plus three dollars. If you caught
15 fifteen hundred, then, you would get another forty-five
16 hundred. It is based on what you caught, according to
17 what you got paid back.
18 Then, the bin payout would be a base, the same
19 thing around eight hundred, and, then, if you caught from
20 one sack to fifteen hundred sacks, you would get another
21 eight hundred and, if you caught from fifteen hundred to
22 three thousand, you would get another eight hundred added
23 to that. So it would be three eight hundreds and it would
24 keep going up every fifteen hundred up to six thousand,
25 and, then, I think the last one, the numbers of eight

1 thousand and something were the maximum amount of sacks
2 that were caught.
3 So, basically, everybody that caught one sack to
4 fifteen hundred would get the same amount. Everybody that
5 caught from fifteen hundred to three thousand would get
6 the same amount. Everybody that caught from three
7 thousand to forty-five hundred would get the same amount.
8 Everybody that caught from forty-five hundred to six
9 thousand would get the same amount. Everybody that caught
10 over six thousand would get the same amount.
11 Is that correct, the way I am stating all of
12 this?
13 JOE JEWELL: Yes. Exactly.
14 JOE SPRAGGINS: So that gives you an idea,
15 Commissioners, of what we are talking about.
16 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Now, one thing, just so I
17 can be clear on it -- I'm not sure I'm clear on it --
18 whenever you say what they caught, are we basing off of
19 one year's landing, or is it an average over a number of
20 years?
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: Average over the number of
22 years. It is the total amount they caught over the number
23 of years.
24 Is that correct?
25 TREVOR MONCRIEF: It is the cumulative sum of

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the three years prior to the 11-12 season.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I don't believe this is anything that we have to make a decision on today. I can probably speak for the masses here. We don't want to just hand out a check just because you own a license. We are not about that, but we do want to make sure the money goes to the appropriate spot where it is needed and where it is earned and deserved, or where it is missing in the income side of their business.

I would like to not make a decision on this today. I would like to give us a little bit of time to do a little bit more research and gather up the general consensus of each area that we represent.

At this time, I would like to table this maybe until the April meeting, if possible.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, is that going to hinder getting this money out?

JOE SPRAGGINS: No. We have the money.

Here is the one thing I want y'all to look at. I want y'all to understand this and maybe we can do this at the April meeting and that is fine.

We have this money left over in the 2011 money. We are at a trying time with people in the United States and everybody is hurting just as bad as anyone else.

1 This would be a chance for us to be able to help
2 the fishermen at this time and be able to help them and
3 get them through a little bit of a trying time.
4 Also, I want to know if we spent the 2011.
5 We are looking at our 2019 allocation coming out
6 in the next few weeks, I hope, and I would like for them
7 not to hold that over my head. I don't know they will,
8 but I would like for them not to.
9 We are trying to end out the 2011 allocation and
10 move forward to the 2019.
11 Understanding Commissioner Havard's statement, I
12 think we could live to the 21st without a problem, but we
13 do need to make a decision pretty much, if possible.
14 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay.
15 JOE SPRAGGINS: Once we make this, we have to go
16 back and get NOAA to approve the actual payout, the way we
17 are doing it.
18 We have been given approval from them to do what
19 we are doing. We would have to back -- Joe, am I correct?
20 -- and sit down and actually explain how we are doing it.
21 JOE JEWELL: That's correct. Once the
22 Commission decides on the actual program they want to
23 establish and the actual amount, we would update our
24 submission to the feds for their consideration.
25 I do want to point out there are actually two

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1 parts of this presentation. One is selection of a
2 management program which is what this slide describes,
3 and, then, the second part is a potential motion on the
4 additional monies that are available because, right now,
5 we can't exceed that one million dollar threshold the
6 Commission established.
7 JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, what you are saying is
8 correct. Thank you for that.
9 We do need to make a motion, if you can
10 Commissioners, to at least raise -- if we can go to that
11 slide, the last slide?
12 If we could raise it for the oysters to not
13 exceed one point three million, and, then, authorize the
14 crab payout to not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand,
15 we will be okay with those two numbers I believe.
16 Is that correct, Joe?
17 JOE JEWELL: Yes, that's correct.
18 These are sort of two separate motions the
19 Commission can consider independently. You don't have to
20 make a decision on the actual payout program right now,
21 but it would help us in our coordination with the feds to
22 have an amount available.
23 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Have we polled, or
24 discussed this with the Oyster Task Force and, if so, what
25 were their recommendations?

1 JOE JEWELL: Well, as the Commission should
2 recall, the Oyster Task Force expired in February of this
3 year. We were in the process of trying to reestablish the
4 permanent task force. We were not able to do that before
5 the pandemic occurred. So that is still pending. We
6 actually did not present this to the task force because we
7 had those logistical problems.
8 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: These task forces are
9 very, very important and we know when the expiration dates
10 are going to happen, are going to occur, and, in the
11 future, we need to make sure that they do not expire
12 because those are the folks that are in the industry every
13 day and they know better than most. So, in the future, I
14 would like to work very hard not to let these task forces
15 expire, and I would really love to hear them weigh in on
16 what we have on the table today.
17 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would have to agree
18 with you, Mark. I have a lot of faith in all of our task
19 forces.
20 If I could interject for just one second, we
21 approved a million dollars.
22 Have we given any of that money to any fishermen
23 yet?
24 JOE JEWELL: No.
25 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Director, one question

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1 that I've got, these guys have taken a beating for several
2 years and I'm sure they are not in any better position
3 than any of the rest of us are right now.
4 Could we go ahead and get them a base payout out
5 as immediate as possible, and, then, figure out which one
6 of these options we are going to go from and subtract that
7 base payout from wherever we end up in the future?
8 JOE SPRAGGINS: We would have to get NOAA's
9 approval to do that, and I appreciate all of the
10 Commissioners' thoughts.
11 We have talked about this for several months now
12 and being able to get this money to the fishermen, and
13 they have been asking daily, when are we going to be able
14 to get something.
15 The situation right now, whatever we do, we have
16 still got to get through NOAA. So it is going to take a
17 couple of weeks after that to get an answer from them to
18 give us whatever we need to do.
19 Every day that we wait, it is just adding a
20 couple of weeks to whenever we get something done for the
21 fishermen.
22 The money has been sitting there. I think it
23 was the February meeting that we approved to move this
24 money into this fund up to a million dollars and we only
25 ask, if you could, to raise it to the one point three for

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1 the oyster and also to include the crab fishermen up to
2 two hundred and fifty thousand. That is because that is
3 approximately what we have in there and we want to make
4 sure.
5 I don't think we will go over one point three
6 and I don't we can exceed two hundred and fifty thousand.
7 I don't think we have the money.
8 This money has been reallocated. We have moved
9 GOMESA funds to be able to take care of this from what we
10 were going to use for oyster cultch for the oyster part of
11 it to be able to help pay the fishermen.
12 Anything that y'all could do to expedite this, I
13 would appreciate it.
14 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I understand that y'all
15 have been working on it for months, but I haven't been
16 seeing this but just for a few days and I agree with
17 Mark's statement on looking at it a little bit more.
18 I am kind of hung up between two of the options
19 here, but I would like to see us get them some money as
20 soon as possible.
21 So, if that is a possibility, I would like to
22 say let's get them a base payout as quick as possible,
23 and, then, make a final decision on this thing in April.
24 JOE SPRAGGINS: The only question I have there,
25 sir, is the one thing that Commissioner Havard had, do we

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1 want to pay people that didn't even participate.
2 That is in the base payout.
3 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Well, I think you would
4 have to limit that because, if we don't choose an option,
5 then, we would not pay them. I think you would have to
6 start with just people that participated and, if we ended
7 up on the option that pays everybody -- which I will tell
8 you I'm not for -- if we were to end up at that option,
9 then, we could make that retroactive and go back and pay
10 that portion of the industry as well.
11 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: General Spraggins, is
12 there a way that we can narrow down these options?
13 In my opinion, I am torn personally between
14 options two and three, not so much option one, and I've
15 got a general consensus here from Commissioner Bosarge
16 because he is in and out on this meeting, that he would
17 like to see it narrowed down possibly. He likes two, or
18 three.
19 With those options two, or three, it talks about
20 each individual is reimbursed based on their portion. At
21 least they had to participate in the fishery to get some
22 kind of payout and, if we went with option two, or three,
23 or narrowed it down, that would eliminate that statement
24 of total number of qualified license holders and that
25 would allow some money to go ahead and get in these

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1 fishermen's pocket, and, then, at the time April comes
2 along, then, we can narrow it down to option two, or
3 three.
4 Is that a possibility?
5 JOE SPRAGGINS: Anything is a possibility. I
6 think the way it is stated right now is two and three both
7 include everyone.
8 Trevor, tell me if I'm wrong, but I think two
9 and three both included everyone. It just did a base for
10 everyone, and, then, an option of paying what they
11 participated with after that.
12 Is that correct, Trevor?
13 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. I will clarify real
14 quick.
15 Option two, as it is written in the actual
16 presentation, does not include a base payout. I included
17 a bullet in there that if we wanted to pay out everyone
18 for their license itself, we would have to include that
19 within there.
20 What I tried to do with these three is just lay
21 out three overarching directions we could go with.
22 It is up to the CMR as to whether they want to
23 include that base payout, or not, within each individual
24 option.
25 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Brady actually got me on

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1 the phone here so I am able to have a little input here.
2 I appreciate it, Brady.
3 I was texting Mark trying to let him know kind
4 of what my feelings were, but I do like the option three
5 in that it brings everybody in, but it also gives an
6 incentive for those guys that went out and actually
7 fished.
8 In listening to it, the only problem I kind of
9 had with it was, Mr. Joe, I think you said from zero to
10 three thousand sacks was, like, eight hundred dollars?
11 COMMISSIONER GUESS: No. Zero to fifteen
12 hundred.
13 JOE SPRAGGINS: Zero to fifteen hundred would
14 pay an additional eight hundred dollars.
15 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Okay. That is better
16 because I know from zero to three thousand, we've got
17 years now that we don't have much more than that for the
18 total catch. That was kind of a concern of mine that that
19 might be a pretty big hill to climb.
20 Of course, I'm sure Matt and you guys have
21 looked at all of it.
22 Does that makes sense to go that big a step,
23 zero to fifteen hundred?
24 JOE JEWELL: I will comment on that because I
25 don't want my comments to confuse y'all. I want to make

1 it clear that all three programs are options for the
2 Commission to consider.
3 This particular one, my comments were directed
4 on biases. This one clearly would give an advantage in
5 reducing the biases, but it also has that big bandwidth
6 between bins that you are discussing.
7 The reason why I made those comments was because
8 this sort of eliminates all the human interaction in the
9 payout so that it is just an arbitrary mechanical thing
10 that is based on a formula, the inputs to the formula, and
11 that is what my comments were addressing.
12 Now, specifically, my statement to the
13 Commission when I made that statement was that the
14 Commission does have the ability to reduce, or expand,
15 that bandwidth, but that eliminates my comment.
16 The beauty of this particular system -- and I'm
17 not advocating the Commission to go towards this one. You
18 still have three options -- is that it eliminates that
19 human interaction with it and it is a decision based on
20 the inputs.
21 Now, the Commission can decide that that one to
22 fifteen hundred, that is a little big because there may be
23 a handful of people that have one and most of them are
24 congregated towards fifteen hundred. That is not fair.
25 The Commission could choose, and I'm not

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1 advocating that you do. If you choose option three, you
2 could say, well, we want to reduce that bandwidth to one
3 to a thousand, or one to five hundred, and the Commission
4 absolutely has the ability to do that, but I do just want
5 to point out, in doing that, it takes away the beauty of
6 this one which is it doesn't have that human component to
7 it.
8 Is that clear, Steve?
9 JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, isn't that done off of --
10 Trevor, I think that was a standard deviation?
11 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. It is a formula that is
12 based around standard deviation. It is a common practice
13 within creating bins.
14 JOE SPRAGGINS: I think everybody is under it.
15 Anything that we do off of the standard deviation puts
16 human input into it, and I think that is what Joe is
17 trying to say in his statement there.
18 JOE JEWELL: Yes.
19 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I've got you, and I just
20 felt like that was a pretty long stretch from zero to
21 fifteen hundred.
22 I think that option three, like you say, it does
23 a good job in that it captures every fisherman with some
24 payout, and, then, rewards the other ones that fished
25 hard, but I would like to see us, if we do that -- and I

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1 understand. I am kind of like Mark. I wish we had a
2 little more time, but, then, at the same time, right now
3 there is really no time. These guys, if they ever needed
4 help, this is the time they need it.
5 So I feel like we probably need to do something
6 at this meeting to try to move this on down the line.
7 If we could, could we reduce that and go from
8 zero to five hundred, and, then, five hundred to fifteen
9 hundred, and fifteen hundred to three thousand?
10 In other words, that kind of, I think, would
11 make a little more sense.
12 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Can I make a quick comment on
13 that?
14 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir.
15 TREVOR MONCRIEF: Really what this presentation
16 was meant is to give you those overarching directions that
17 we could go.
18 Like I said in the beginning of the
19 presentation, I think if y'all select, if y'all want to
20 hear more on option two, or three, we can really kind of
21 give you some more detailed options regarding those. That
22 was one of the concerns specifically, Commissioner
23 Bosarge, of that big gap, and we kind of looked at ways to
24 be able to go through that with the data itself by
25 establishing some minimum sack count, or minimum harvest

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count, to be able to adjust for all those kinds of things.

If y'all want to go a specific direction, we can certainly provide more details on additional options, depending on which direction y'all want to go on.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Go ahead, Ronnie.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would like to make a recommendation. I have got to say I agree a hundred percent with everything that you said, but instead of doing zero to five hundred, or zero to fifteen hundred, could we do ten to five hundred, or ten to fifteen hundred?

That way, you are not giving extra money to somebody that didn't participate at all.

JOE SPRAGGINS: What is the lowest number we have, Trevor?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: The lowest number as far as positive catch goes I think is two sacks, and there are only ten total license holders that have harvest below a hundred sacks.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: It sounds to me like if you harvested less than fifty sacks, you didn't put forth a whole lot of effort, in my opinion.

I'm with Commissioner Daniels. If we can modify the option three to an agreeable bottom number, I think we are prepared to make a motion and move forward.

1 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: What was the sack limit
2 in the year whenever they were harvesting that we are
3 looking at?
4 JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, I guess what he is asking
5 there is, in the years they were harvesting prior to 2011,
6 how many sack limits did they get per day?
7 JOE JEWELL: Well, there are a couple of caveats
8 to that. I can find that out. There is no one number
9 because the data is based on three years, 2008, 09 and 10,
10 those three years prior.
11 Within each of those years, the average daily
12 sack count could have changed and absolutely did change.
13 It is sort of a roving number. I don't know that number
14 right now, but we can find that out.
15 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, do you remember what
16 it was in 2010?
17 What I am trying to get at here, the one thing
18 that I am thinking about is if we've got a guy, or two,
19 out there that was ready to go, went out and worked the
20 first day, had a boat issue -- I know over the years we
21 have had a couple of boats sink. We have had some
22 problems with boats. I would hate to cut that guy out
23 that was trying to work, but he had a major boat issue
24 that put him out for the rest of the season. I would hate
25 to set the minimum too high, but I would like to see it

high enough where we know that they were trying to make money.

JOE JEWELL: As I recall, it was around thirty sacks, a range between thirty and thirty-five. It would be under that fifty sack count threshold that Trevor talked about.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Mark, would you be okay with saying thirty?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I am good with that.

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Just one more quick comment. One of the things we did look at that me and Matt kind of went over while we were there, essentially what it does is establish some percentage. So it was one percent of the maximum value of sacks and it put it pretty close to one hundred being the minimum. In effort to eliminate human decision, that is kind of something to be able to go with. Rather than putting a hard number, you can put some sort of percentage basis around the total.

That is just a quick added comment.

JOE SPRAGGINS: So we are looking at it, Commissioners, that if you had less than whatever number y'all come up with, if we had less than that number, then, no one under that gets any buyout.

Right?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: It was my understanding

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1 that they get some type of base money, but the extra
2 money, or the bonus money comes in above that number.
3 Right?
4 JOE SPRAGGINS: That's what I'm asking. I don't
5 know. I'm getting mixed-in information here.
6 I guess the question is do we want to say that
7 if you bought a license, that you participated?
8 We are going to have to do this with the crabs.
9 I can tell you that is the only way we can do it, but, if
10 we want to do that, if we can agree to, number one, if we
11 are going to pay a base, if that is the case, do we want
12 to set a base, or how do we want to do that?
13 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would say if they
14 didn't participate, let's give them their license fee back
15 and everybody that participated, let's get them some
16 money.
17 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I'm in agreement.
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: Participated means what, if they
19 had one sack, or if they had a hundred sacks?
20 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Thirty. Thirty sacks is
21 the minimum.
22 JOE SPRAGGINS: Everybody that caught less than
23 thirty sacks, but bought a license, they get -- but, now,
24 we've got to go back -- when you say that, all three years
25 we would give them their license, or four years, or what

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do we say?

JOE JEWELL: Can I put out one thing here, also?

The thirty sack limit that we were discussing, this is what I assumed and I want to point this out to the Commission, that was for the dredgers which is the vast majority of the fishery.

The tonging fishery had a separate sack limit, and I want to say that was somewhere between ten and fifteen.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Can we say thirty for dredgers and fifteen for tongers?

JOE SPRAGGINS: It would be hard for us to go back.

Can I add something real quick?

The staff is very limited right now because we are all separated into fifteen hundred different places, but could we possibly say that if you participated at all and maybe work at it?

Trevor could help me here. If we want to go back, if y'all want to use some kind of standard deviation as numbers and you want to say from this sack limit to this sack limit, this sack limit to this sack limit, could we possibly, rather than try to just shoot from the hip here, give us time to sit down as a team here and develop something for you and give it to you under that option

three that you are looking at and give you three different options for different levels?

I think that we can figure it out because what I am trying to get at right now we are trying to find out do we pay a base, or do we not pay a base.

If everybody is agreeable to that, fine.

If they are not, fine. I understand, but we need to get some kind of guidelines to work off of.

I think maybe what Mark said earlier, let's come back and maybe we can do a phone one and do this and do it in a week and that way we don't hold them up two weeks. I can understand that, but I'm hard to put things together as a director as to where we want to go with this walking off of three different angles.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Can we have a telephone meeting in a week, if y'all get that information together?

JOE SPRAGGINS: We can, if the Commission agrees to it.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Are y'all good with that?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: This is Mark. Yes, I am.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: That sounds good to me, as well.

Do we have to make a motion to increase those dollar amounts from the original slide?

JOE SPRAGGINS: We do need to do that.

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1 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Okay.
2 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Mr. Joe.
3 JOE JEWELL: As Director Spraggins pointed out,
4 this would be a separate motion here and it would be
5 increasing oyster to approximately one point three, and,
6 then, it is including the crab fishery up to two hundred
7 fifty thousand.
8 JOE SPRAGGINS: Sandy has some proposed wording,
9 if we could let her read it.
10 SANDY CHESNUT: Going off of the slide, the
11 proposed motion would be motion to authorize additional
12 funding of up to three hundred thousand for a total of one
13 point three million for eligible oyster fishermen and an
14 additional funding up to two hundred and fifty thousand
15 for eligible crab fishermen.
16 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I think Commissioner
17 Bosarge had a comment.
18 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes. I appreciate that,
19 Mark.
20 I'm with you. We can have a telephone meeting,
21 but I was just curious -- and this may be a question for
22 Matt -- it appears that Matt has a pretty good running
23 total of who caught what.
24 Matt, would it be too difficult just to say so
25 much a sack for whatever you produced?

In other words, is that a possibility, or is that just too much work?

JOE SPRAGGINS: That is option two, Steve.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'm sorry. I must have missed that.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Option two is a base, and, then, you get, like, three dollars per sack for every sack you caught.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Okay. All right. I understand now. Sorry about that.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Motion to increase to -- what Sandy just read, I will make that motion.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll second that.

I know we are spoiled to having the motion typed up on the board for us, but that was a lot to try and remember.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: The biggest thing is, guys, we have a motion and a second.

We just want to be good stewards of the money and make sure it goes to the right places. That is the bottom line.

At this time, I have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

1 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.
2 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.
3 I had Natalie with an aye. I had Steve with an
4 aye. I had Mark with an aye.
5 What about Ronnie?
6 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.
7 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion moves.
8 COMMISSIONER GUESS: We are increasing the
9 dollar amount for oysters, we are including a dollar
10 amount for crab and we are going to have a call in a week
11 to discuss how we are going to roll out the money.
12 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: That's correct.
13 JOE SPRAGGINS: What I will do, Commissioners,
14 if it is okay with y'all, we will sit down, Trevor, Joe
15 and Matt, and let's get together. We will sit down and we
16 will come up with an option three with different levels,
17 we will give you the exact wording for option two if you
18 want it, and, then, we will go from there, and that would
19 say how much per dollar.
20 We will give y'all that and we will send it to
21 you several days in advance before this next meeting so
22 you will have time to look at it and think.
23 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Sounds great, General, and
24 I appreciate that. Options two and three, we will have
25 additional verbiage on those within the next few days.

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1 That sounds good.
2 Let's move on to the next agenda item.
3 JOE SPRAGGINS: Sandy said she needs a motion on
4 that.
5 COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll make a motion that we
6 set up the call and have the information on options two
7 and three expanded a few days prior.
8 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Natalie has a motion on
9 the table.
10 Do I have a second for Natalie's motion?
11 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Ronnie seconds it.
12 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I have a motion by Natalie
13 and a second by Ronnie.
14 All those in favor say aye.
15 COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.
16 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.
17 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.
18 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.
19 So that is an aye from Ronnie, Natalie, Steve
20 and Mark. So motion moves.
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: Thank you.
22 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: That brings us on to item
23 four, Gear Type Task Force Resolution, Frank Parker.
24 Do we have Frank on the line?
25 BRADY SMITH: Frank is on the line. Give me a

1 second and I will unmute his mike.
2 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, we do have two
3 public comments on this, before we make any decisions.
4 BRADY SMITH: Frank, can you hear us?
5 FRANK PARKER: Yes.
6 Can you hear me?
7 BRADY SMITH: Yes. You mike is live.
8 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Go ahead, Frank.
9 FRANK PARKER: This is Frank Parker. I'm a
10 commercial fisherman. I'm the chairman of the Gear Type
11 Task Force.
12 I'm assuming y'all have the resolution, a copy
13 of it in front of you. I have to apologize. I moved and
14 don't have internet service. So I'm over the phone.
15 With that being said, the Gear Type Task Force
16 consists of commercial and recreational fishing
17 representatives, university scientists and several
18 agencies.
19 We unanimously voted to oppose two legislative
20 bills that would basically ban commercial haul seine
21 fishing within one half mile around Cat Island.
22 These bills are not consistent with the best
23 available science and it would make it more difficult for
24 the commercial fishing industry to provide sustainable
25 seafood to the general public.

1 This is especially important during the times of
2 this pandemic when our local seafood production is
3 essential to our nation's ability to produce our own food
4 domestically.
5 These bills have been promulgated in spite of
6 the fact that the task force made recommendations over a
7 year ago defining haul seine gear and those
8 recommendations were duly adopted by this Commission.
9 In doing so, this has put all but a handful of
10 commercial net fishermen out of business.
11 We feel it is important that we maintain our
12 local ability to commercially harvest seafood using
13 traditional methods at traditional harvesting locations as
14 a matter of national food security.
15 The Gear Task Force respectively asks the
16 Commission to approve this resolution in opposition of
17 these two pieces of legislation.
18 Any questions?
19 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Frank, I do not have any
20 questions.
21 Do any other Commissioners have any questions?
22 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Frank, just to be clear,
23 what are you asking the Commission to do?
24 FRANK PARKER: To approve this resolution.
25 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I agree with you and I

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1 think it's -- this has been an ongoing issue for some time
2 and we all know and we have all fought it and we all came
3 to kind of the same conclusion, and I find it kind of -- I
4 don't know -- strange that there is a group in Jackson
5 that feels that they know more than this group.
6 Anyhow, I agree. I think we need to support
7 yours resolution.
8 FRANK PARKER: I think that was the basis of
9 everybody that was on the Gear Type Task Force. Here we
10 have all these so-called industry leaders, professionals,
11 scientists, the people who are supposed to know what is
12 going on and they make these recommendations and the
13 people in Jackson -- why do we have two bodies doing
14 management decisions. I think that was the whole
15 consensus of the entire group.
16 JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner.
17 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Go ahead, Mr. Joe.
18 JOE SPRAGGINS: If I may, first off let me
19 explain that this is not a DMR bill. Neither one of these
20 bills were introduced by DMR, or supported for
21 introduction by DMR, at the capitol.
22 These were both brought up. A bill was brought
23 up out of the Senate, the Senate Bill, the 2720, and it
24 was brought up, and, then, the 561 was brought up out of
25 the House and that one has been discussed over and over,

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1 and we have discussed it hard with them.
2 I had the House to the point that they were
3 ready to say, okay, we understand. I told them that the
4 Commission had made a ruling last year on what a haul
5 seine net was and we had basically eliminated any uses
6 that were there before, and asked them to please allow DMR
7 to run the operation, but it seems right now that we have
8 a couple of new legislators that are very hard to
9 understand this at this point and they are looking hard at
10 it and they are getting a lot complaints from their
11 constituents, and the whole thing is about Cat Island.
12 That is what it is about, Cat Island and the half a mile
13 around it.
14 We also do have, sir, two comments, two public
15 comments that would like to be made.
16 I just wanted you to know that we have fought
17 hard for you on this and we have not been able to move
18 forward.
19 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: At this time, let's take
20 it up for comments.
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: The comment that I have is Mr.
22 Martin Young, if he is on.
23 BRADY SMITH: I believe Martin Young is on. Let
24 me identify him.
25 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Mr. Young, are you with

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us?

MARTIN YOUNG: Hello.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Go ahead.

MARTIN YOUNG: Am I there?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes, sir, you are live and with us. So go ahead and make your comment, please.

MARTIN YOUNG: I sent y'all the copy of the letter of my comments that I made and I just have no written copy. I thought I saved it, but evidently my computer still ain't good enough. I didn't save it, but for my comment to be said, someone there would have to read it, what I sent y'all because I don't have a copy of it.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, I have a copy. If you would allow, Sandy says I could read it, if that is all right with Mr. Young.

MARTIN YOUNG: It's fine with me, anybody who wants to read it.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, if it is okay, I will read it.

It says the item that you desire to talk about, and it talks about the agenda.

Public Comments. The Gear Task Force was appointed to define a haul seine, voted by a unanimous vote. This was by state experts, NOAA experts,

1 recreational fishermen and commercial fishermen. All
2 agreed on their definition and it was approved by the
3 Commission.
4 This eliminated all but two nets at Cat Island,
5 solving the gill net issue.
6 These bills have no scientific data to support
7 them. They discriminate against the net fishermen.
8 The Commission was appointed to handle seafood
9 law on the Coast in the early nineties. So let the voice
10 of the Commission speak loud to uphold their decision.
11 Please kill House Bill 561 and Senate Bill 2720.
12 If the subject is not on today's agenda, please
13 state the topic that you will comment, and that is this.
14 Mr. Young, is that what you thought it was?
15 MARTIN YOUNG: I couldn't hear you. Excuse me.
16 JOE SPRAGGINS: I read it as you had sent it to
17 us, Mr. Young.
18 MARTIN YOUNG: Oh, yes, sir. That was just
19 right, yes, sir.
20 I feel like this bill is driven by hate and hate
21 alone that is introduced in Jackson. That is the only
22 other comment I would like to make about it.
23 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Any more comments?
24 JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, we do have one.
25 Mr. Tommy O'Brien, is he on?

1 BRADY SMITH: I'm looking for him now.
2 I've got a Tommy listed. I'm going to allow his
3 microphone and we will see if that is Tommy O'Brien.
4 Tommy, you mike is live.
5 Is this Tommy O'Brien?
6 MRS. O'BRIEN: This is his wife.
7 JOE SPRAGGINS: Would you like to make a public
8 comment?
9 MRS. O'BRIEN: Well, he asked me to ask you,
10 General, if you could just read the comment that he made,
11 that he submitted online, if that would be okay.
12 JOE SPRAGGINS: I don't have it.
13 MRS. O'BRIEN: Oh, you don't have it?
14 JOE SPRAGGINS: Hang on. We are trying to find
15 it.
16 Brian, do you have that by any chance, or
17 Crystal, do you have it?
18 Does anybody have it?
19 BRADY SMITH: We can get it for you. We will
20 put you on hold for a second.
21 JOE SPRAGGINS: If you would read it for us, we
22 would appreciate it, if that is okay.
23 BRADY SMITH: Director, I've got the comment
24 here.
25 Would you like me to read it?

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JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, if you could, please read it, if you don't mind.

BRADY SMITH: Tommy O'Brien's public comment.

I'm opposed to Bills 561 and 2720 for the following reasons:

The Gear Type Task Force was formed to define haul seines to the satisfaction of all members of the task force.

These bills are not based upon the decision made by the task force, or on scientific evidence. They are based upon the greed of the recreational sector and are not fair and equitable to the commercial net fishermen.

Let's not forget that there are only two licensed haul seine fishermen in the state and I am one of them.

Once again, it will take away from us the most lucrative fishing grounds we have.

That's all.

JOE SPRAGGINS: That's the comment.

Is she still on?

BRADY SMITH: Her mike is still on.

MRS. O'BRIEN: Yes, sir, I'm still here.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Is there any additional comment?

MRS. O'BRIEN: No, sir. It's is just kind of like a vicious circle that we go through here. I seems

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like somebody is always trying to kick you out of making a little bit of money. Right now money is tight. We need all the help we can get.

Any input that you can have in Jackson to help quash these bills will be greatly appreciated.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Havard, those are the only two comments that we have at this time, and I would like to tell you also that House Bill 561 and Senate Bill 2720 both passed on each individual floors, the Senate Bill on the Senate floor and the House Bill on the House floor.

The Senate Bill has been sent to the House Marine Resources.

The House Bill has not been sent anywhere at this time.

Sandy says that as far as the Gear Type resolution, we could not adopt their resolution.

Sandy, go ahead and repeat that, please.

SANDY CHESNUT: The Gear Type Task Force is an advisory committee to the Commission. If the Commission wants to take action on this, they would need to make their own resolution. They could incorporate the resolution of the Gear Type Task Force, or mention it somehow, or support it, whatever they need to do, but the Commission would need to make their own resolution.

1 JOE SPRAGGINS: Sir, did you get that?
2 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, I got that, Mr. Joe.
3 I guess what Sandy is saying is that we can't
4 adopt the Gear Type Task Force resolution. We would have
5 to make our own resolution basically.
6 Correct, Sandy?
7 SANDY CHESNUT: That's correct.
8 In your resolution, you can adopt the wording of
9 the Gear Type Task Force resolution. You just can't adopt
10 the Gear Type Task Force resolution itself.
11 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I mean, I think this
12 Commission, we talked about task forces and how important
13 task forces are and the good work they do, and this task
14 force has been put together and has a very, very -- the
15 constituency comes from all sides, recreational fishermen,
16 commercial fishermen, law enforcement.
17 With that being said, I think that we, as a
18 Commission, need to make a statement that we should be the
19 ones making the laws and not the state legislature.
20 We do ask the state legislature to make laws for
21 us, and sometimes they do, sometimes they don't, but I
22 can't ever remember a time when they did it on their own,
23 at least in my time being here.
24 With that being said, yes, I would like to make
25 a motion that we have the staff construct a resolution and

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1 bring it back to us maybe at this meeting we are going to
2 have, telephone meeting.
3 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes, I agree, Steve. I
4 think what Sandy says is that we can adopt the wording
5 from the Gear Type Task Force resolution. We just can't
6 adopt their resolution.
7 Correct?
8 SANDY CHESNUT: Yes. It's just to keep that
9 separation of the Gear Type Task Force advisory committee
10 to the Commission.
11 COMMISSIONER GUESS: So can we go ahead and make
12 a motion to adopt the wording from the resolution?
13 SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.
14 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Steve, does that sound good
15 to you?
16 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, that sounds good to
17 me. I'm glad you understood. I'm having a hard time
18 hearing Sandy. I always have a hard time hearing Sandy.
19 Would you make the motion?
20 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes, I make the motion that
21 we adopt the wording from the task force resolution.
22 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: And I will second your
23 motion.
24 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: We have a motion and a
25 second.

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All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: So I've got Natalie and Steve.

All those opposed like sign.

Aye, Mark.

Ronnie, are you still with us?

BRADY SMITH: I don't see Ronnie on the call.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: So Ronnie is out?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes. I don't see his name on my list. I don't know. We have lost him.

He said he had to step out.

Right now, we only have three Commissioners. So the vote is two to one.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: So the motion moves.

JOE SPRAGGINS: We will get that back to you, some type of wording for y'all to adopt this resolution at the special meeting.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: That was what I kind of asked for, Mr. Joe, but I believe what we actually did was just to adopt the wording.

Natalie, correct me if I'm wrong.

Is that right?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: That is correct.

1 I think they are going to have that wording in
2 our form at the call.
3 JOE SPRAGGINS: I just want to make sure I'm
4 correct here and, Sandy, tell me if I'm correct, or wrong,
5 here.
6 What Natalie has asked for is for us to put this
7 into a resolution that they can adopt.
8 Is that correct?
9 SANDY CHESNUT: That's correct.
10 JOE SPRAGGINS: We are to word a resolution for
11 them to adopt at that next called meeting?
12 SANDY CHESNUT: Once they have the resolution in
13 front of them, they will adopt the resolution.
14 Her motion was for the staff to prepare a
15 resolution for the Commission with the wording of Gear
16 Type Task Force to be considered by the Commission.
17 JOE SPRAGGINS: Did everybody hear that?
18 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes.
19 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.
20 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I've got a lot of noise
21 on my end.
22 Natalie, your motion I thought was to adopt the
23 language that we have now.
24 Correct?
25 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Basically Sandy is going to

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1 put the resolution in a format that is from the
2 Commission, and, then, once we have that on the call, we
3 can all vote to pass that resolution as a Commission.
4 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: All right. Good deal.
5 JOE SPRAGGINS: Good. I just wanted to make
6 sure we are correct.
7 Commissioner, I think we are up to number five,
8 unless you needed more on that one, sir.
9 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: No. I think we will move
10 forward.
11 JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie is not on.
12 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Is that all that Frank
13 had?
14 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.
15 I think we are done. I think we are moving on
16 to State Saltwater Finfish Record, Mr. Matt Hill.
17 MATT HILL: This will be easy. We have one
18 record for the Commission's consideration.
19 It is in the All Tackle Division and the gear
20 used was spear.
21 It is a Red Hind at a new record of four pounds
22 seven point three six ounces. The angler is Mr. Harley J.
23 Havard.
24 Here is the fish. Here is Mr. Havard with the
25 Red Hind (indicating photographs).

1 What is required is a motion to adopt this new
2 state record.
3 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: It is always good to see
4 when these George County boys come down here and get down
5 underneath the water and take advantage of our resource.
6 That's a good thing. That's a long travel.
7 At this time, I would like to make a motion to
8 adopt the new state record.
9 COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll second that.
10 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion and a second.
11 All those in favor say aye.
12 COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.
13 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.
14 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.
15 All three ayes. Motion moves.
16 JOE SPRAGGINS: Steve, Mark and Natalie.
17 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Do we have any other
18 business to discuss?
19 (No response.)
20 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Doesn't look like we have
21 any other business.
22 Are there any additional public comments?
23 JOE SPRAGGINS: No, sir.
24 COMMISSIONER HAVARD: All right, guys. I
25 appreciate everybody taking time out of their day and

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coming on I guess this website here. That way we can all get together and make some good educated decisions.

We will look forward to hearing a date and a time for the phone meeting next week, or later on this week.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Is everything okay with the tornado?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes. Everything is good. It was about two miles down the road and it was headed our way. That is the reason I had to jet out of here real quick, but I don't really know what happened. I have been kind of stuck in my hole. It is probably the safest place where I am in the back corner somewhere.

Anyway, guys, I appreciate that and we will talk later on this week.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Make a motion to adjourn, please, sir.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Thank you guys. Y'all be safe.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Mark, make a motion to adjourn.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I make a motion that we adjourn.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll second it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I've got a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.

Motion moves. See y'all later.

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1 CERTIFICATE

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3 I, Lucille Morgan, Certified Shorthand Reporter,
4 do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true
5 and correct transcript of the March 31, 2020, meeting of
6 the Commission on Marine Resources via Webinar by Zoom, to
7 the best of my ability; and, further, that I am not a
8 relative, employee, or agent, of any of the parties
9 thereto, nor financially interested in the cause.

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COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES
March 31, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
Special Session Webinar

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda - Chairman

C. Executive Director's Report

1. Report on GOMESA funding – Joe Spraggins

D. Commissioners Report

E. OFFICE OF MARINE FISHERIES – Joe Jewell

1. Title 22 Part 9: Charter For-Hire Reporting Requirements – Matt Hill – Action

2. Mississippi For-Hire Task Force Recommendations – Matt Hill

3. 2011 Bonnet Carre Disaster Grant Appropriation Update – Trevor Moncrief – Action

4. Presentation of Gear Type Task Force Resolution Opposing House Bill 561 and Senate Bill 2720 – Frank Parker

5. State Saltwater Finfish Records – Matt Hill – Action

   a. Other Division – Spear

      1. Red Hind (*Epinephelus guttatus*) 4.0 lbs. 7.36 oz. – Harley Havard

F. Other Business

G. Public Comments

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/14/2020
(DATE)

Cheryl McKeown
4343 Audubon Trail
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Sincerely,

Cheryl McKeown

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4-16-2020
(DATE)

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April 16, 2020
(DATE)

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Abbey McDermott

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4/18/2020
(DATE)

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p.p. Pete Moran
Ashlyn Ladner

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APRIL 20, 2020
(DATE)

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4/19/2020
(DATE)

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

9-20-2020
(DATE)

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9-20-2022
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Waveland Ms. 39576

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Department of Marine Resources
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Heath Brashier

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/17/2020
(DATE)

980 Courthouse Rd
Gulfport, MS.
39507

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Kathy LaFleur

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Whittney Necaise
12104 B. Necaise Rd
Pass Christian, MS 39571

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(DATE)

Donnie R. Necaise
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1/17/20
(DATE)

W J Hemenway III
1405 Washington Ave
Pascagoula MS
39567

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Department of Marine Resources
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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Dale Lanier
2370 Park Place Dr
Gulfport MS 39507

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4-17-2020
(DATE)

Ashleigh Parker Cruso
22145 Saucier Fairley Rd.
Saucier, MS 39574

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

James Blankenship
150 Erkhart Ln.
Lucedale, MS 39452

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4-15-20
(DATE)

Kenny Pylate
10000 Cherokee Road
Vancleave MS 39565

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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9-20-2020
(DATE)

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12 Cedarwood Ln
Gulfport MS 39503

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(DATE)

Tim Bradley
24120 Tim Bradley
Saucier, MS 39574

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12 Cedar Wood LN
Gulfport MS 39503
D. Steven Ladner

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4-18-2020
(DATE)

Shirley Lowe
1993 CHAmplin Cir
Gulfport MS 39507

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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7-20-2020
(DATE)

Susan Lodum
2370 Park Place Dr
Gulfport MS 39507

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14 Cedarwood Lane
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10 Cedarwood Ln
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8794 Sandown Ln
Gulfport MS 39503

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Patton Webb
13 Bayou Oaks Lane
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20 Old Oak Ln
Gulfport MS 39503

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Ann Lodner

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21 Shady Oaks Ln
Gulfport, MS 39503

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(DATE)

Ronnie Robertson
9155 Copperhead LN
Gulfport, MS 39503

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11 51st
Gulfport, MS 39507

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4-19-20
(DATE)

Danny Scurrah
6317 Tucky Ln
Ocean Springs MS 39565

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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Phillip Woods
11109 Johns Bayou RD
Vancleave MS 39565

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Micah Woods
11900 Alexis In Ocean
Springs MS 39565

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(DATE)

Adam Perrigin
104 Muirfield Ct
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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Stacey Combs
7504 park ridge
biloxi ms 39532

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Steve Perrigin
3201 N 2nd St
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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Mat Tatum
13712 Paraisco Rd
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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Ric Myers
2412 Cherrywood Place Gautier
MS 39553

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Charles Woodruff
8006 Pointe Aux Chenes
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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04/20/20
(DATE)

Susan Snyder
318 Jackson Ave
Ocean Springs, MS

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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William Davis
6824 Cato Road
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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1214 Iola rd
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18600 State line Rd
Moss Point MS 39562

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1212 Oliver St
Pascagoula MS 39567

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Josey Waits
15812 Lacue Rd
Vancleave MS 39565

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5/6 Bayou Pierre Street
Gautier MS 39553

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4000 Pecan Ridge Dr.
Miss Port MS

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13390 Old River Rd
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Conner Masters
5501 sound bluff Rd
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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tangerine St Ocean
Springs MS 39564

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21116 Highway 63
Moss Point MS 39562

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4-16-20
(DATE)

Wesley S. Stork
8522 Section Rd
Lucedale, MS 39452

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10315 Cherokee Rose Rd
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Shaun Smith

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4-16-2020
(DATE)

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Grand Bay AL, 36541

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2114 mckenzie court
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Hurley MS 39562

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11021 Jim Ramsey
Red Anderson

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Vancleave, MS 39565

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1924 Jim Waltman Rd
Moss Point Ms, 39562

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DALTON C. LADNIER
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166 Horseshoe Cir
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1911 Fulton Ave. Pascagoula MS.

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430 Hemlock Dr
Flowood, MS 39232

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Easton Marshall

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4/19/2020

(DATE)

Corey D Platt
406 Fly Away Ct
Biloxi, MS 39531

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Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
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(DATE)

John D Smith III
444 Goose Pointe Blvd
Biloxi, MS 39531

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(DATE)

Darryl Platt

1543 Miller St

Biloxi, MS 39530

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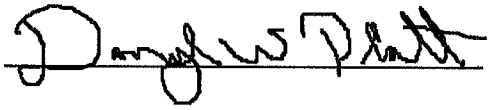

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April 19, 2020
(DATE)

Billy Guice
442 Green Teal Court
Biloxi MS 39531

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Department of Marine Resources
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04/19/2020
(DATE)

Jonathan Stanley
700 South Hill Ct
Biloxi, MS 39532

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Eric Graham MD
712 Davenport Lane
OS, MS 39564

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4-16-20
(DATE)

Steven Ramsey
17221 Palm Ridge dr.
D'Iberville MS, 39540

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Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Gerald Smith
28356 Sundance Rd.
Pass Christian, MS 39571

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BRANDON S. DECAIR
10901 ONEAL Road
Vancleave MS 39565

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4/20/2020
(DATE)

Timothy L Ferguson
15300 Cable Bridge Rd
Gulfport, MS. 39503

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Chase Hogan
11701 Quail Creek Dr
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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309 EastView Dr
Biloxi, MS 39531

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Mark Mauring
Mark Mau
14982 Old Dixie Rd
Saucier MS. 39574

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(DATE)

William Dreis
20349 26 st
Long Beach 39560

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Brian Wells
20304 gordon st
Saucier MS 39574

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14205 Big Ridge Rd
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9-20-20
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Cody Peterman
14430 Old Hwy 49
Gulfport MS

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1222 35th St.

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5/15/20
(DATE)

Randall J. Broussard
1552 Collins St.
Biloxi Ms. 39530

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135 azalea Dr.
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421 Post Lane
Biloxi, MS 39531

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Josh Pitalo
110 Rue Magnolia
Biloxi MS 39530

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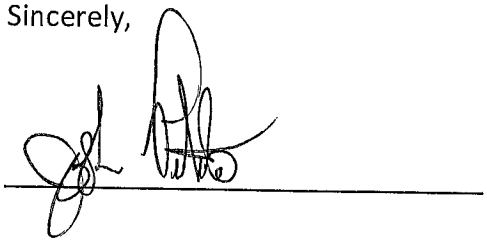

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Eileen Ezell
110 Rue Magnolia
Biloxi ms
39530

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Eileen Ezell

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

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(DATE)

Stacy M. Schmidt
421 Post Lane
Biloxi, MS 39531

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4/17/20
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CLARENCE HAMILTON
POB 160
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564

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APRIL 19TH 2020
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DOUG DYESS
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527 Front Beach #6
Ocean Springs MS

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921 Rector
Apt 1025 CS

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Karl J. Rosenstiel Jr.
443 Woody Cir.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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Kenny Holloway
620 Porter Ave
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1599 Bienville Blvd
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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120 Clear Springs Cir.
O.S., MS 39564

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Kenny D. Neal
1320 Hanson Dr
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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Mike Letort
2022 Ivy Ct.
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Michael Vassallo

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04/20/20
(DATE)

CLAYTON RUSSELL
13132 HANOVER DR.
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564

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4/19/20
(DATE)

Johnny Thompson
917 west Bay Rd S
Biloxi Ms. 39532

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April 17
(DATE)

Keith Broussard
4253 Oak Ridge Pl
Biloxi MS 39532

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Department of Marine Resources
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(DATE)

Peter Rieser
1087 Columbus St
Biloxi MS 39530

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Anthony Burdon
345 Lamaure St.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4.19.20
(DATE)

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1115 Lafayette St
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4-19-20
(DATE)

Shawn Kuhn
1115 Lafayette St.
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Trisha Gutierrez
13349 River Rapid Dr.
D'Iberville, MS 39540

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4/19/20
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Thomas Hays
8816 DAISY VESTRY RD
BILOXI, MS 39532

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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Kristen Kuhn
13245 Jackson Lee Drive West
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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4/19/2020
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Paul Nandin
13245 Jackson Lee Dr. West
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4/19/2020
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Craig Kuhn
8872 Daisy Vestry Rd
Biloxi, MS 39532

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8822 Daisy Vestry Rd.
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4/19/20
(DATE)

KAREN KUHN
444 LINDA DR.
BILOXI, MS 39531

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Department of Marine Resources
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(DATE)

Kevin Simmons
323 Forrest Ave
Biloxi, MS
39530

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4-19-30
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481 OAKLAWN Pl.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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RALPH C HUMPHREY
4039 BRANDON JAMES DR

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19 April 2020
(DATE)

Robin L. Humphrey
4039 Brandon James Dr.
Biloxi, MS 39532

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4/19/20
(DATE)

Susan Shireman
4063 Brandon James
Biloxi, MS 39532

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Thomas Foutz
427 Oaklawn Pl
Biloxi MS 39530

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Steve Shireman
4063 Brandywine Dr.
Biloxi MS. 39532

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4-19-20
(DATE)

MARSHALL GREY GLAY
15636 ANDERSON DR
BILOXI, MS 39532

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Marshall Grey Glay

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4/18/20
(DATE)

V S Hough Jr
1007 N. Country Club Cove
Biloxi MS 39532

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4-18-20
(DATE)

Mike Fayard
6219 Naoku Ln
Biloxi, MS 39539

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Henry M Fayard

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April 19, 2020
(DATE)

Hanna Peresich
264 Dewey Circle
Biloxi, MS 39531

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Biloxi MS 39532

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505 Bechtel Blvd
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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ELMER PIQUE JR
485 PAPPS FERRY Rd.
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13610 Alcede Lizana Rd
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

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Tyler Ladner
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17 APRIL 2020
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CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND
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Darren Peterson
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DUON LADNER
7461 CUEVAS ROAD
PASS CHRISTIAN, MS 39571

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789 Bay Breeze Dr.
Biloxi, MS 39532

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

7-17-2020
(DATE)

LANCE VOGT
7109 TEAKWOOD DR
BILOXI MS 39532

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4-19-2020
(DATE)

1316 Sycamore
Ocean Springs MS 39564
mill mother

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1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4-19-2020
(DATE)

Chris Seymour
9301 Entrekin Ave
Vancleave MS. 39565

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/19/20
(DATE)

Norman R. Gill II
8900 Semmes Rd
Vancleave MS. 39565

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4/19/2020
(DATE)

J.C. WILLIAMS
6312 LUCKEY LN
OCEAN SPRINGS MS 39564

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Jay Williams
14114 Maddise Cir
D'Iberville MS 39540

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4-18-20
(DATE)

Kenny Dellenger
5393 Gilbert Preston
Saucier MS 39574

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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(DATE)

JAMES HARVEY
7613 MARATHON DR
BILOXI MS 39532

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(DATE)

Blake Beauzee
5546 Landing Ct
Diberville, MS 39540

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4/19/20
(DATE)

Justin Thibodeaux
301 Pasture RD
Pascagoula MS 39573

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[illegible]
[illegible] 17214 [illegible]
Ocean Springs Ms 39540

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18 APR 2020
(DATE)

John M. Pritchard
16206 Three Rivers Rd
Biloxi, MS. 39532

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PHILLIP ALBERT
15013 BIG JOHN RD
BELOXI, MS 39532

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4-19-2020
(DATE)

Colton Seymour
15049 Cedar Springs Dr.
Biloxi MS, 39532

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Chad McCreary
7420 Marathon Dr
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C. McCreary

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(DATE)

Blaine W Krohn,
6137 Herbie Rd.
Biloxi MS 39532

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(DATE)

Steven Clinton
15076 East Shadowcreek
Dr Biloxi MS 39532

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4/19/20
(DATE)

Lily Mallett
24 Cedarwood Dr
Perkinston MS 39573

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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Lily Mallett

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04/19/2020
(DATE)

Brian Peterson
16600 Bell Creek Rd
Pass Christian, Ms. 39571

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

17 April 2020
(DATE)

Kenneth M. Dellenger Jr.
11098 Wreck Rd
D'Iberville Ms. 39540

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4-17-20
(DATE)

Charles E Gilbert
5409 Co. Preston
Saucier MS
39574

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4-19-2020
(DATE)

JOSEPH F CIZ JR
2134 BARWOOD DR
BILOXI, MS 39532

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Cassondra Ruger
2134 Bayewood Dr
Biloxi, MS 39532

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C Ruger

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

April 19, 2020
(DATE)

George D. Stewart
7621 Macon Ave
Biloxi, MS 39532

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Sincerely,

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

APRIL 19, 2020
(DATE)

ERIN R. HOLLIS
796 IVY HILL DR
BILOXI, MS 39532

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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APRIL 19, 2020
(DATE)

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796 Ivy Hill Dr
Biloxi, MS 39532

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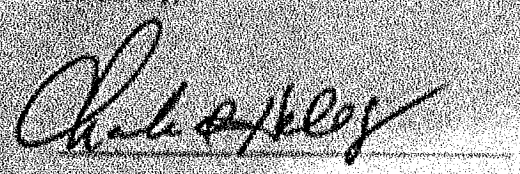

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-18-2020

(DATE)

Samuel Fountain
1333 Oak St
Ocean Springs MS 39564

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/2029

(DATE)

Susan Wellman
15000 Big Ridge Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39532

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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Susan F Wellman

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4/18/2029

(DATE)

Carsten Wellman
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4-18-2020

(DATE)

Kara Fountain
1333 Oak St.
Ocean Springs MS 39564

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Department of Marine Resources
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Kara W Fountain

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4-18-2020

(DATE)

Austin Wellman
~~15000 Big Ridge Rd.~~
~~Biloxi, MS 39532~~

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Sincerely,

Austin Wellman

April 15, 2020
(DATE)

Jewel Stewart
7621 Macon Ave
Biloxi, MS 39532

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/18/20

(DATE)

Neil H. Shows
17621 Silver Fox
Baton Rouge, La.

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Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

APRIL 18, 2020
(DATE)

CHARLES E. BOOTH
116 PINNACLE CIR
BRANDON, MS 39047

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/20
(DATE)

George Denmark
11455 Holly Bluff Cr.
Biloxi, Mississippi 39532

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Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/18/2020
(DATE)

Teresa G Booth
116 Pinnacle Cir
Brandon, MS
39047

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Department of Marine Resources
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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

April 18, 2020
(DATE)

Lori Herron
2593 Old Bay Rd
Biloxi MS 39531

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Sincerely,

Lori Herron

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/17/20
(DATE)

Kelli N. Newman
11347 E. Dedeaux Rd.
Gulfport, MS 39503

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Sincerely,

Kelli N. Newman

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

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[illegible]

Ken Geragosian, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
[illegible] Sunshine Ave.
Frost, MN [illegible]

Dear Director Geragosian:

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Sincerely,

[illegible]

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/5/02
DATE

Senator Peter
Schroeder
District 21

[illegible], Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
[illegible] Discovery Way
Juneau, AK 99801

Dear Director Harrigan:

I am writing to express my not to support the allocation for harvest set fees to support operating in place in our state.

Alaska has been an excellent job managing the resource with the allocations currently in place. I understand the state fee hire sector is asking for more fish. These businesses have access to over 3 million pounds of allocation through the halibut fee permitting program. Furthermore, the state fee hire sector could extend the length of their season without increasing the allocation by putting into place reasonable accountability measures that are already used or will be used shortly by all other for profit operators in the fishery. These measures include creating a reasonably priced and transfer endorsement for state fee operators, limiting the number of endorsements available to put a cap on participation and finally require all state fee hire operators to have a vessel monitoring system that logs location. Please put these measures in place before a change in allocation is considered.

I hope you for your the matter your consideration. A change in the allocation in our state will reverse the decades of hours of study and negotiation that were necessary to create the equitable sharing of opportunity now enjoy in the fishery.

Sincerely,

Peter Pilz

LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/20
(DATE)

Mike Burton
7208 Melrose Dr.
Biloxi, Ms. 39532

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4-18-2020
(DATE)

STEPHEN PERESICK SR
341 LAKEVIEW BLVD
Biloxi MS 39531

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/18/20
(DATE)

Ellen Peresich
341 Lakeview Blvd
Biloxi, Ms 39531

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04/18/2020
(DATE)

Jackson Sewell
220 Little Harpe Trail
Saltillo, MS 38866

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

04/20/20
(DATE)

Susannah Snyder
318 Jackson Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Susannah Snyder

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04/20/20
(DATE)

Jackson Snickine
318 Jackson Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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04/20/20
(DATE)

James Rider
144 Seal Ave
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Department of Marine Resources
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4/18/2020
(DATE)

Michael L Jinerson
9808 Jean Ct
Ocean Springs, MS. 39565

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Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-17-20
(DATE)

Conner Fayard
13487 Spring Water Dr
Gulfport, MS 39503

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Michael Wallis
201 Madison Pl
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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600 old Hwy 26 E.
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Colleen Scam
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Andy Scara
100 old Hwy 26 E.
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DARRELL HERRON
2593 OLD BAY RD
BILOXI MS 39531

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6700 Tunica St
Biloxi, MS 39532

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RANDY KIRKPATRICK
210 TH AVENUE RD
LONG BEACH MS. 39560

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April 17, 2020
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Jessica Moran
16149 Seven Carolyn Rd
Biloxi, MS
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144 Seal Ave
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5275 Whetstone Rd
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143 Locust Dr.
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Biloxi MS 39532

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

Apr 19 2020
(DATE)

Thomas Dimitri
13705 Prince Blvd
O.S. MS. 39565

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1141 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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04/19/2020
(DATE)

Christian Hawley
27448 Bethel RD
Saucier, MS 39574

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/18/20
(DATE)

Nathan Witanovich
4030 Fox Run Cove
Ocean Springs, MS 39540

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April 18, 2020
(DATE)

John M McMahan
1380 Kensington Drive
Biloxi MS 39530

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04/20/20
(DATE)

Marion Platt
1543 Miller Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

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(DATE)

Lance Creel
1041 Caselle Street
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Jeff Crabl
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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Stog Ritale
40 S Magnolia Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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(DATE)

Sarah Pitolo
408 McInnis Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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April 17, 2020
(DATE)

Tony Angelle
403 Marguerite Blvd
LAFAYETTE, LA 70503

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April 17 - 2020
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JAN ANGELLE
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(DATE)

Rail A. Manning
408 Bank St
Lafayette, LA 70503

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(337-234-0926)

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

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402 Beverly Drive
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(601) 209-8321

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William R. Tynes
1910 Stuart Ave
Ocean Springs Ms
39564

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4-17-20
(DATE)

Amy DeKambre
163 Missy Oak Rd
Lucedale MS 39452

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Apr. 17, 2020
(DATE)

Diange Holloway
1955 Popps Ferry Rd
Biloxi MS 39532

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(DATE)

Perry Wilson
16 Red Oak Lane
Gulfport, MS 39503

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April 16, 2020
(DATE)

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12355 Larue Road
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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4-17-2020
(DATE)

Wesley Brantley
705 Live Oak Dr
Biloxi, MS
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april 17, 20
(DATE)

Debra A. Simpson
108 Live Oak Dr
Biloxi, MS. 39532

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4/17/20
(DATE)

Roger Poteet
7316 Old Hwy 49
McHenry, MS 39561

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Department of Marine Resources
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/16/20
(DATE)

Mallory Sayner
1948 Bayside Dr.
~~Long Be~~ Biloxi, MS 39532

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Red Snapper Endorsement Program

April 21, 2020

Sandy Chesnut

Background

- On March 31, 2020, the following Motion from the Gear Type Task Force Committee was presented to the Commission for their consideration:
- To recommend an endorsement be developed with the cost of $100 per licensed captain and a designated cut-off date of purchase to be February 1st.

- After some discussion on the matter, the Commission made the following motion:

- For legal staff to bring information regarding the Red Snapper endorsement program to the April CMR meeting.

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Legal Authority

- Pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 49-15-16
- The commission may develop a limited entry fisheries management program for all resource groups. The commission may require a license for each resource group and shall establish the fees for such licenses. The commission may establish a means test or any other criteria to determine eligibility for licenses under the limited entry program. The commission may impose a moratorium on the issuance of licenses for a fishery resource.

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Analysis of Legal Authority

- In order for the commission to set a fee for a license, endorsement, permit, etc. the program must qualify as a limited entry program.
- Otherwise, the authority to set fees for licenses rests with the legislature.

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What is a Limited Entry Program?

- Limited Entry is a general term used for any fishery management program that restricts a fisherman's access to open fisheries, or alternatively limits the catch allowed to be retained.
- One method of instituting a Limited Entry program is to limit the number of licenses in a particular fishery, usually based upon some qualifying criteria.
- Limited licensing consists of issuing licenses to the maximum number of people who can fish the waters without depleting the fishery.

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Does the endorsement program as proposed meet the definition of a limited entry program?

- In the scenario proposed, the limit on the number of licenses would not apply to a particular overall fishery, but it does apply to a subsection of the fishery, which is the catch for red snapper for the State For-hire (SFH) industry.
- The proposal calls for a $100 endorsement purchased by a certain date. However, it's not clear how this endorsement would limit the number of licenses since it's open to any SFH captain.
- The proposal to limit the endorsement to residents only without any additional qualifying criteria makes it problematic under the Commerce Clause and Privileges and Immunities Clause of the US Constitution.

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Conclusion

- As proposed, the Red Snapper endorsement program does not meet the requirements of a Limited Entry Program, which would allow the commission to set fees under the statute.

- However, with some modifications to the current proposal, it may.

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