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Commission on Marine Resources

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

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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.
- This presentation will outline potential options and considerations for improvement to CFH reporting and potential language changes for pertinent sections of Title 22 Part 9.

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.

Current MRIP CFH Program Effort

- Mailout phone surveys to collect effort information

Pre-evaluation

Post-evaluation

Int id	Smp week	Val id	Val name	County	Pre date	Pre time	Pre stat	Site	Source
	25	2800040	SHEARWATER						
	25	2800165	DAILY CHARTERS						
	25	2800168	SOUTHERN BELLE						
	25	2800173	PRIMOFISH						
	25	2800175	GAFF-IN						
	25	2800177	LADY MARGOT						
	25	2800193	DOUBLE ACE						

Mississippi - For-Hire Fishing Telephone Survey

Sample week: 25 Eligibility: EL
(EL=Eligible, IN=Ineligible, NC=Noncooperative)

Number of Representatives Contacted for SHEARWATER, 634646 Boat Type: C
(C=Charter, H=Head)

***Total Recreational Saltwater FinFishing Trips with Paying Passengers**

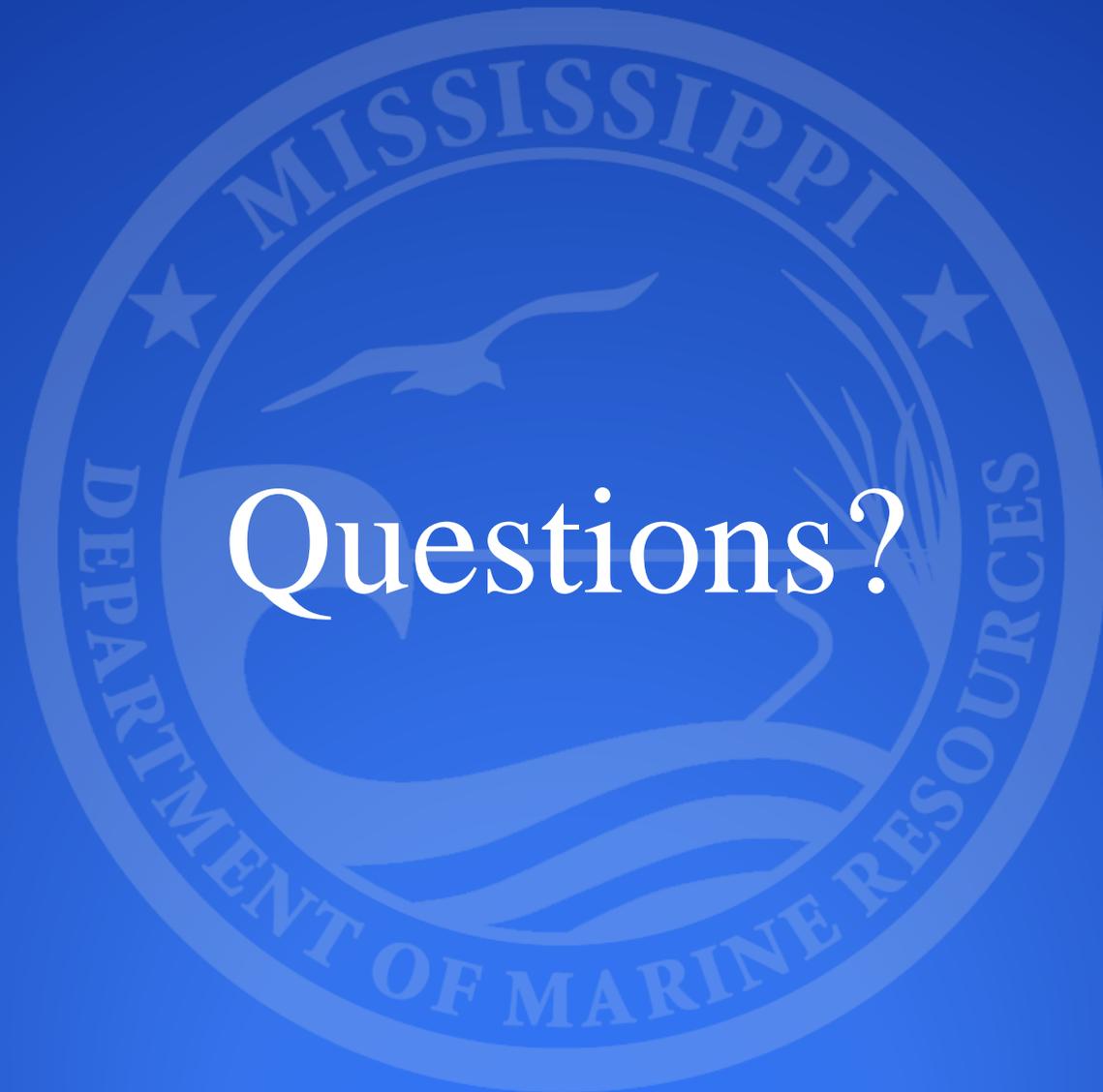
Date	Day of Week	* Trip No.	* Trip Type (Charter, Head, or Other)	* # of anglers	Origin of Trip		Access Site (see codes)	Target Species (see ITIS codes)	* Fish Area (see codes)	* Distance from shore	Time Trip Started (24hr)	Time Trip Ended (24hr)	Time Spent Fishing (nearest half-hr)	Multi-day Trip?
					* State	Country								
06/17/19	MON	1												
06/17/19	MON	2												
06/17/19	MON	3												

MRIP CFH 2019 Program Results

- Program requirement to survey 10% of the CFH vessels surveyed each week
- 312 pre-evaluations (site visits) for the CFH fleet
- 312 phone surveys to determine fishing effort, targeted species, and fishing locations
- 816 dockside surveys for the CFH fleet

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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Mississippi For-Hire Task Force Recommendations

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Background

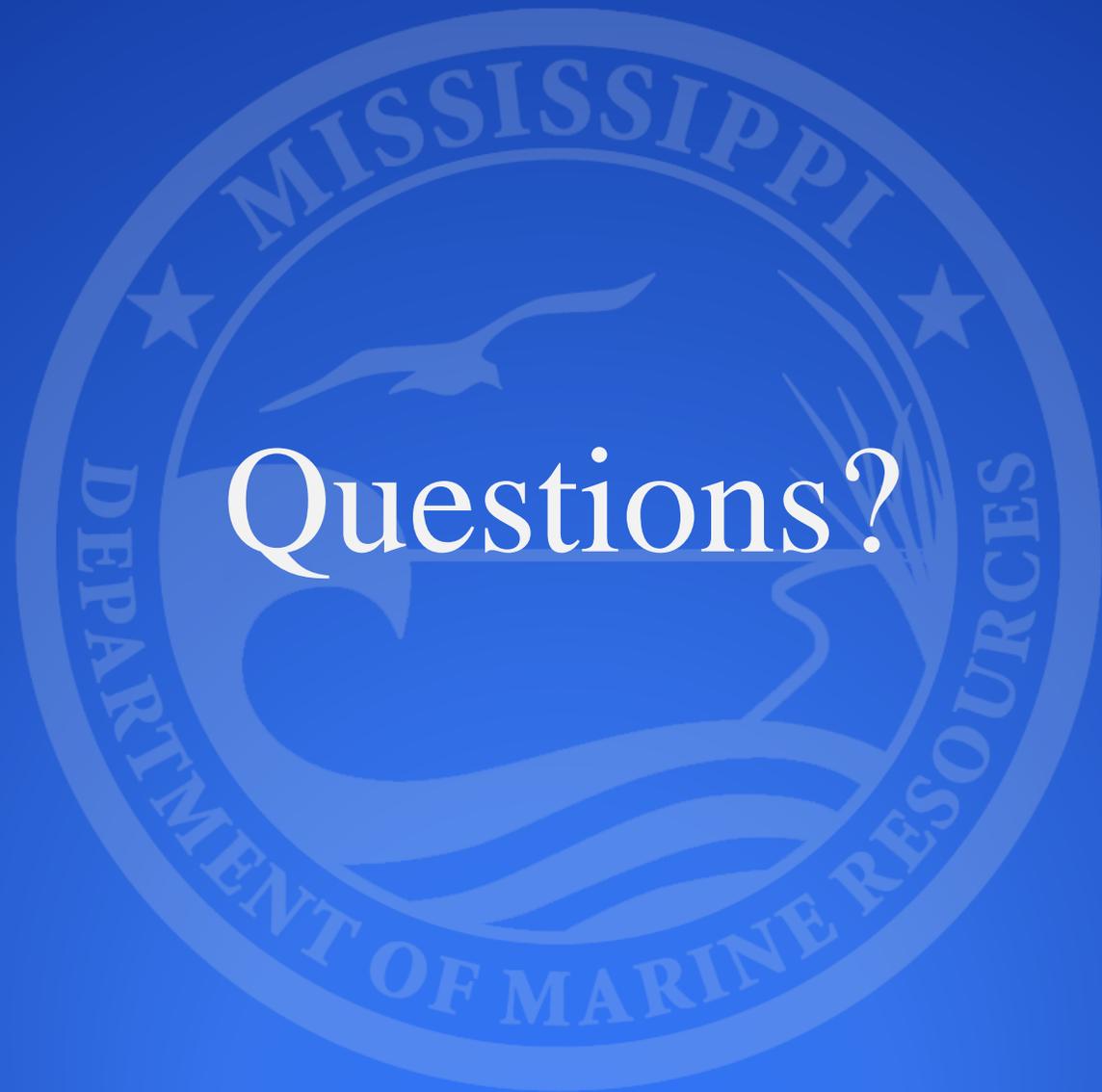
- The Mississippi For-hire Task Force met on March 5th to discuss the upcoming Red Snapper season, captain and crew limits, and future federal reporting requirements
- The meeting was centered around the management of the State Charter For-hire component for the 2020 Red Snapper season
 - Topics covered 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 meeting are available to the public 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 1 and 2 of the State Charter For-hire Red Snapper Season

- **Motion 1:** 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
- Discussion of this motion focused on the date of cutoff for purchase along with the necessity to define the universe of participating captains prior to 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 2:** To recommend an increase in the State For-hire quota by 50%. Season would be weekends only concurrent with the PR season.
- Discussion of this motion focused on the structure (weekdays vs weekends) and a reasonable amount to recommend for increase in quota. Does not require regulatory action.

Motion 3: Captain and Crew Bag Limits

- **Motion 3:** To move Red Snapper and Amberjack to disallow captain and crew from keeping their limit and to correct Spotted Seatrout placement.
- Discussion on this motion included how the regulatory change for Spotted Seatrout was misplaced and options for regulatory modification. To proceed requires regulatory action.



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2011 Bonnet Carre Disaster Grant Appropriation Update

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March 31, 2020

Background

At the February 18, 2020 CMR meeting the following motion was passed:

Motion 5: To authorize the MDMR to utilize 2011 Bonnet Carre Spillway funds not to exceed \$1,000,000 to distribute to oyster fishermen who qualify for the program as established by MDMR guidelines and approved by NOAA. Passed 5-0 – unanimous

This presentation will address metrics of the program that will be established by the MDMR for the distribution of these funds.

Goal of Payout Design

- Standardized approach
- Alleviate human input and potential biases
- Use historical catch data to inform proportional payback
- Balance fairness and simplicity

Payout Options for Consideration

- License-Based Payout
 - Total number of qualified license holders divided by total award
- Individual-Based Payout
 - Each individual is reimbursed based on their proportion of landings
- Binned Payout (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
 - Each “bin” is a representative range of values 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 more detailed information for each option

License Based Payout

- Pros

- Distributes funds equally across all license holders
- All qualified license holders receive the same payout

- Cons

- Does not take into account effort levels/catch history
- Anyone with a license receives payout even with no participation

Individual Based Payout

- Pros

- Award based on individuals effort/catch history within the fishery
- Distributes funds proportionally based on past harvest

- Cons

- Assumes the effort within qualifying years will be the same as the disaster year
- Base payout needed if individuals with no catch are to be awarded

Binned Payout (Base Plus)

- Pros

- Bins based on effort/catch history
- All individuals receive proportional payout based on activity
- Base payout provides compensation for those with no catch

- Cons

- Assumes that anglers fall within specific effort “categories” based on catch history
- Disproportionate effect in first bin
 - Fishermen landing 1 sack will be awarded the same as those who landed 1,500 sacks

Additional Options for Consideration

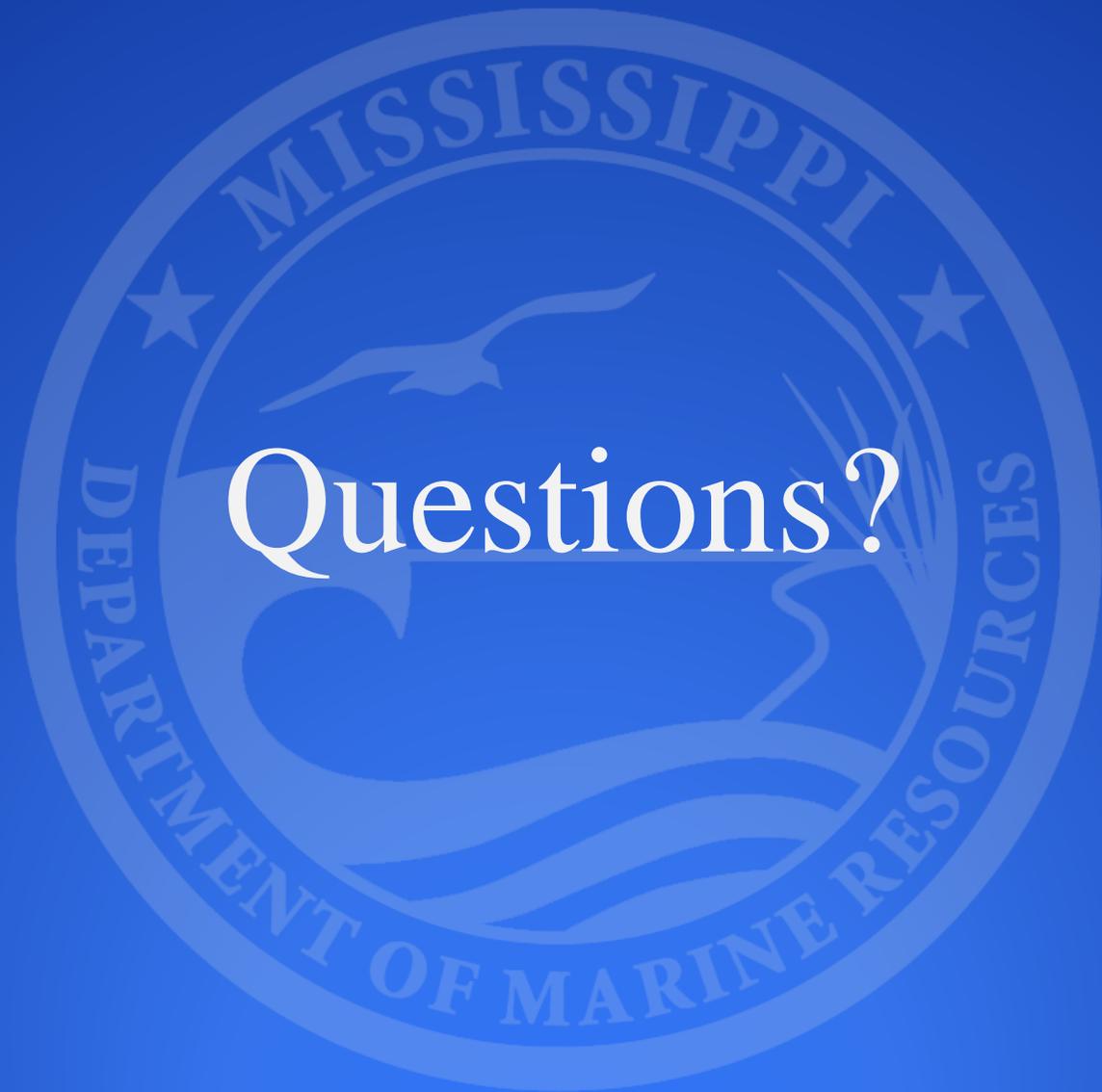
Oyster Job I.6

- Increase to approximately \$1,292,543 for eligible oyster fishermen
- Approximately 10% or \$129,254 would be allotted for the oyster processors

Crab Job II.6

- Approximately \$211,672 available for eligible crab fishermen
- Approximately 10% or \$21,167 would be allotted for the crab processors

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



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**MISSISSIPPI GEAR TYPE TASK FORCE
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Gear Type Task Force is a duly constituted assembly, created by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources to serve the Great State of Mississippi, Mississippi Code 49-15-25; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gear Type Task Force is comprised of representation by the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources, members from the commercial and recreational industries, federal fisheries representatives, University researchers and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gear Type Task Force was charged with establishing a definition for the Haul Seine gear type; and

WHEREAS, the Mississippi Gear Type Task Force adopted a definition for Haul Seines which the Mississippi Commission on Marine Resources approved and was subsequently amended into the Administrative Code – Title 22 Parts 5 and 8;

WHEREAS, the proposed HB 561 and SB 2720 are not based on the best science available and do not address a specific management need pertaining to sustainable fisheries, and

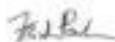
WHEREAS, the Gear Type Task Force recognizes the importance of the seafood as regulated by Mississippi Code 49-15-1; and

WHEREAS, the Gear Type Task Force recognizes the importance of the equitable distribution of these marine resources between all user groups as regulated by Mississippi Code 49-15-2 (b); and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Mississippi Gear Type Task Force, in a duly constituted and assembled meeting, that we appeal to Mississippi's esteemed and honorable elected officials for help in opposing HB 561 and SB 2720. These two legislative bills will unfairly and inequitably restrict the rights and equal access of the commercial fishing industry to the marine resources of the State of Mississippi.

DONE AND RESOLVED in this duly constituted and assembled meeting in the City of Biloxi, Mississippi, and on this 26th day of February, A.D. 2020.

MISSISSIPPI GEAR TYPE TASK FORCE



Frank Parker, Chairman



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State Saltwater Finfish Records

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All Tackle Division:
Spear

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All Tackle Saltwater Fishing Record

Red Hind

Epinephelus guttatus

New Record: 4 lb. 7.36 oz.

Angler: Harley J. Havard



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Required:

Motion to Adopt New State Record.



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