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CMR member Ernie Zimmerman dies after long battle with cancer

BILOXI, Miss. – Ernie Zimmerman, a member of the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, died Thursday after a long battle with cancer.

Zimmerman had served on the CMR since November 2013 and represented nonprofit environmental organizations.

“The MDMR family was saddened to learn Commissioner Zimmerman lost his hard-fought battle with cancer,” MDMR Executive Director Jamie Miller said. “He was a passionate advocate for Mississippi marine resources and shared that passion with everyone around him.”

“Ernie was always willing to listen and vote for what he believed was best for Mississippi and its citizens.”

Zimmerman is a native of Waveland and graduated from St. Stanislaus High School and later attended Pearl River Community College. He served as a superintendent for Trinity Yachts in Gulfport and as production technician for Calgon Carbon in Bay St. Louis.

He was married to Kim Scafidi for 31 years and has two daughters, Rachael and Gabrielle.

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

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