COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES
COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, August 18, 2015
9:00 a.m.
Bolton State Building Auditorium
1341 Bayview Avenue
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

Commission Members:
Richard Gollott, Chairman
Shelby Drummond, Vice Chairman
Steve Bosarge
Ron Harmon
Ernie Zimmerman

Also Present:
Jamie W. Miller, Executive Director DMB
Sandy Chestnut, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

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COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: I call this meeting to order and welcome everyone to our August meeting.

First, I will ask Jamie to lead us in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next, we have approval of the minutes.

Do we have a motion to approve our minutes as written?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I make a motion to approve, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.

Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

Next, we have approval of the agenda.

Do we have any modifications?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I make a motion to accept the agenda.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.

Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER ROSARGE: So seconded.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

Next, is the Executive Director’s report.

JAMIE MILLER: Thank you, Chairman Gollott.

I’ve got a few items to report this morning.

First is Commissioner Zimmerman had requested that the agency follow up and do some outreach over vibrio and some of the concerns and treatments for vibrio for our fishermen and for the public. So we have taken a few steps.

First of all, I wanted to bring your attention to the website. On the front page of our website we now have a link that includes vibrio information; one is a flyer with information and one is a presentation.

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We have not sent the flyer out to our commercial fishermen yet, but we plan to do that this week, and it just goes through the list of awareness of vibrio, and, then, some of the treatments, if you have an open wound, or if you are susceptible to vibrio virus.

The next is a presentation from the Department of Health that was given in June from Dr. Byers that includes a lot of good information about vibrio itself and year-to-year cases that are brought to their attention.

There are two documents on the website, now. One of those documents will be mailed to all the fishermen this week.

As I told you last meeting, Dr. Lucas participated in a Chamber of Commerce event where she and Dr. Byers and Jay Grimes from the Gulf Coast Research Lab presented information and also took questions.

We have been a part of the discussion, and we will continue to do that and make information more available through our website.

The next item I would like to mention is we just completed and submitted our fiscal year 2017 budget.

Budgets were due to the Department of Finance and Administration at the end of July. We have completed that budget.

I have left a copy for each of you at the desk.
here. We also have hard copies available at the table at
the back of the room. If anyone is wishing to get a copy
of our budget and our strategic plan, you are welcome to
do that.

We also will make it available on the website.
There will be a link on the front page of the website. If
you want an electronic version of it, you can also get it
there.

Next, the Commission committed to move our
meetings around twice a year. We are in that time of
year.

For the September meeting, I’m recommending that
you all consider, before we adjourn today, that we move the
September meeting to Pascagoula to the Jackson County
Board of Supervisors meeting room. We had met there last
year about this time. I ask that you consider that today,
that we move the September meeting to Jackson County.

Then, the October meeting we would like to move
to Hancock County at the Hancock County Board of
Supervisors meeting room.

Before we adjourn today, I would like to ask
you all to take that up.

Finally, I’ve got an introduction. As you know,
we have two attorneys under contract with the Attorney
General’s office, Sandy Chestnut and Sean Morrison.

Patrol, Mr. Rusty Pittman.

RUSTY PITTMAN: Good morning Mr. Chairman,
Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.

You have the report in front of you. If you
want to, we will go through it. I know Fisheries has a
lengthy presentation today. We will kind of make this one
short.

One thing I do want to mention is that on our
JEA, Joint Enforcement Agreement Contract for the year
2014 and 2015, we completed it. All the paperwork was
turned in, and our new contract has started. It started
yesterday. We will go through the end of July of next
year with it.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Thank you, Rusty.

RUSTY PITTMAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next, we have Joe Jewell,
Marine Fisheries.

JOE JEWELL: Good morning Commissioners.

I would like to make the Commissioners aware,
first, of the quarterly awards program that we initiated,
in Marine Fisheries, a year ago in September. We
recognize Marine Fisheries employees that provide
exceptional service to the State of Mississippi and the
Marine Resources.

I would like to call attention to Mr. Jeff Grant
that was awarded the service award this last quarter for
April through June.

At the June Commission meeting, the Commission
directed the staff to provide public notice to all
commercial oyster fishermen for the upcoming August
implementation of the dredge weight change from a hundred
and forty-five to a hundred and fifteen.

I want to give the Commission notice that we did
provide a postcard to all those commercial fishermen, and
it was sent out in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish. That
was accomplished this past week. We did do that.

Then, I want to recognize the Wellness Committee
at the Department of Marine Resources and particularly Ms.
Jessica Rankin that headed up the Cookies for Cancer Cure
bake sale. All the money was donated to the American
Cancer Society. They raised just over four hundred and
seventy dollars. Over the past three years, they have
raised just over twelve hundred dollars for a good cause.

Finally, I want to update the Commission on the
current commercial quotas.

Red drum, the quota is fifty thousand. We are
at forty-five thousand and ten pounds, or about ninety
percent of the quota.

Spotted seatrout, the quota is fifty thousand.
We are at twenty-four thousand three hundred and thirty,
or right at forty-eight percent of the quota.

Flounder is seventy-four thousand, and we are at
seventeen thousand three hundred and sixteen pounds, or
right at twenty-three percent of the quota.

With that, I will introduce Mr. Matt Hill who
will be giving the final notice for the red drum.

MATT HILL: Good morning Commissioners, Director
Miller, Sandy.

I'm going to go through the amendment to Title
22 Part 7. This is dealing with the increase in the red
drum quota and the splitting of the seasons, as you had
voted on at the last Commission meeting.

The DMF did pass a Notice of Intent on July 20th
of 2015. It was officially filed with the Secretary of
State's office on July 22nd, 2015.

We gave public notice on our MEMR web page,
beginning July 23rd, as you can see (indicating slide).
We also ran notice in the Sun Herald as July
29th. Here's a copy of that (indicating slide).
The public comment period was open July 22nd
through August 12th, and, to date, no public comments have
been received on this proposed change.

I just want to refresh everybody on how this
would read, if the Commission so desires.

Chapter 09 Commercial Size, Possession and Catch

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Limits, Section 108.

"From and after October 1st, 2015, the annual TAC
for commercial landings of Red Drum will be set at sixty
thousand pounds. The TAC shall commence on January 1st and
end on December 31st of each year. The commercial TAC for
the fishing season shall be divided into three four-month
periods as follows:

"January 1st through April 30th, twenty thousand
pounds.

"May 1st through August 31st, twenty thousand
pounds.

"September 1st through December 31st, twenty
thousand pounds.

"In the event the commercial TAC is not met, or
exceeded, in any time period, the pounds shall be added to
the following time period."

What will be required, now, from the Commission
is a motion for final adoption, if they so desire to keep
these changes in Title 22 Part 7.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'll make the to proceed
with final adoption of Title 22 Part 7.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.

What about a second?

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: I will second the motion.

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Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercial landings of
Spotted Seatrout (Cynoscion nebulosus) will be set at
fifty thousand pounds. The 2015 commercial fishing season
for landing Spotted Seatrout shall commence on February 1,
2015, and end October 31, 2015, and each subsequent year
thereafter. The commercial TAC for the fishing season
shall be divided into two periods as follows:

"February 1st through May 31st, twenty-five
thousand pounds.

"June 1st through October 31st, twenty-five
thousand pounds.

"In the event the commercial TAC is not met, or
exceeded, in the first period, February 1st through May
31st, the pounds shall be added to, or subtracted from the
second time period, June 1st through October 31st."

Action required by the commission is a motion to
proceed with final adoption of the regulatory changes in
Title 22 Part 7.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do I have a motion?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes. I will make the motion to proceed to final adoption of Title 22 Part 7,
Spotted Seatrout Extension.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a second?

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I will second it.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a

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second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

JOE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

Next on the agenda for the Commission's consideration is Title 22 Part 38, modifying the language of the Marine Scientific Collection Permit. The presenter will be Mr. Jason Saucier.

JASON SAUCIER: Good morning Commissioners, Director Willer and Sandy.

This morning I am presenting a proposal to amend the language of Title 22 Part 18 which are those regulations pertaining to the special collection permits.

The MDMR was founded in 1994. At that point in time is when we developed a lot of our regulations. We did not have a Coastal Preserves Program, nor a Grand Bay NERR, and those regulations were particularly focused on collection of marine species.

We are currently managing approximately thirty-nine thousand acres, including the preserves and the NERR, and we need to have the ability, in the regulations, to monitor those research activities that take place on those wetlands and other lands that we manage. We have that statutory authority already, and we need to bring our regulations up to the same level.

Within this Title 22 Part 38, we do have four permits currently:

Chapter 4, Marine Scientific Collection Permit.

Chapter 5, Non-Profit Organization Harvesters Permit.

Chapter 6, Marine Brood Stock Collection Permit.

Chapter 7, Experimental Gear/Underutilized Species Permit.

I will now proceed into reading the proposed language. As you know, the Administrative Procedures Act requires that we read into the record any changes. All those underlined areas are proposed new language, and anything that has a strike through is proposed to be deleted.

Chapter 2 Section 106:

"It is the public policy of this state to favor the preservation of the natural state of the coastal wetlands and their ecosystems and to prevent the despoliation and destruction of them, pursuant to Mississippi Code 49-27-3."

Chapter 2 Section 107:

"The MDMR is vested with authority to adopt, modify, or repeal, rules or regulations to utilize, manage, conserve, preserve and protect the Flora, fauna, tidelands, coastal wetlands, coastal preserves, marine waters and any other matter pertaining to the marine resources under its jurisdiction, pursuant to Mississippi Code 49-15-304."

Moving on to Chapter 3 section 102, I'm not going to read everything. I will just focus on the areas where we are proposing changes.

We are proposing to remove marine organisms, and to broaden our authority to samples so that we do capture land-based activities:

"Possessing samples under the conditions of the permit."

Section 106:

"In the marine waters and state-managed areas under the territorial jurisdiction of the MDMR."

Moving down:

"All state-managed areas include those parcels acquired and managed by the MDMR's Coastal Preserves Program."

Section 107:

"The MDMR Marine Patrol Office, 228-523-4134, must be notified twenty-four hours in advance of the start of any research activity."

That language was changed to match the current protocol that we have for the Marine Patrol Office to be notified rather than fisheries, when any activities take place.

Moving on to Chapter 4, we are proposing a change to the title and it will read, "Chapter 4 MDMR Scientific Research Permit." Reason being we are trying to be able to monitor and permit activities outside of just collection activities, sample collections.

Section 100:

"For the purpose of this permit, scientific research is defined as any research, monitoring, restoration, or collection activity, having potential direct, or indirect, impact to state-managed natural resources. When making the initial request in writing for an MDMR Scientific Research Permit, the applicant must include the following information on a form provided by the MDMR:"

Moving down to Section 100.02:

"Names of all persons that will be conducting field research activities under the provisions of the specific permit."

Section 100.03, we are adding "vehicles or vessels" to capture land-based activities, and we are changing collection to "research activities" to broaden...
that base.

Section 100.04, we are excluding collection. So it will read:

"Including a schedule of activities, research methods, number and size of all gear to be used and frequency of activity by gear type."

Section 100.05:

"A map showing the geographical location of the research activities, with each location identified by coordinates."

That again is to capture land-based, not just marine-based activities.

Section 101:

"A complete written report of all research activities must be submitted to the MEMR within thirty days following the expiration of the permit."

We are proposing to change from ninety to thirty to expedite that process. They are currently required to give a summary report of previous activity, before we are allowed to issue a new permit. In the interest of saving time and trying to get folks their renewed permits every year, we would like to get them in a little bit quicker so we can that turnaround time down.

Section 102:

"None of the samples collected under the authority of the MEMR Scientific Research Permit are to be sold, bartered, traded, or consumed. Only applicants who can demonstrate a specific need for retaining samples as an integral part of the project will be authorized to retain samples."

Moving on to Chapter 5, at this point we are proposing some housecleaning items to fix some grammatical errors, update language, and make it consistent throughout the document.

"After review" will be omitted.

"Each application received will be reviewed by the Office of Marine Fisheries personnel and a recommendation will be made to the Executive Director, or his designee, as to the validity of the permit request and if it has sufficient merit for issuance."

Section 104, the last sentence will read:

"The Executive Director will determine the total number of oysters the permittee will be allowed to harvest, under the conditions of the permit."

Chapter 6 Section 100:

"When making the initial request in writing for a Marine Brood Stock Collection Permit, the applicant must include the following information on a form provided by the MEMR."

Those are just some language changes to correct it. That shows you the name of the permit. That's why we capitalized, and those grammatical errors will be fixed (indicating slide).

Section 101, we are capitalizing Marine Fisheries and, again, we are changing from ninety to thirty days.

Section 102, we are correcting Brood Stock as we did in Section 100.

Chapter 7 Section 101, we are capitalizing office so it will read:

"Submitted to the MEMR Office of Marine Fisheries within thirty days following the expiration date of the permit to include, but not limited to:"

What is required to move forward is a motion from the Commission to proceed with the Notice of Intent to amend Title 22 Part 18.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Let me ask you a question.

Why would you want to limit yourself to not being able to sell?

If you went out for Red Fish, or something, and you had a bunch of them, wouldn't it be good to sell it, instead it, instead of throwing it away?

Why would you want to limit yourself to not being able to sell what you collect?
Fail to do that on the other species, Speckled Trout, or Red Fish.

Is there any reason that we did it that way?

JASON SAUCIER: It is designated on a case-by-case permit.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: As needed?

JASON SAUCIER: As needed. If we do have a species that is not regulated in that way, we do actually spell it out as a condition of the permit.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We will need a second that motion.

COMMISSIONER HARMON: I'll second that motion, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(No one opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries. Thank you.

JDE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

Next on the agenda for your consideration is a modification and changes proposed to Title 22 Part 2, Title 22 Part 2 change to the ICW. That presentation will be given by Mr. Rick Burris.

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RICK BURRIS: Good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.

I promise this is going to be a little bit shorter than the last one.

This morning I want to bring, for your consideration, amendment to Title 22 part 2, Rules and Regulations for Shrimping in the State of Mississippi.

The focus here will be the definitions of the Intracoastal Waterway Boundary in the Western Mississippi Sound as it pertains to shrimping.

After comparing the language in the State Statute Mississippi, Code 49-15-64.1 and our Title 22 Part 2 regulations, we noticed a distinct difference between the two as they reference completely different channels.

You have this language in front of you. So I won't read it to you. However, I will show it to you on the map.

This is a map of the Western Mississippi Sound.

If you are familiar with it -- I'm sure you are -- the Intracoastal Waterway runs parallel with the shoreline, but, when it gets to just south of Long Beach, the two channels split off.

The statutory channel recognized by State Statute is in the red here, and, then, the channel recognized by Regulation Title 22 Part 2 is here to the south in the blue line (indicating map).

What we are wanting to do is keep the two languages consistent, and we recommend amending the language in Title 22 Part 2, amending this statutory boundary in Mississippi Code 49-15-64.1. As you are aware, the State statute has precedence over regulations. So this red line, the statutory boundary is the one that is being enforced because the statute does have precedence.

I will show it to you separately, with the State boundary in there. This is the regulatory line and this is the State boundary. Every year we close shrimping north of the Intracoastal Waterway on December 31st.

With this regulatory boundary, all these waters up here are closed, and this is the only area that they actually can work per regulations; this little silver right here, and, then, this area right here (indicating map).

With the statutory line, you can see they have a whole lot more room to work, when these waters are closed, roughly seventeen thousand acres. Like I said, this line is the one currently being enforced. So we are not changing anything enforcement wise (indicating map).

In summary, we are wanting to amend Title 22 Part 2 Chapter 4 Section 101 to reflect the language in Mississippi Code 49-15-64.1. This will provide consistency in the language, better enforcement, and, like I said, an additional seventeen thousand acres open to shrimping, when waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway close.

I will read the proposed amendment into the record to Title 22 Part 2 Chapter 04. It begins at Section 101. As your heard earlier, the struck-through lines are deleted and the underlined words will be added to the regulation.

I will start where we start making changes:

"For the purpose of this section only, the portion of the Intracoastal Waterway that extends from a point south of Long Beach to a point south of Point Clear is described as follows:"

The previous channel is struck through and it begins:

"Begin at Marianne Channel Lighted Buoy 1, located approximately three miles north of west Point on Cat Island, thence extending southwesterly to Light 4P, thence southwestely to Pass Marianne Wreck Light WRA, thence southwesterly to Light 15P at the northernmost point of Merrill Coquille, thence southwesterly to Light 17P, thence southwesterly to St. Joseph Island Light 22, thence westerly to Lighthouse Point and continuing..."
westward, following the meandering of the shoreline to the boundary line of the state."

What will be required to proceed with this is a motion to proceed with notice of intent to amend Title 22 Part 2.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Any questions?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I will make the motion. I appreciate what you are doing. That is going to help a lot.

I'll make the motion to proceed with notice of intent to amend Title 22 Part 2.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I second it.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

RICK BURRIS: Thank you.

JOE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

For your final consideration today, we have state fish records. Mr. Travis Williams will present those to you.

It's the first documented record we have on that species.

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: So you don't have an old record?

TRAVIS WILLIAMS: No, sir.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a motion?

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I was just wondering. what did he catch it on?

TRAVIS WILLIAMS: He actually, according to his application, caught it on hook and line. It was a rodeo submission, during the Fourth of July Deep Sea Rodeo.

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I'll make a motion, Mr. Chairman, that we accept these new records for the State of Mississippi.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.

How about a second?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I'll second the motion, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries. Thank you.

TRAVIS WILLIAMS: Good morning Chairman, Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.

This morning we have two new State Saltwater fishing records. They are both conventional tackle.

The first record is a Gray Snapper, Mangrove Snapper, Lutjanus griseus. The old record was fourteen pounds seven ounces. The new proposed record is fifteen pounds seven point seven nine ounces. The angler is Mr. John Bullock.

There is the Mangrove Snapper and there is Mr. Bullock with his Mangrove Snapper (indicating photographs).

The second record we have today is the Fat Sleeper, Dormitor maculatus. This is a new record for us. The weight is one point zero five eight ounces. The angler is Mr. Kerry Hester.

There is a photo of the Fat Sleeper and there is one Mr. Happy Hester with his Fat Sleeper (indicating photographs).

What is required, now, is a motion to adopt these new State records.

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: What is the old record?

TRAVIS WILLIAMS: For the Fat Sleeper?

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: Yes.

TRAVIS WILLIAMS: It's a new record for us.
I do want to point your attention to George Ramsey. George was one of the authors of an article published in the scientific journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* in which scientists designed a new onsite method for studying potential impacts that rising sea levels can have on vital wetlands. George was one of three, or four, authors on that article, and that article has gone quite a few places and received some national attention. We want to congratulate him on that.

We have participated in several events, since the last Commission meeting.

Seafood Marketing sponsored several chefs at the Natchez Food and Wine Festival, July 24th through the 26th, and they prepared dishes using wild-caught gulf seafood and which we promoted at that event.

We also were at the Great American Seafood Cook-off in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago. Ty Thames of Restaurant Tyler in Starkville represented us in this contest. He did not win, but he did very well. So we were happy with that.

The Grand Bay NERR has hosted several events, including the Gulf of Mexico Bird Monitoring meeting, a hands-on exhibit at Bellingrath Gardens for Kids Gulf Discovery Day, a meeting on the Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise, and a Gulf Regional Health Outreach

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Professional Teacher Workshop that was also sponsored by USM.

So far this month, the NERR has hosted a Wilderness First Aid Coastal Training workshop, as well as a workshop on Connecting Citizens to Scientists.

This Saturday, the NERR will hold an Adventure Quencher called “Owls of the Reserve” which will be held at night.

Our Marine Patrol has also been busy, since the last meeting. They have held four boat-and-water safety classes and sixty-eight students were certified.

Officers participated in several marine events, including the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, July 4th fireworks, a boat parade and the Carl Leggett Fishing Rodeo.

Marine Patrol conducted seven community outreach events that focused on safety and conservation.

Four officers participated in dive training, in July. They were Chris Collins, Daphne Moore, Jeff Langlinais, and Randy Peterson.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Thank you, Melissa.

MELISSA SCALLAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have any other business to come before the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to put a motion on the floor to move next month’s meeting, on September the 15th, to Jackson County at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I’ll second that motion.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

Next we have public comments. Does anyone have any public comments? (No response.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: With that, we have Shelby Drummond’s favorite part.

Do we have a motion to adjourn?

SANDY CRESTHUT: Excuse me. Just one moment.

Do you want to go ahead and move the October meeting as well?

Jamie had suggested to go to Hancock County in October.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I’ll make the motion that we move the October meeting to Hancock County at 10:00 a.m., instead of 9:00.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a second?
CERTIFICATE

I, Lucille Morgan, Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the August 18, 2015, meeting of the Commission on Marine Resources, as taken by me at the time and place heretofore stated in the aforementioned matter in shorthand, with electronic verification, and later reduced to typewritten form to the best of my skill and ability; and, further, that I am not a relative, employee, or agent, of any of the parties thereto, nor financially interested in the cause.

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