Commission on Marine Resources

April 21, 2020
Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
April 21, 2020
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
## Contracts and Procurements for April 2020

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Spotted Seatrout Endorsement (SST)

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020
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.
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.
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.
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.
Questions?
Mississippi
Department of Marine Resources
Agency Financial Results
as of March 31, 2020
Commission on Marine Resources
April 21, 2020
**Key Metrics:**

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

### Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2020

**As of March 31, 2020**

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### Financial Budget Comparison

**After nine months of Fiscal Year 2020:**

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

April 21, 2020
Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 11 Section 101
Charter For-hire Reporting Requirements

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020
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.
• **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.
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 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.
Questions?
Captain and Crew Limits for Spotted Seatrout, Red Snapper and Greater Amberjack

Matt Hill
April 21, 2020
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.
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.
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 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.

105 This Chapter shall renew automatically on an annual basis for a one-year period unless the Commission initiates a review of this section.
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.
Title 22 Part 7 Chapters 8 and 9: Regulatory Compliance for Cobia

Office of Marine Fisheries – Finfish Bureau
Trevor Moncrief
April 21, 2020
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.
Chapter 8 Recreational Bag, Possession and Size Limits

102

102.03 Cobia – thirty-three (33) thirty-six (36) inches (fork length).
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.
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.
Artificial Reef Program Update

Office of Marine Fisheries – Artificial Reef Bureau
Travis Williams
April 21, 2020
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.

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.
Artificial Reef Staging Site

Materials Donated
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.
NFWF and Ingalls Artificial Reef Project
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.
Questions?
Conventional Tackle
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*
Required:
Motion to Adopt New State Record.
State For-hire Red Snapper

Office of Marine Fisheries
Matt Hill
April 21, 2020
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.
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.
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.
Mississippi State Waters for Reef Fish
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.)
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.
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.
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 public 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.
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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.

Michael B. McDermott, Jr.
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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EXHIBIT "A"
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.)
COMMISSIONER HAVARD: So moves.

That brings us to the Executive Director's
report.

General Spraggins, what do you have for us
today?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Thank you.

Brian, are you on, Brian Sherwood?

BRADY SMITH: He is listening, but he is not on.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Brady, can you do this, then, if
Brian is not on?

Can you tell anyone out there, if they would
like to make public comment and they have not already sent
it to Crystal, how they could go online and do this?

Can you explain that to them at this time,
Brady?

BRADY SMITH: I'm going to connect Brian so he
can explain. Just one second.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.

Where is Brian?

I'm not seeing him.

BRADY SMITH: Brian is good for talking.

BRIAN SHERWOOD: Good morning.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Brian?

BRIAN SHERWOOD: Yes, sir.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Can you explain to everyone if
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.
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
person, and the reason for that, the Governor has issued
an order of basically distancing, and we didn't want to
have people standing all out in line and doing things
outside.

Sandy, I am going to turn it over to you and let
you tell them now what the regulation is and why we did
what we are doing.

SANDY CHESNUT: The statute provides that those
commercial licenses expire April 30th of each year. The
agency typically starts selling the licenses April 1st of
each year, but, because of the executive order and mandate
on social distancing, we made the decision to suspend the
in-person license sales until the 17th of April because
that is the date that the executive order goes through.

If the Governor issues a subsequent executive
order, we will revisit that and let the public know how we
are going to deal with it.

At this time, we won't be selling in-person
commercial licenses until April 17th. They can still apply
by mail, but they can't be coming up here in person
because we want to comply with the executive order.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, what we may do if
the Governor -- which I anticipate, but I don't want to
speak for him -- extends this distancing the same as the
President of the United States did to the 30th of the
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
stopped as far as testing.

Is that correct, Joe?

And I think we delayed the testing in the
Fisheries part of it, as far as with USM, until later in
the month.

Is that correct?

JOE JEWELL: That is correct.

I do want to point out that two other Gulf
states have also stopped their MRIP surveys and one is
considering it right now. So we are in line with the rest
of the Gulf.

JOE SPRAGGINS: We are checking with every
Federal agency to make sure that they are okay with doing
what we are doing and so far, other than National Park
Service and I still haven't heard back from NFWF, but we
are waiting on it to be able to find out if we do have to
put people on administrative leave, if they will allow us
to continue paying off of that and, if not, then, we will
check with the Governor and see if we can use other funds
that we have in the state to be able to do it. We are
also waiting on an answer from the state as far as
Tidelands.

As we are doing now, everyone is working. We
have some type of work for them to do. Whether it is at
home, or whether it is in the field, we have something for
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
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
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.
That brings us along to Commissioners Report.
Do any Commissioners have anything they would
like to speak about?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I don't have anything.
COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I don't have anything
either, Mark.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sorry. I had to unmute.

No. I'm good.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Well, that brings us on to
Office of Marine Fisheries, Mr. Joe Jewell.

Tell us something good, Joe.

JOE JEWELL: Good morning, Commissioners. It is
good to see all of y'all, even though it is from a
distance.

We have five items on the agenda for y'all's
consideration.

First up is the Charter For-Hire Reporting
requirements that we have been addressing over the last
two, or three, months.

Giving that presentation will be Mr. Matt Hill.

MATT HILL: I've got Trevor here with me. He
will try to help me with this technology, but we will try
to get through this.

A little bit of background.
BRADY SMITH: Matt and Trevor, you have control of the power equipment.

MATT HILL: A little background. At the November 2019 CMR meeting, the following motions were passed regarding a Charter For-Hire Reporting Program:

Motion eleven of the meeting was to forego moving forward with this particular project, and motion thirteen of the meeting was for staff to come back at the next meeting with language that requires reporting pursuant to Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 11, Paragraph 101, and I will read that here in the next few slides.

Then, at the December 2019 meeting, the following motion was passed regarding the Charter For-Hire Program:

Motion ten of the meeting was for staff to review pertinent sections of Title 22, Part 9, and bring back updated language and options to improve the reporting system within ninety days.

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

It is going to delay. It is taking a minute. The current regulation in Title 22, Part 9, Chapter 11 reads:
“Section 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” --

We left his off to save some space. This refers to all the Tails n’ Scales reporting for Red Snapper.

Here is what the effort portion of the current survey looks like which we administer it, but it is through the MRIP Program. It is a mailout survey to collect the effort information.

The pre-evaluation is the sheet on the left hand side. Ten percent of the fleet is randomly drawn, and we physically have a technician that goes down to the harbors three days a week with the date, the time, the site, the source where we got their information and the status of that vessel. He is in. He is out fishing. He is out. We don’t know here he is.
Basically, we are seeing what they are doing for the week with our own eyes, before we send the post-evaluation on the right-hand side.

This is more for validation of whether the data is correct, or not, but these are the two forms that we currently use. The one on the right-hand side is sent through the mail. The charter captain has the ability to either fax it back to us, or we call him on the phone and we will get the information from him.

Most of them have begun faxing these to us. It is actually a pretty efficient process.

For the harvest portion of it, we do not collect that through the mailout survey. We do that through our dockside intercept surveys, and here is the portion of the forms that we use. The site is there. Where they left from. The target species. Angler participation. Several things that we would ask any recreational anglers off of a pier, or the private recreational anglers coming, we ask the same of the anglers coming off of the for-hire vessels.

That is a draw. It is given to us through Gulf States each month, and we go to our assigned sites and we do the charter surveys.

Here are some results from 2019 just to give you an idea about how many of these that we do accomplish.
The requirement is to survey ten percent of the charter for-hire vessels, and this is for the effort survey.

In that portion of the survey, we did three hundred and twelve pre-evaluations, and that is where a technician goes down to the site and validates whether the vessel is there, or not.

We completed three hundred and twelve phone surveys to determine fishing effort, targeted species and fishing locations. Like I said before, this portion does not cover the harvest.

We completed eight hundred and sixteen dockside surveys for the charter for-hire fleet to incorporate the harvest information and where these people come from.

Here are some of the options for the program to continue, or to be modified.

Our current approach is through MRIP.

The program is currently not mandatory per NOAA. They do not have to participate in it.

It is just like when we interview a private recreational angler, they have the ability to turn us down. So it is not mandatory.

If we continue to use this approach, we would need to adjust the language to fit the program that we were using.
It would need to read:

"Charter Boat and Head Boat captains operating in Mississippi waters may complete questionnaires furnished by the MDMR" -- and it is not going to be for each trip, as I said. We will strike that out because it is a random draw of ten percent each week -- "and 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" -- and that is the Tails n' Scales reporting which is our reporting program which is mandatory through regulation. So there will not be any changes that will need to be made, so we would continue to comply with the regulations.

The next option is to establish a Charter For-Hire Reporting component within the Gulf States Program. Currently this action will be implemented January 1st, 2021. A little bit of explanation on this.

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Currently we are swapping the commercial trip ticket program over to a new program which is called Vessel. Vessel is not an acronym. It does not stand for anything. It is just a clever name they came up with.

It is all electronic reporting. The dealers will be able to report electronically. They will have their own user name and password. It will be very similar to the Tails n’ Scales reporting where they can see the information that they are entering.

Also, currently we are adding the oyster aquaculture fishermen to that. They requested that to make it easier on them.

The live bait operators have also requested it. While we are doing it, we have explored the options of going ahead and adding a platform to the charter for-hire captains to begin reporting electronically.

There is currently no regulation for that, or how that would work, but while we have the funds available and we have the contractor available, that is the current preference of the staff is to continue with this to at least developing the platform similar to how we did with Tails n’ Scales. We develop the platform, and, then, the Commission put regulations in place to make it mandatory.

Now, there will be a lot of things to work out
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
new that came along and we saw a need. Erik may can
elaborate a little bit more on that.

They came to us and we have added, or began
adding the oyster aquaculture program to reporting into
that and the live bait dealers.

We said what are some of our options in here?

South Carolina is currently going through a
similar platform. We are kind of perusing through that
and seeing what is good and bad about it.

Basically what it would be is the current
surveys swapped over to electronic reporting, and, then,
whatever regulations would accompany that.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Over the past I don’t
know how many months we have been talking about this now.
It has been said repeatedly and now once again, there are
other programs already in the works that we are waiting to
be implemented.

I don’t see a need to make any changes right
now, whenever we already have other programs being built
that we will have the ability to implement in the future.

Isn’t that what I am understand from what y’all
are doing here?

MATT HILL: Yes. We kind of saw the writing on
the wall several months back, with the Seafire Program
that NOAA is trying initiate. They are having a lot of
difficulties with it right now and it was my opinion --
and this came up at the last Gulf States meeting. Joe was
there. A few other people were there. They may want to
chime in on this, but they had a lengthy discussion on
when that program is initiated, that program is mandatory
for all federally-permitted vessels. They will have the
VMS system on there and other requirements.

The question raised is once that program comes
online, is there going to be any funding left for state
for-hire guys to continue to report through MRIP, and the
answer was more than likely not.

We are developing this program to take care of
our federally-permitted vessels. So once that program, if
it goes into effect, we would be stuck with nothing for
the state guys to be able to report to.

Now, once they begin reporting to that system,
they would not be required, in my mind, to report to the
system that we are building with vessel right now, but it
would give the ability for the state guys to continue to
do some type of reporting, whether we would continue with
the ten percent random draw, or the dockside surveys, or
however we want to do it with the validation.

It is just allowing us to continue to build the
platform so that once they swap over to the Seafire
Program, we don't leave the rest of these vessels out in
the cold, if we need to continue with the effort and harvest surveys form.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: But you said it is allowing you to continue building this program.

Isn't that actively going on now?

MATT HILL: Yes. We haven't started actually building it. We are definitely -- like I said, we are concluding finishing up with the oyster aquaculture which was the most important thing that we needed to add, and, then, we are going to move on to the live bait, and, then, after that, we will begin to start to develop and work with Andrew and Bluefin on the charter for-hire.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: But there is nothing that you need from us here today for you to be able to continue doing what you are doing.

Correct?

MATT HILL: No. We will continue on as we are.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: So, in that case, it seems to me like we should leave things the way they are until y'all get your system built, and we are looking at that January 2021 time frame and we can revisit it then.

Did I make everybody get quiet?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I agree with you, Ronnie.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: If it is all right, I would like to make a motion that we just change the
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?
In option one there, it said that there needed to be a language change in what we are currently doing.

JOE JEWELL: Yes. That is what I was referring to which would mean sort of status quo that we are continuing on with the ten percent survey that we are normally doing and as indicated, if we continued on with that, it would require a regulatory change, and I was just asking for clarification.

Hold on a second. I will pull that up.

That would be slide seven where Matt has identified certain language that would have to be struck through and deleted from the current regulation for us to continue on with our current program, and I was asking for clarification on that. Yes, that is the slide right there.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Guys, I keep getting kicked off.

Do you hear me, now?

JOE JEWELL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'm sorry. There is a lot going on there and I'm getting bits and pieces of it, but I'm trying to work with it as best I can.

I'm with Matt on trying to build a system for the future that would try to capture some of the catch and
I mean, right now we are capturing effort, I believe, if I’m correct, Matt, but we are not actually capturing any of the species that are being caught and/or discarded, other than maybe those post-evaluations.

Is that correct?

MATT HILL: In the effort survey, we are capturing obviously the effort and target species, the length of the trip, how many anglers participated in that trip, and, then, we combine that with the dockside intercept. It’s not the post-evaluations, but the actual dockside surveys where we send a surveyor down there to the assigned site and we possibly we will get between twenty-five and thirty surveys each time we go down there.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: And my concern, like it has always been, is for these guys to have that information for the future.

I know I’ve seen it on my end of the industry and not just in the State of Mississippi, but in different states and...

MATT HILL: Did we lose Steve again?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sounds like we lost him. Matt, just one thing to clarify right now. Isn't effort what you need, as opposed to catch data?
MATT HILL: Currently right now we rely heavily on the effort portion of the survey. Even if we instituted some type of newer electronic reporting, we would still have to go down -- we would still have to implement dockside surveys similar to what we do with Tails n' Scales to validate any type of data there, and that is where we continue to get our harvest data. We would continue to still get our length metrics, our weight metrics.

Obviously, that would not be any kind of census data. Basically we would be adding census effort data to survey harvest data. I don't see that changing. We don't have the staff to do that from state line to state line to capture all that and be able to validate it, and it would be very similar to me.

We are not talking about getting codes, or anything like that, but it would be very similar to me on how we come up with the harvest information for Tails n' Scales.

We have effort data and census data that is being reported on how many they caught and discarded, but we still have to go down to the docks and get the biological data to be combined to come up with these numbers.

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.
JOE JEWELL: Sandy, I want to ask this question. Ronnie, while you made that point, the motion that is on the floor right now, the motion is to delay implementation of a program until January 1st, 2021, then, that would, by default, require a regulatory change.

Is that correct?

SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.

JOE JEWELL: I just wanted to make that point clear, as they proceed with the motion.

SANDY CHESNUT: If you are not doing the questionnaires for each trip, that needs to be stricken from the regulation.

JOE JEWELL: That's correct, and that is what Matt has identified in option one.

SANDY CHESNUT: Right.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: In my motion, I said go ahead and adjust the language in option one there as well.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay, Ronnie, I'm not sure who all is on.

Mark, have you been able to come on audio?

Mark is not able to come on audio.

Ronnie, we may not be able to do anything. We only have two people right now.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I've got it buddy. Take cover. Y'all be safe. Thank you.
That was Commissioner Havard that just called me on the phone. They've got a tornado headed straight at them at seventeen miles an hour. They are having to take shelter.

Joe, it looks like we have lost Steve as well. I don't know that we can vote on anything with two Commissioners.

BRADY SMITH: I looks like Commissioner Bosarge just dropped back in.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Steve, are you back on?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir, Mr. Joe, just temporarily here. This whole issue, there is a lot of conversation that needs to be had that we are not being able to have here.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Why don't we just table this until the April 21st meeting?

Can we do that?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Sure. That is fine with me.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir, that is fine with me, Mr. Joe.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Natalie, is that okay with you?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: That sounds good.

MATT HILL: This is Matt. I would like 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.
In your motion to table, you can motion to table and to continue on with our current reporting program until the Commission takes it back up.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: We are going to make a motion to table this until the April meeting.

I apologize for that. This is Mark again. We are going to able the current one until next month. Thank you.

For some reason, he is getting through to me and not y'all.

I apologize for the interruption.

I make a motion to table this until the April meeting without any changes to how we are currently operating, or implementing, this program.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I will second your motion.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: All in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

The motion passes.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie, the next thing is Mississippi For-Hire Task Force.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I am waiting for the slide to change there.
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 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 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
Mr. Mark and I will unmute his mike. Hold on one second.

JOE SPRAGGS: Ronnie, the first person that I have on the list is Mark Wright.

BRADY SMITH: Yes, sir. I am going to identify Mr. Wright, can he be unmuted?

JOE SPRAGGS: Yes, sir.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I just want to make clear that these are recommendations that are coming from the Charter For-Hire Task Force. It is not a recommendation by the MMR. It is coming from the task force, and I also want to point out that the official quota for the State of Mississippi has not been assigned yet. That may have an impact on any decision you all might make. I just wanted to point that out.

JOE JEWELL: I would like to hear the public comments before I bring up any discussion on it.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: We do have public comments.

JOE SPRAGGS: I have public comments on this.
JOE SPRAGGINS: If Mr. Mark Wright is not on there, then, the next one is Mr. Bryan Cuevas.

BRADY SMITH: I've got Bryan Cuevas.

BRYAN CUEVAS: Good morning, guys.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Good morning.

BRYAN CUEVAS: How are you guys?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir, Bryan. Good morning. We are ready for your public comment on this.

BRYAN CUEVAS: Well, I think there has been a lot of discussion about it, and the State For-Hire Task Force is individuals that represent the fleet. Everyone has a different opinion on this.

I agree that -- I think we all agree we need a little bit more quota. We need a little bit more time. We need to balance this in a fair and just way where we could fish this season, we could earn a living, we can bring more fishermen to the Coast.

Let's face it. Red Snapper is one of the most desired fish in the Gulf and that is what people want to catch.

We can now provide that to them, as a state for-hire fleet, and I would think and hope that the Commission would look at giving us a fair and just quota, or time frame.

I think that we need a time frame because we
know then when we start and we know when we stop.

Quotas are a little iffy. It makes it hard to
book trips late in the year, or later toward the tail end
of the quota.

Matt has done a great job in the past by giving
us a buffer, or letting us know it looks like you've got a
few days left, but the general public is not going to be
aware of that.

The way we market, advertise and the way we
books trips, some of us book far out. I might book trips
more than sixty days out.

It is just hard right now, and I know that we
are basically recreational fishermen and we are providing
that recreational service. I know there were some things
done in the past that separated us into a separate sector.
It is just done. It has been done. We are here now and I
think we want to move forward and go forward.

I have spoken to a lot of guys and for the most
part a lot of people would like to be placed back in the
box in the recreational sector because we are a
recreational boat after all taking recreational fishermen.

I'm open for options.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Is that all you have
there, Bryan, or did we lose him?

BRYAN CUEVAS: Yes. It is cutting in and out a
little bit on my end here. Sometimes my wifi is not super
great, and I'm on my tablet and it is wifi only, but I did
hear you a little bit there, Ronnie.

I would like to ask the Commission to look into
possibly putting us in the recreational quota, if that is
possible. I think that is where we should be. I think
that is where we belong.

We fish recreational quota on every fish in the
Gulf, every fish in the Sound, every fish in the river and
the bay.

Why exclude one species?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: All right, Mr. Cuevas.
We appreciate your time today talking with us. The time
is up. I am sure everybody will take your comments into
consideration.

BRYAN CUEVAS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, you said we've got a
couple of public comments on this issue?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, we do.
The next one is Mr. Mike Freeman.
Do we have him, Brady?

BRADY SMITH: We are checking, now.
Mr. Mike Freeman, your mike is on.
MIKE FREEMAN: Good morning, Gentlemen.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Good morning.
How are you today?

MIKE FREEMAN: Doing well.

I will go ahead and get to it. I know I'm on a clock. I can't see the clock. So, Mr. Ronnie, if I get down to, like, thirty seconds just give me a heads up. I don't have any idea where my time is.

Is that okay?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: It will cut you off probably.

MIKE FREEMAN: My name is Mike Freeman and I'm an operator of Boat Trash Charters and the owner and I'm a third generation fishing guide here on the Mississippi Gulf Coast, and I would like to comment for the record about this snapper situation and the state allocation.

I really, really believe that it is the right thing to do to put state for-hire back into the recreational quota. I am going to try to layout my argument as logically as I can.

State guides are recreational fishermen. There is no other fishery in Mississippi where state for-hire guides are separated from the recreational limits, or recreational quotas.

We have had issues with this already and I am not trying to call you out, Mr. Hill, but you have stated publicly at a task force meeting that separation was kind
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
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
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
would be calling.

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

JOE SPRAGGINS: Do you see a 6-0-1 number?

BRADY SMITH: No, sir.

JOE SPRAGGINS: All right. The other one, then, is Mr. Mark McDonald.

BRADY SMITH: I don't have a Mark McDonald either.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Okay.

The next one is Mr. Barry Deshamp.

BRADY SMITH: Barry Deshamp, your mike is live.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: His TV sounds good.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, he's got good TV coverage. I don't know if he is hearing us, or not.

BRADY SMITH: Barry, can you hear us?

(No response.)

JOE SPRAGGINS: We will have to do like Paul Finebaum. Move on.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Yes, sir.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Real quick, could you check Mark Wright again and see if he is on?

BRADY SMITH: Mark Wright?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes. He was on earlier. I know 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
late April, but it has been as late as the first, or second, week of May. Right around that late April, or early May, time frame.

   JOE SPRAGGINS: This is Joe Spraggins. I was talking with Paul. We had talked to Roy and, Paul, did you not say that the council had said right now to use what we had last year, and, then, go with that and just try to use it as a baseline because we don’t know the answer yet?

   PAUL MICKLE: Sure. They released the federal fore-hire season and it was exactly the same amount of days as year two of the EFP which is last year.

   When I approached Dr. Crabtree at Gulf States’ meeting, I asked about the allocations, if they were going to be bumped up, or down, and he said that he is ninety-nine percent sure they would stay exactly the same.

   So we should expect the allocation that we received in 2019 which I don’t have it in front of me for the private sector, but I think it’s a hundred and fifty-one thousand and change which would be the same from him orally telling me that verbally.

   I think we can assume with some fairly strong confidence that the poundage will be within a percent, or two, of the last year’s allocation.

   He did mention other states that had overfished
their ACT in 2019 would have to go through paybacks. I will make it clear that Mississippi did not go through that. So we would not have a payback to endure like a couple of other states would.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Dr. Mickle, we get such a small portion of the allotted quota.

Is there any hope in the future, or anything we can do, to try to increase our quota in the future?

PAUL MICKLE: Sure. The federal process is divvying up the quota a hundred percent. Currently right now we have three point five five percent of the total recreational allocated quota which changes from year to year depending on the biomass that is measured out there.

Red Snapper is currently in a rebuilding plan. Over the last few years we have seen small bumps go up for each state because the percentage has been agreed upon by Amendment 50, but, during the rebuilding plan, we can expect a couple of bumps each year to go up until the rebuilding plan is complete. That is how the stock assessments work.

Now, allocations can be changed. Anyone on Gulf Council representing a state, or a sector, can bring it up and make a motion to reevaluate the allocations for each state under Amendment 50.

It can be done at any amount of time, but I
don't want to make it sound like it is an easy thing. It is a very aggressive process. It took us virtually five and a half, almost six years to get to Amendment 50.

We had Amendment 39 which made it to final vote, and, then, failed all because of allocation.

It is not a pretty process, but it can be brought up and started at any time. An allocation is just a formation of policy at the Gulf Council level.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Mark, I sit on the council also and we have sat down as executive directors and talked this through, through the five states, and I can tell you we went through a lot of different renditions on what to do. Of course, every state wants more, and it doesn't matter what state it is.

I can say the number of days that we have had over the last couple of years have been pretty good compared to most of the states and we have not overfished our hundred and forty-something thousand the year before.

I think we have done very good with managing it, but we are always asking them if nothing else a small percent, but if gave us one more percent, you are not talking that many more pounds of fish.

Now, Texas only gets, like, six percent.

Isn't the right, Paul?

PAUL MICKLE: No. They get less than that.
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.
If we want to maintain a strong fishery that helps the state from the top to the bottom, we need to really pay attention to our reefs and make sure that we have adequate reefs out there for these fish to stay close to and to hold them.

JOE JEWELL: Sure. I understand that.

In light of your comments, I want to add a couple of additional statements for clarification.

We do have a pretty active program that is under the jurisdiction of Travis Williams. Travis is very proactive in working with the cities and counties here on the Coast in acquiring new materials. Our staging site is at maximum capacity right now waiting for deployment.

The main reason why we are waiting on deployment is our federal reef permits. Those have been held up by the feds' concerns they with the Endangered Species Act and our compliance with that act.

We are in the process of trying to mitigate that and address some of the concerns with those. Once those issues have been addressed, we do plan on continuing with our reef deployments.

The siltation of the reefs that you described, the strongest impact is on our low-profile reefs, the smaller materials that are deployed.

Our large-structure materials like the Rigs-to-
Reef Program and large vessels that are deployed, siltation and submersion has minimal impacts on those.

Our program is pretty proactive in addressing specific issues about reef loss, but our main hindrance right now is approval of the federal permits to deploy. I hope that clarifies some of the issue.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Havard, how about we sit down maybe between now and the next meeting which we have and we get you some information and send it to you on what we are doing to be able to maintain any of our reefs?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I would appreciate that, and what brought that to my attention was we went out in Pascagoula this weekend and I know that we have access to a large sinking dock, if you will, that Ingalls has so greatly given us the opportunity to use as reef structure. It has been moved, and I just don't want it to -- I don't want us to sit on our hands and miss that opportunity to get such a great structure for our reefs out there.

JOE SPRAGGINS: We are working hard to be able to get any of those and that is part of that FS13, and I know that they are very close.

Paul, do you have the update on it?

PAUL MICKLE: On the Ingalls reefs?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes.
PAUL MICKLE: Currently, Ingalls is searching for a contract. I think they have their RFP out for the demolition, or breaking down the drydock.

Then, from an agency perspective, we have acquired the funding agreement from NFWF, we have acquired the permit from the Corps, the federal permit and that provides the money to acquire the permits for deployment, and we have acquired the contracts for the barges to deploy the material.

Once demolition occurs, it will actually happen very quickly and deployment will go, I guess, within a two-week period I think the contractor had mentioned.

So there is strong indication that this will be completed literally mid summer, I think, is what the last meeting we met with Ingalls and the contractor for deployment was for the fruition of the current contracts.

All the very difficult hurdles have been crossed, as far as funding and permitting, and we are excited to see the benefits of it once material starts hitting the water out there.

It is not a small amount of material, Commissioners. It is a massive structure.

When you think about the amount of material that has gone out in the past compared to what is going out now, it is truly sizeable of things we used to do and we
are currently doing.

It is worth mentioning and identifying it in a category of a very large deployment.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Very good. Thank you, Dr. Mickle.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: That is great news, but back to the point which is our state for-hire charter industry, and Mark brought up a good point in what he was talking about in what we lose to Alabama and Louisiana in tourism dollars alone. We are obviously all in very uncertain times right now. We don’t know if and when this year our tourism will come back.

I think it would be a great advantage to our state to have that offered to our state for our charter industry to be able to book these Red Snapper trips and retain some of these people that are going over to Alabama, or Louisiana.

At thirty-three hundred pounds, I think that is the one thing everybody has agreed on is we are severely undervaluing the impact that our state charter for-hire industry can have here and we are limiting them. We are tying their hands. I think we have got to get them an increase.

I know there was a recommendation of fifty percent that came out of the Charter For-Hire Task Force.
and that is great.

In talking with a lot of people since then, it just really doesn’t seem like enough to me.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie, I’m not sure that it is ever going to be enough for anybody.

It is just like they talked about the quotas with each state. Every state wants a little more and that is just the American way.

I’m with you guys. I think that it is hard to book charters. It is hard to maintain a viable business, with such a small quota.

At this time, I think we ought to hear your motion, Ronnie, whatever that poundage increase might be.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I think something that would be fair without encroaching too much on the recreational sector. There has been a lot of talk about just open access back into the recreational quota, and I don’t think that is the right thing at this time, but we have got to give these guys a fair shake at it.

Even if we doubled, or did a hundred percent increase, that would put us at sixty-six hundred pounds.

We are talking about a very small percentage of the overall quota. We are talking about a minimal amount of time, coming off of the recreational days.

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.
Thank you guys.

That brings us on to our next point.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Chairman, if we could address the Red Snapper endorsement that we have talked about doing?

If you don’t mind, I will just say little bit on this.

This would be an endorsement that would have to be purchased in addition to their license at the beginning of each year, and the value of this endorsement is it will give Matt the ability to know exactly what the participation is going to be in the upcoming year and it guarantees that we have a set field of participants, not simply a lot of people jumping in and out of this fishery and making it harder to manage and predict based on a pretty day.

These guys are basically going to have to state at the beginning of the year that they are, or are not, going to participate in the Red Snapper fishery, and I don’t believe I have talked to one person yet that has been opposed to this.

Anybody else?

JOE JEWELL: I just wanted to point out, Ronnie, your statement that the endorsements start at the beginning of each year.
The task force had recommended -- and, Matt, you might want to chime in on this -- that that be completed no later than February of each year. That would give staff enough time to accumulate those for the purchase of them.

Is that not correct, Matt?

MATT HILL: They asked me what the drop-dead date, or month, would be, and I want to say I told them April, and, then, we started backtracking a little bit so we could get a little more consistent, but we said somewhere in the end of February, or possibly mid March range, would give us an idea and we could get out some pretty accurate projections. Obviously that can't happen this year. We would just have to kind of wing it and do what we could do, but from here on out, I think no later than mid March would be fair.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner Daniels, I think we need to let Sandy speak on this. She has some issues.

SANDY CHESNUT: In order for the Commission to establish a fee, it has to be a limited-entry management program and I'm not sure this qualifies as a limited-entry management program. We might need to look at that.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay. I was unaware of that. I have not been told that to this point, and that 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.
JOE SPRAGGINS: We need to look at that. Let us look at it. If it is okay with the Commission, let us look at this and let Sandy come forward at the mid April meeting that we are going to have and maybe bring some information back to you.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Ms. Sandy, one other thing to keep in mind, one of the qualifications that has been brought up a couple of times on that is that it be Mississippi resident only.

SANDY CHESNUT: Okay.

MATT HILL: This is Matt and there were a couple of qualifications that -- I mean, I think it meets the qualifications personally, but can you tell me where that is so I can look at it where it says the actual language?

SANDY CHESNUT: 49-15-16.

MATT HILL: Okay.

SANDY CHESNUT: I will get with Fisheries and get some more specific information about the parameters and look at it according to the statute and report back in April.

JOE SPRAGGINS: We are going to have a hard time getting this permitted before the season this year anyway. So it might be something that we have to look at for the next season, but we can look at it and come back with some 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.
Mark says aye.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Ronnie says aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Natalie says aye.

I have three ayes.

Is Steve still on the call?

BRADY SMITH: Steve is on the call, but his mike is muted.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Steve, did you want to vote on this?

JOE SPRAGGINS: He is having trouble with his internet, too.

BRADY SMITH: He dropped off.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I think there are four Commissioners on here. So we have a quorum with three. We have three ayes. So the motion moves.

JOE SPRAGGINS: If you don’t mind, from now on let’s do that so we will be able to record it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes, sir. No problem. That brings us to the Bonnet Carre Disaster Grant Appropriation Update.

Trevor, are you with us?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. I’m here with Matt. I’m just going to go over the Bonnet Carre
Disaster Grant Appropriation. I will give you a little bit of background.

At the February 18th, 2020, CMR meeting the following motion was passed. That motion was to authorize the MDMR to utilize 2011 Bonnet Carre Spillway Funds not to exceed one million dollars to distribute to oyster fishermen who qualify for the program as established by MDMR guidelines and approved by NOAA. This passed five to zero, unanimous.

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

We are going to go over a few different pathways for distribution of these funds to anglers.

The goal of this payout design is to create a standardized approach. As y'all know, we have had to deal with disasters recently and in the past.

We wanted to alleviate human input and potential biases associated with it, and, then, use historical catch data specifically from our trip ticket landings to inform proportional payback.

Really what we wanted to do was balance fairness and simplicity across the board.

The payout options, we are going to go over for your consideration. We've got basically three different
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
specific method that is chosen and some options with that specific direction.

The first one we are going to go over real quick is the licensed-based payout. Remember this is the total award divided by the number of licenses.

The pros on this one is that it distributes funds equally across all license holders. Specifically, all license holders will receive the same payout.

This is the same as the crab payout, since we don’t have any landings information for the crab fishery.

Some of the cons associated with this one is that it does not take into account any effort levels, or catch history, in the fishery, and anyone with a license receives a payout, even with no participation. So an individual with no landings during the time period will receive the same amount of money as the person with the highest landings in the fishery.

The next one I will talk about is the individual-based payout.

Some pros are that this awards individuals based on their catch history within the fishery, and it distributes the funds proportionally based on their past harvest. So their level of participation in the fishery will be linked to how much they actually get paid out from the award.
The cons are that it assumes the effort within the qualifying years will be the same as the disaster year. Specifically, the payouts for the 11-12 missing seasons. So we are making a critical assumption that their effort will be the same as it was for the previous years from 08 through 10. Then, a base payout will be needed if individuals with no catch are to be awarded.

This is simply based on catch at this moment. So individuals with zero catch would get zero for their award.

The last one we are going to talk about is a binned payout. Remember we called this one the base plus. The pros are just like the individual-based payout. These bins are based on effort/catch history, all individuals receive a proportional payout based on their activity within the fishery, and, then, that base payout provides compensation for those with no catch. So everyone is getting a portion of the award.

The cons, once again, are the same as the one previous. It assumes that the anglers will fall within specific effort categories based on catch history. This does alleviate a little bit of that critical assumption of the individual-based payout. So we are grouping individuals based on effort levels.

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
approach to the Commission. It takes a lot of the
arbitrariness out of decision making and it bases it
simply on metric within the program that Trevor and his
staff, the Finfish staff and the staff in the Marine
Fisheries office have input a lot of data, effort and
time. So sort of that arbitrariness of it will be
eliminated. The human component of it would be
eliminated.

There is no program that you can develop that
takes into all potential accounts, but this one is the
best based approach right now.

Then, can you back up one slide?

I would like to discuss the evaluation of the
program and the recommendation on that slide to the
Commission.

As y'all recall, Director Spraggins had
approached the Commission and we had approximate numbers
at that time. He mentioned to the Commission and the
Commission so motioned for one million dollars.

We have evaluated the program a little bit more
detailed and we have identified, in Job 1.6 for the oyster
program, an additional approximately two hundred and
ninety-two thousand dollars and, in the crab program,
around two hundred and eleven thousand dollars.

In order to capture those funds and to able to
make that part of the program, the Commission would have
to make a second motion that would override the original
motion.

When we evaluated the grant and the original
program in 2011, we had made funds available for the
processors. That would be taken into account, by
capturing approximately ten percent of these funds.

As you can see, it is relatively minimum amounts
to be reimbursed to processors for their loss during this
time.

If the Commission would consider this updated
information, it would require a motion to move forward.

Of the three approaches that are available for
the Commission's consideration, it is just the staff's
opinion that the bin-based approach would be the most
equitable. It would take into account most of the biases,
or questions, from the industry and, as Trevor mentioned,
it does have the flexibility that the Commission can alter
some of the bandwidth of the bin approach.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, this is Joe
Spraggins. That is just the Fisheries staff. That is not
the DMR staff.

The DMR staff does not recommend any one of the
options. We ask that you look at it, each Commissioner,
and make your decision on what you are looking at.
The idea was not to give you three options, and, then, give you an option to choose.

We want you to understand that we are not asking you to choose any one of those options. As the Director, we want you to pick the option you think is best for the people.

JOE JEWELL: I absolutely agree with that, Director Spraggins. We have discussed this internally, Commissioners, and we want to present to you on equal basis all three options that are available to the Commission.

It is just an opinion -- and it is not an opinion the Commission has to take into consideration -- that the binned approach eliminates some of the biases, but, as Director Spraggins and Trevor pointed out, it has its unique biases, too. It is no better, or less, than the other options available.

I appreciate Director Spraggins pointing that out. I want to make that clear that we are not advocating one over the other. They are three approaches that are available to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Trevor, do you mind sliding a slide back to where it shows the three options?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, if I can real quick, Joe, we might want to explain it a little bit to
them.

On the license-based payout, we had decided that if that would be divided among it, it would be somewhere in the neighborhood of seven thousand and something each.

Is that correct?

JOE JEWELL: I think that was correct for the oyster fishermen.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The oyster fishermen at one point two million and, if you took out the hundred and twenty-something thousand for the processors, divided equally among the ones that we had that qualified that bought a license in those years it would be somewhere around seventy-five hundred, or seventy-seven hundred, dollars a person.

For the individual-based payout, Commissioners, it would be -- tell me if I'm correct -- after you subtracted the amount for the oyster processors, it was eight hundred and something as a base which was ten percent.

Is that correct?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. The base will be approximately eight hundred and thirty dollars.

Director, I can run through the range of each option.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Let me just give them a base on
it, and, then, we will do that for you.

At eight hundred and something, that would mean
that everybody that bought a license -- and we are talking
roughly a hundred and fifty-five.

Is that correct?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes, roughly.

JOE SPRAGGINS: If they bought a license,
everyone had that license during the requirement, the same
way we did in 2016 when we did the relay, they would be
able to qualify. At that point, they would be given eight
hundred and whatever dollars as a base.

Then, if you caught one sack of oysters, we
estimated it at somewhere around three dollars a sack. So
you would get paid that plus three dollars. If you caught
fifteen hundred, then, you would get another forty-five
hundred. It is based on what you caught, according to
what you got paid back.

Then, the bin payout would be a base, the same
thing around eight hundred, and, then, if you caught from
one sack to fifteen hundred sacks, you would get another
eight hundred and, if you caught from fifteen hundred to
three thousand, you would get another eight hundred added
to that. So it would be three eight hundreds and it would
keep going up every fifteen hundred up to six thousand,
and, then, I think the last one, the numbers of eight
thousand and something were the maximum amount of sacks that were caught.

So, basically, everybody that caught one sack to fifteen hundred would get the same amount. Everybody that caught from fifteen hundred to three thousand would get the same amount. Everybody that caught from three thousand to forty-five hundred would get the same amount. Everybody that caught from forty-five hundred to six thousand would get the same amount. Everybody that caught over six thousand would get the same amount.

Is that correct, the way I am stating all of this?

JOE JEWELL: Yes. Exactly.

JOE SPRAGGINS: So that gives you an idea, Commissioners, of what we are talking about.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Now, one thing, just so I can be clear on it -- I'm not sure I'm clear on it -- whenever you say what they caught, are we basing off of one year's landing, or is it an average over a number of years?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Average over the number of years. It is the total amount they caught over the number of years.

Is that correct?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: It is the cumulative sum of
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.
This would be a chance for us to be able to help
the fishermen at this time and be able to help them and
get them through a little bit of a trying time.
Also, I want to know if we spent the 2011.
We are looking at our 2019 allocation coming out
in the next few weeks, I hope, and I would like for them
not to hold that over my head. I don’t know they will,
but I would like for them not to.
We are trying to end out the 2011 allocation and
move forward to the 2019.
Understanding Commissioner Havard's statement, I
think we could live to the 21st without a problem, but we
do need to make a decision pretty much, if possible.
COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Okay.
JOE SPARRING: Once we make this, we have to go
back and get NOAA to approve the actual payout, the way we
are doing it.
We have been given approval from them to do what
we are doing. We would have to back -- Joe, am I correct?
-- and sit down and actually explain how we are doing it.
JOE JEWELL: That's correct. Once the
Commission decides on the actual program they want to
establish and the actual amount, we would update our
submission to the feds for their consideration.
I do want to point out there are actually two
parts of this presentation. One is selection of a management program which is what this slide describes, and, then, the second part is a potential motion on the additional monies that are available because, right now, we can't exceed that one million dollar threshold the Commission established.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, what you are saying is correct. Thank you for that.

We do need to make a motion, if you can Commissioners, to at least raise -- if we can go to that slide, the last slide?

If we could raise it for the oysters to not exceed one point three million, and, then, authorize the crab payout to not exceed two hundred and fifty thousand, we will be okay with those two numbers I believe.

Is that correct, Joe?

JOE JEWEEL: Yes, that's correct.

These are sort of two separate motions the Commission can consider independently. You don't have to make a decision on the actual payout program right now, but it would help us in our coordination with the feds to have an amount available.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Have we polled, or discussed this with the Oyster Task Force and, if so, what were their recommendations?
JOE JEWELL: Well, as the Commission should recall, the Oyster Task Force expired in February of this year. We were in the process of trying to reestablish the permanent task force. We were not able to do that before the pandemic occurred. So that is still pending. We actually did not present this to the task force because we had those logistical problems.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: These task forces are very, very important and we know when the expiration dates are going to happen, are going to occur, and, in the future, we need to make sure that they do not expire because those are the folks that are in the industry every day and they know better than most. So, in the future, I would like to work very hard not to let these task forces expire, and I would really love to hear them weigh in on what we have on the table today.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would have to agree with you, Mark. I have a lot of faith in all of our task forces.

If I could interject for just one second, we approved a million dollars.

Have we given any of that money to any fishermen yet?

JOE JEWELL: No.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Director, one question
that I've got, these guys have taken a beating for several years and I'm sure they are not in any better position than any of the rest of us are right now.

Could we go ahead and get them a base payout out as immediate as possible, and then, figure out which one of these options we are going to go from and subtract that base payout from wherever we end up in the future?

JOE SPRAGGINS: We would have to get NOAA's approval to do that, and I appreciate all of the Commissioners' thoughts.

We have talked about this for several months now and being able to get this money to the fishermen, and they have been asking daily, when are we going to be able to get something.

The situation right now, whatever we do, we have still got to get through NOAA. So it is going to take a couple of weeks after that to get an answer from them to give us whatever we need to do.

Every day that we wait, it is just adding a couple of weeks to whenever we get something done for the fishermen.

The money has been sitting there. I think it was the February meeting that we approved to move this money into this fund up to a million dollars and we only ask, if you could, to raise it to the one point three for
the oyster and also to include the crab fishermen up to
two hundred and fifty thousand. That is because that is
approximately what we have in there and we want to make
sure.

I don't think we will go over one point three
and I don't we can exceed two hundred and fifty thousand.
I don't think we have the money.

This money has been reallocated. We have moved
GOMESA funds to be able to take care of this from what we
were going to use for oyster cultch for the oyster part of
it to be able to help pay the fishermen.

Anything that y'all could do to expedite this, I
would appreciate it.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I understand that y'all
have been working on it for months, but I haven't been
seeing this but just for a few days and I agree with
Mark's statement on looking at it a little bit more.

I am kind of hung up between two of the options
here, but I would like to see us get them some money as
soon as possible.

So, if that is a possibility, I would like to
say let's get them a base payout as quick as possible,
and, then, make a final decision on this thing in April.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The only question I have there,
sir, is the one thing that Commissioner Havard had, do we
want to pay people that didn't even participate.

That is in the base payout.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Well, I think you would have to limit that because, if we don't choose an option, then, we would not pay them. I think you would have to start with just people that participated and, if we ended up on the option that pays everybody -- which I will tell you I'm not for -- if we were to end up at that option, then, we could make that retroactive and go back and pay that portion of the industry as well.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: General Spraggins, is there a way that we can narrow down these options?

In my opinion, I am torn personally between options two and three, not so much option one, and I've got a general consensus here from Commissioner Bosarge because he is in and out on this meeting, that he would like to see it narrowed down possibly. He likes two, or three.

With those options two, or three, it talks about each individual is reimbursed based on their portion. At least they had to participate in the fishery to get some kind of payout and, if we went with option two, or three, or narrowed it down, that would eliminate that statement of total number of qualified license holders and that would allow some money to go ahead and get in these.
fishermen's pocket, and, then, at the time April comes along, then, we can narrow it down to option two, or three.

Is that a possibility?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Anything is a possibility. I think the way it is stated right now is two and three both include everyone.

Trevor, tell me if I'm wrong, but I think two and three both included everyone. It just did a base for everyone, and, then, an option of paying what they participated with after that.

Is that correct, Trevor?

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. I will clarify real quick.

Option two, as it is written in the actual presentation, does not include a base payout. I included a bullet in there that if we wanted to pay out everyone for their license itself, we would have to include that within there.

What I tried to do with these three is just lay out three overarching directions we could go with.

It is up to the CMR as to whether they want to include that base payout, or not, within each individual option.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Brady actually got me on
the phone here so I am able to have a little input here. I appreciate it, Brady.

I was texting Mark trying to let him know kind of what my feelings were, but I do like the option three in that it brings everybody in, but it also gives an incentive for those guys that went out and actually fished.

In listening to it, the only problem I kind of had with it was, Mr. Joe, I think you said from zero to three thousand sacks was, like, eight hundred dollars?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: No. Zero to fifteen hundred.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Zero to fifteen hundred would pay an additional eight hundred dollars.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Okay. That is better because I know from zero to three thousand, we’ve got years now that we don’t have much more than that for the total catch. That was kind of a concern of mine that that might be a pretty big hill to climb.

Of course, I’m sure Matt and you guys have looked at all of it.

Does that makes sense to go that big a step, zero to fifteen hundred?

JOE JEWELL: I will comment on that because I don’t want my comments to confuse y’all. I want to make
it clear that all three programs are options for the Commission to consider.

This particular one, my comments were directed on biases. This one clearly would give an advantage in reducing the biases, but it also has that big bandwidth between bins that you are discussing.

The reason why I made those comments was because this sort of eliminates all the human interaction in the payout so that it is just an arbitrary mechanical thing that is based on a formula, the inputs to the formula, and that is what my comments were addressing.

Now, specifically, my statement to the Commission when I made that statement was that the Commission does have the ability to reduce, or expand, that bandwidth, but that eliminates my comment.

The beauty of this particular system -- and I'm not advocating the Commission to go towards this one. You still have three options -- is that it eliminates that human interaction with it and it is a decision based on the inputs.

Now, the Commission can decide that that one to fifteen hundred, that is a little big because there may be a handful of people that have one and most of them are congregated towards fifteen hundred. That is not fair.

The Commission could choose, and I'm not
advocating that you do. If you choose option three, you could say, well, we want to reduce that bandwidth to one to a thousand, or one to five hundred, and the Commission absolutely has the ability to do that, but I do just want to point out, in doing that, it takes away the beauty of this one which is it doesn't have that human component to it.

Is that clear, Steve?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, isn't that done off of --
TREVOR MONCRIEF: Yes. It is a formula that is based around standard deviation. It is a common practice within creating bins.

JOE SPRAGGINS: I think everybody is under it. Anything that we do off of the standard deviation puts human input into it, and I think that is what Joe is trying to say in his statement there.

JOE JEWELL: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I've got you, and I just felt like that was a pretty long stretch from zero to fifteen hundred.

I think that option three, like you say, it does a good job in that it captures every fisherman with some payout, and, then, rewards the other ones that fished hard, but I would like to see us, if we do that -- and I
understand. I am kind of like Mark. I wish we had a little more time, but, then, at the same time, right now there is really no time. These guys, if they ever needed help, this is the time they need it.

So I feel like we probably need to do something at this meeting to try to move this on down the line.

If we could, could we reduce that and go from zero to five hundred, and, then, five hundred to fifteen hundred, and fifteen hundred to three thousand?

In other words, that kind of, I think, would make a little more sense.

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Can I make a quick comment on that?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, sir.

TREVOR MONCRIEF: Really what this presentation was meant is to give you those overarching directions that we could go.

Like I said in the beginning of the presentation, I think if y'all select, if y'all want to hear more on option two, or three, we can really kind of give you some more detailed options regarding those. That was one of the concerns specifically, Commissioner Bosarge, of that big gap, and we kind of looked at ways to be able to go through that with the data itself by establishing some minimum sack count, or minimum harvest
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.
COMMISSIONER DANIELS: What was the sack limit in the year whenever they were harvesting that we are looking at?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Joe, I guess what he is asking there is, in the years they were harvesting prior to 2011, how many sack limits did they get per day?

JOE JEWELL: Well, there are a couple of caveats to that. I can find that out. There is no one number because the data is based on three years, 2008, 09 and 10, those three years prior.

Within each of those years, the average daily sack count could have changed and absolutely did change. It is sort of a roving number. I don’t know that number right now, but we can find that out.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Joe, do you remember what it was in 2010?

What I am trying to get at here, the one thing that I am thinking about is if we’ve got a guy, or two, out there that was ready to go, went out and worked the first day, had a boat issue -- I know over the years we have had a couple of boats sink. We have had some problems with boats. I would hate to cut that guy out that was trying to work, but he had a major boat issue that put him out for the rest of the season. I would hate 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
that they get some type of base money, but the extra
money, or the bonus money comes in above that number.

Right?

JOE SPRAGGINS: That's what I'm asking. I don't
know. I'm getting mixed-in information here.

I guess the question is do we want to say that
if you bought a license, that you participated?

we are going to have to do this with the crabs.
I can tell you that is the only way we can do it, but, if
we want to do that, if we can agree to, number one, if we
are going to pay a base, if that is the case, do we want
to set a base, or how do we want to do that?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: I would say if they
didn't participate, let's give them their license fee back
and everybody that participated, let's get them some
money.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I'm in agreement.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Participated means what, if they
had one sack, or if they had a hundred sacks?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Thirty. Thirty sacks is
the minimum.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Everybody that caught less than
thirty sacks, but bought a license, they get -- but, now,
we've got to go back -- when you say that, all three years
we would give them their license, or four years, or what
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.
COMMISSIONER GUESS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Mr. Joe.

JOE JEWELL: As Director Spraggins pointed out, this would be a separate motion here and it would be increasing oyster to approximately one point three, and, then, it is including the crab fishery up to two hundred fifty thousand.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Sandy has some proposed wording, if we could let her read it.

SANDY CHESNUT: Going off of the slide, the proposed motion would be motion to authorize additional funding of up to three hundred thousand for a total of one point three million for eligible oyster fishermen and an additional funding up to two hundred and fifty thousand for eligible crab fishermen.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I think Commissioner Bosarge had a comment.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes. I appreciate that, Mark.

I'm with you. We can have a telephone meeting, but I was just curious -- and this may be a question for Matt -- it appears that Matt has a pretty good running total of who caught what.

Matt, would it be too difficult just to say so 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.
COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.

I had Natalie with an aye. I had Steve with an aye. I had Mark with an aye.

What about Ronnie?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion moves.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: We are increasing the dollar amount for oysters, we are including a dollar amount for crab and we are going to have a call in a week to discuss how we are going to roll out the money.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: That’s correct.

JOE SPRAGGINS: What I will do, Commissioners, if it is okay with y’all, we will sit down, Trevor, Joe and Matt, and let’s get together. We will sit down and we will come up with an option three with different levels, we will give you the exact wording for option two if you want it, and, then, we will go from there, and that would say how much per dollar.

We will give y’all that and we will send it to you several days in advance before this next meeting so you will have time to look at it and think.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Sounds great, General, and I appreciate that. Options two and three, we will have additional verbiage on those within the next few days.
That sounds good.

Let's move on to the next agenda item.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Sandy said she needs a motion on that.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll make a motion that we set up the call and have the information on options two and three expanded a few days prior.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Natalie has a motion on the table.

Do I have a second for Natalie's motion?

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Ronnie seconds it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: I have a motion by Natalie and a second by Ronnie.

All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER DANIELS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.

So that is an aye from Ronnie, Natalie, Steve and Mark. So motion moves.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: That brings us on to item four, Gear Type Task Force Resolution, Frank Parker.

Do we have Frank on the line?

BRADY SMITH: Frank is on the line. Give me a
second and I will unmute his mike.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioners, we do have two public comments on this, before we make any decisions.

BRADY SMITH: Frank, can you hear us?

FRANK PARKER: Yes.

Can you hear me?

BRADY SMITH: Yes. You mike is live.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Go ahead, Frank.

FRANK PARKER: This is Frank Parker. I'm a commercial fisherman. I'm the chairman of the Gear Type Task Force.

I'm assuming y'all have the resolution, a copy of it in front of you. I have to apologize. I moved and don't have internet service. So I'm over the phone.

With that being said, the Gear Type Task Force consists of commercial and recreational fishing representatives, university scientists and several agencies.

We unanimously voted to oppose two legislative bills that would basically ban commercial haul seine fishing within one half mile around Cat Island.

These bills are not consistent with the best available science and it would make it more difficult for the commercial fishing industry to provide sustainable seafood to the general public.
This is especially important during the times of this pandemic when our local seafood production is essential to our nation's ability to produce our own food domestically.

These bills have been promulgated in spite of the fact that the task force made recommendations over a year ago defining haul seine gear and those recommendations were duly adopted by this Commission.

In doing so, this has put all but a handful of commercial net fishermen out of business.

We feel it is important that we maintain our local ability to commercially harvest seafood using traditional methods at traditional harvesting locations as a matter of national food security.

The Gear Task Force respectively asks the Commission to approve this resolution in opposition of these two pieces of legislation.

Any questions?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Frank, I do not have any questions.

Do any other Commissioners have any questions?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Frank, just to be clear, what are you asking the Commission to do?

FRANK PARKER: To approve this resolution.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I agree with you and I
think it's -- this has been an ongoing issue for some time
and we all know and we have all fought it and we all came
to kind of the same conclusion, and I find it kind of -- I
don't know -- strange that there is a group in Jackson
that feels that they know more than this group.

Anyhow, I agree. I think we need to support
yours resolution.

FRANK PARKER: I think that was the basis of
everybody that was on the Gear Type Task Force. Here we
have all these so-called industry leaders, professionals,
scientists, the people who are supposed to know what is
going on and they make these recommendations and the
people in Jackson -- why do we have two bodies doing
management decisions. I think that was the whole
consensus of the entire group.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Go ahead, Mr. Joe.

JOE SPRAGGINS: If I may, first off let me
explain that this is not a DMR bill. Neither one of these
bills were introduced by DMR, or supported for
introduction by DMR, at the capitol.

These were both brought up. A bill was brought
up out of the Senate, the Senate Bill, the 2720, and it
was brought up, and, then, the 561 was brought up out of
the House and that one has been discussed over and over,
and we have discussed it hard with them.

I had the House to the point that they were ready to say, okay, we understand. I told them that the Commission had made a ruling last year on what a haul seine net was and we had basically eliminated any uses that were there before, and asked them to please allow DMR to run the operation, but it seems right now that we have a couple of new legislators that are very hard to understand this at this point and they are looking hard at it and they are getting a lot complaints from their constituents, and the whole thing is about Cat Island. That is what it is about, Cat Island and the half a mile around it.

We also do have, sir, two comments, two public comments that would like to be made.

I just wanted you to know that we have fought hard for you on this and we have not been able to move forward.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: At this time, let's take it up for comments.

JOE SPRAGGINS: The comment that I have is Mr. Martin Young, if he is on.

BRADY SMITH: I believe Martin Young is on. Let me identify him.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Mr. Young, are you with
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,
recreational fishermen and commercial fishermen. All
agreed on their definition and it was approved by the
Commission.

This eliminated all but two nets at Cat Island,
solving the gill net issue.

These bills have no scientific data to support
them. They discriminate against the net fishermen.

The Commission was appointed to handle seafood
law on the Coast in the early nineties. So let the voice
of the Commission speak loud to uphold their decision.

Please kill House Bill 561 and Senate Bill 2720.
If the subject is not on today’s agenda, please
state the topic that you will comment, and that is this.

Mr. Young, is that what you thought it was?

MARTIN YOUNG: I couldn’t hear you. Excuse me.

JOE SPRAGGINS: I read it as you had sent it to
us, Mr. Young.

MARTIN YOUNG: Oh, yes, sir. That was just
right, yes, sir.

I feel like this bill is driven by hate and hate
alone that is introduced in Jackson. That is the only
other comment I would like to make about it.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Any more comments?

JOE SPRAGGINS: Yes, we do have one.

Mr. Tommy O’Brien, is he on?
BRADY SMITH: I'm looking for him now.
I've got a Tommy listed. I'm going to allow his microphone and we will see if that is Tommy O'Brien.
Tommy, you mike is live.
Is this Tommy O'Brien?
MRS. O'BRIEN: This is his wife.
JOE SPRAGGINS: Would you like to make a public comment?
MRS. O'BRIEN: Well, he asked me to ask you, General, if you could just read the comment that he made, that he submitted online, if that would be okay.
JOE SPRAGGINS: I don't have it.
MRS. O'BRIEN: Oh, you don't have it?
JOE SPRAGGINS: Hang on. We are trying to find it.
Brian, do you have that by any chance, or Crystal, do you have it?
Does anybody have it?
BRADY SMITH: We can get it for you. We will put you on hold for a second.
JOE SPRAGGINS: If you would read it for us, we would appreciate it, if that is okay.
BRADY SMITH: Director, I've got the comment here.
Would you like me to read it?
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
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.
JOE SPRAGGINS: Sir, did you get that?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, I got that, Mr. Joe.

I guess what Sandy is saying is that we can't adopt the Gear Type Task Force resolution. We would have to make our own resolution basically.

Correct, Sandy?

SANDY CHESNUT: That's correct.

In your resolution, you can adopt the wording of the Gear Type Task Force resolution. You just can't adopt the Gear Type Task Force resolution itself.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I mean, I think this Commission, we talked about task forces and how important task forces are and the good work they do, and this task force has been put together and has a very, very -- the constituency comes from all sides, recreational fishermen, commercial fishermen, law enforcement.

With that being said, I think that we, as a Commission, need to make a statement that we should be the ones making the laws and not the state legislature.

We do ask the state legislature to make laws for us, and sometimes they do, sometimes they don't, but I can't ever remember a time when they did it on their own, at least in my time being here.

With that being said, yes, I would like to make a motion that we have the staff construct a resolution and
bring it back to us maybe at this meeting we are going to have, telephone meeting.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes, I agree, Steve. I think what Sandy says is that we can adopt the wording from the Gear Type Task Force resolution. We just can't adopt their resolution.

Correct?

SANDY CHESNUT: Yes. It's just to keep that separation of the Gear Type Task Force advisory committee to the Commission.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: So can we go ahead and make a motion to adopt the wording from the resolution?

SANDY CHESNUT: Yes.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Steve, does that sound good to you?

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes, that sounds good to me. I'm glad you understood. I'm having a hard time hearing Sandy. I always have a hard time hearing Sandy. Would you make the motion?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes, I make the motion that we adopt the wording from the task force resolution.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: And I will second your motion.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: We have a motion and a second.
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.
I think they are going to have that wording in our form at the call.

JOE SPRAGGINS: I just want to make sure I’m correct here and, Sandy, tell me if I’m correct, or wrong, here.

What Natalie has asked for is for us to put this into a resolution that they can adopt.

Is that correct?

SANDY CHESNUT: That’s correct.

JOE SPRAGGINS: We are to word a resolution for them to adopt at that next called meeting?

SANDY CHESNUT: Once they have the resolution in front of them, they will adopt the resolution.

Her motion was for the staff to prepare a resolution for the Commission with the wording of Gear Type Task Force to be considered by the Commission.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Did everybody hear that?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.

COMMISSIONER BOSARAGE: I’ve got a lot of noise on my end.

Natalie, your motion I thought was to adopt the language that we have now.

Correct?

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Basically Sandy is going to
put the resolution in a format that is from the
Commission, and, then, once we have that on the call, we
can all vote to pass that resolution as a Commission.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: All right. Good deal.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Good. I just wanted to make
sure we are correct.

Commissioner, I think we are up to number five,
unless you needed more on that one, sir.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: No. I think we will move
forward.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Ronnie is not on.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Is that all that Frank
had?

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Yes.

I think we are done. I think we are moving on
to State Saltwater Finfish Record, Mr. Matt Hill.

MATT HILL: This will be easy. We have one
record for the Commission's consideration.

It is in the All Tackle Division and the gear
used was spear.

It is a Red Hind at a new record of four pounds
seven point three six ounces. The angler is Mr. Harley J.
Havard.

Here is the fish. Here is Mr. Havard with the
Red Hind (indicating photographs).
What is required is a motion to adopt this new state record.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: It is always good to see when these George County boys come down here and get down underneath the water and take advantage of our resource. That's a good thing. That's a long travel.

At this time, I would like to make a motion to adopt the new state record.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: I'll second that.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

COMMISSIONER GUESS: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Aye.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Aye.

All three ayes. Motion moves.

JOE SPRAGGINS: Steve, Mark and Natalie.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Do we have any other business to discuss?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: Doesn't look like we have any other business.

Are there any additional public comments?

JOE SPRAGGINS: No, sir.

COMMISSIONER HAVARD: All right, guys. I 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.
CERTIFICATE

I, Lucille Morgan, Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the March 31, 2020, meeting of the Commission on Marine Resources via Webinar by Zoom, to the best of my 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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EXHIBIT "A"
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
   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

EXHIBIT "B"
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/14/2020
(DATE)

Cheryl McKeown
4343 Audubon Trail
Biloxi, MS 39532

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

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4-16-2020
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4/14/20
(DATE)

C. Patrick Johnson
6014 Mage Mahoney Dr.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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2628 Bayside Dr.
Biloxi, MS 39532

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April 14, 2020
(DATE)

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P.O. Box 1045
Biloxi, MS

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4/18/2020
(DATE)

Ashlynn Ladner
21822 Cecil Ladner Rd
Saucier, MS 39574

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APRIL 20, 2020

MICHAEL B. MCGRANN
202B BAYSIDE DRIVE
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Gregory K. Meekin
1209 W. Shorecrest Dr.
Biloxi, MS 35532

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9-20-2020
(DATE)

Jane Locke
12 Coral Court
Gulfport, MS 39503

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Jane Locke
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4/17/20

(DATE)

Viki Hoffmann
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Sauier, Ms. 39574

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9-20-2023

(DATE)

Walt Lebou
10 Oceanfront Dr
gulfport MS 37507

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(DATE)

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2370 Pinek Place N
Columbia, MS 39507

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1424 Margie St.
Waveland, MS 39576

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Gulfport MS 37507

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22145 Saucier Fairley Rd.
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4/17/2020
(DATE)

James Blankenship
150 Erkurt Ln.
Pascagoula, MS 39562

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4.15.20
(DATE)

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1-20-2020

(DATE)

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Canton, MS 38625

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4-17-20
(DATE)

Julie Bradley
24100 Tim Bradley
Saucier, MS 39574

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

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9-17-2020
(DATE)

12 Cedar Wood Ln
Gulfport, MS 39503
O. Steven Lobres

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4-18-2020

(DATE)

Shirley Ahler
1973 A.M. Higginbotham Cir.
Outpost, MS 39507

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

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T-20-2020
(DATE)

Susan Ladem
2370 Park Ave
Gulfport, MS 39501

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Matthew Grice
14 Cedarwood Line
Gulfport, MS 39503

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4-17-2020

(Russ Noble)
16 Cedarwood Lane
Gulfport, MS 35503

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9 - 17 - 20
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MATT CASE
10 Cedarwood Lane
Gulfport, MS 39503

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8794 Sundown Ln
Chesapeake, VA 23325
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4/1/20

(PERSON)

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Brett Walker
20 Old Oak Ln
Cullman, MS 35055

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Ann Hudson

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21 Spraggins Ln
Gulfport, MS 39503

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4/19/20

(Date)

Ronnie Robertson
9155 Surfside Rd
Gulfport, MS 33703

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Charles Blount III
11 S 1st
Gulfport, MS 39501

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6317 Hickory Ln
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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Phillip Woods
11109 Seacoast Highway
Vancleave, MS 39565

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Micah Woods
11800 Alexis In Green
Springs, MS 39466

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(DATE)

Adam Perrian
104 Mainfield Pk
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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(Date)

Stacey Combs
7504 Park Ridge
Biloxi, MS 35532

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Steve Perrigan
3201 N 2nd St
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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13112 Parasol Rd
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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Ric Myers
2412 Chisholm Place Garden
MS 39553

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(Charles Woodruff)
8001 Pointe Aux Chers
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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(Charles Woodruff)
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04/20

(Date)

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DATE

William Davis
Cassie Clay Bond
Oceo Spring, MS 3959

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4-19-20
(DATE)

Paul Tatum
1214 Lola Rd.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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(DATE)

Noelle Mann
18100 State Line Rd
Moss Point, MS 39562

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(DATE)

Kyle Carter
1242 Oliver St
Pascagoula MS 39567

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(DATE)

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15612 Farm Rd
Vancleave, MS 35565

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(DATE)

David Hults
516 Bayview Ave.
Biloxi, MS 35606

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102 Old River Rd.
Vancleave, MS 39565

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Copper Masters
SSDI Sound Bluff Rd
Ocean Springs, MS 34064

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Edwardstem III
P.O. Box 4736
Spring, MS 38661

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Marty Thompson
21110 Highway 63
Mississippi, MS 38652

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4-16-20

(Wesley S. Stark)
8522 Section Rd
Lucedale, MS 39452

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4-16-2020
(DATE)

10315 Cherokee Rose Rd
Nacogdoches, TX 75965
Shawn Smith

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Tanner Marchioni
2092 Gladewater
Dr, Biloxi MS

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12016 Lane Rd
Vandevor, MS 39565

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4-16-20
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Donald Coleman
9640 Ginkle Rd
Levinston, AL 36344

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Tuscaloosa, AL 35405

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Chase Tibbie
54701 Joe Pate Rd
29465 Vancleave, MS

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Michael Cree
2725 East Avail Ridge Lane
Great Neck NY 11024

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Shelby Toranto
21114 mechanic court
Biloxi, MS 39532

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1940 Wildfire LN
Hurley, MS 39652

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4-16-20
(DATE)

Joel Tiblier
14201 Joe Batt Rd.,
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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14317 Reamstown Drive
Vancleave, MS 39565

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Moss Point, MS 39562

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7000 Park Ridge Dr.
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Miss Point, MS 39562

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Daron C. Ladnier
308 Dap Road
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166 Horseshoe Cir.
Lucedale, MS 39452

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111 Fallon Ave, Pascagoula MS

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7112 Davenport Lake
05, MS 39564

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430 Hemlock Dr
Flawood, MS 39232

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406 Fly Away Ct
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April 19, 2020
(DATE)

Billy Guice
442 Green Teal Court
Biloxi MS 39531

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712 Development Lane
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17221 Palm Ridge
D’Iberville MS 39540

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4/20/2020
(DATE)

Timothy L. Ferguson
1830 Cape R. O.
Gulfport, MS 35503

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11701 Aquila Creek Dr
Ocean Springs, MS 35564

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4-20-2020
(DATE)

David Russell
309 Eastview Dr
Biloxi, MS 39531

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4/20/20
(DATE)

Mark Morning
2021
19982 CR 120
P.O. Box 4781
Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

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20349 26 St
Long Beach 34360

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Brian Wells
20504 Gordon St
Saukier Ms 33574

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1470 Old Hwy 49
Gulfport, MS)
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4-20-20

Matthew Odum
1232 35th st.

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DATE

Randall J. Broussard
1552 Collins St.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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Teresa Kavanaugh
125 Azalea Dr.
Biloxi, MS 39540

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4-19-20
(DATE)

Gavin Schmidt Jr.

421 Post Ave.
Biloxi, MS 32601

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421 Post Lane
Biloxi, MS 39531

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1015 Magnolia
Biloxi, MS 39530

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CLARENCE HAMILTON
POB 180
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 31564

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APRIL 19TH 2020

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Doug DyeSS
514 Magnolia Ave.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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4-17-20
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4710 Bronfman Ave.

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327 Front Bench #6
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527 Front Beach
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10005 Seventy
Ottawa Springs
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Karl T. Rosenstiel Jr.
443 Woody Cir.
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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4/20/20
(DATE)

Kenny Holloway
620 Porter Ave
Ocean Springs, MS 39564

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05 Mar 39564

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

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OCS MS 39561

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Mike Letort
2019 Ivy Ct.
Biloxi, MS 39532

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Ayden Kulaj
1870 Belvedere Pl.
Biloxi, MS 36532

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2374 Beau Clere
Dr. Biloxi MS 39530

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304/749-6307
Biloxi, MS 39532

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04/19/20
(DATE)

Jeffrey Miguez
233 S. Bayview Ave.
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Michael VASSALLI
5007 Whetsone Rd
DEPERSVILLE MS 39510

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12/32 HANOVER DR.
OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 33564

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Biloxi MS 39532

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Biloxi, MS 39532

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345 Limeade St.
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1115 Lafayette St
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13349 River Road Dr.
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Thomas Hays
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/19/2020
(DATE)

Kristen Kuhn
13246 Jackson Lee Drive West
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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4/19/2020

(CDATE)

Craig Kuhn
8822 Daisy Vesty Rd
Biloxi, MS 39522

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4/19/2020

DATE

Mario Kohn
8832 Daisy Vesta Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39532

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4/19/20
(DATE)

KAREN KUHN
444 LINDA DR.
BILINX, MS 39531

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4-19-2020

(DATE)

Kevin Simmons
323 Forrest Ave.
Biloxi, MS 31520

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4-19-30

(DATE)

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481 Oaklawn Pl.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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(DATE)

Rashan C. Humfrey
4039 Brandon Lane
Dx

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19 April 2020

(_DATE)

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

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4/19/20

(SDATE)

Susan Shiremen
3063 Brandon James
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(Date)

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427 Oaklawn Pl
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(Date)

Steve Shireman
4003, Branscome Lane Dr.
Biloxi, MS 38532

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4-18-20
(DATE)

Mike Fayard
6219 Nash Ln
Biloxi, MS 39530

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April 19, 2020

Hanna Peresich
264 Dewey Circle
Biloxi, MS 39531

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17 April 20

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1419 Oneview Circle
Vancleave, MS 39565

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Pete Moran
16149 Sweet Carolyn Rd
Biloxi, MS 39512

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4.17.2020
(DATE)

Davey McCook
20416 Beach Blvd
Biloxi, MS 35931

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(DATE)

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Jebby Hercon II
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Biloxi, MS 39531

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Vancleave, MS 39585

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4-19-20
(DATE)

Ed Yol
Saucier Ms.
39574

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Biloxi, MS 34532

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4-19-20
(DATE)

11215 Bay Crest Ct.
Biloxi, MS
39503

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34532

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Justine Rhodes
1121 S. Bay Crest Dr.
Biloxi, MS 34532

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Michael E. Douglas
505 Recluse Blvd
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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Richard Chance
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Biloxi, MS 39530

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4/20/2020
(DATE)

Elmer Pique JR
495 Popps Ferry Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39503

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Chase Pique
4502 Jefferson Ave
Biloxi, MS

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1909 Terracotta
Biloxi, MS 39532

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Haleigh J. Howard
221603 Success Rd
Sauier, MS 39571

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12610 Alcide Lizana Rd
Gulfport, MS 39503

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9142 Nature’s Trail
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Timothy B. Moran
1220 West Beach Blvd
Biloxi, MS 39532

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4/13/2020

(SDATE)

Susan Moran
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Susan Moran
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

James Dearman, Jr.
19685 Amberwood Dr.
Saukiee, MS 39574

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Robin B. Allen
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Lawrence, MS 39503

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Clell E. Allen, Jr.
11233e Alden Cove
Longboat Key, FL 34224

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Thomas Lizana  
12408 Meadow Glen Rd  
Cancun Ave, MS 39505

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Thomas Lizana
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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Jon Lizana
12408 Meadow Glen Rd
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(DATE)

Jacob Burnett
19102 7th Ave.
D'Iberville, MS
39540

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2000 Pete Higdon Rd
Saucier, MS 39574

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Brent Naecoise
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Sauice, MD 39574

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4/13/2020

(DATE)

Christie Thrash
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Saucier, MS 38651

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4/17/2020
(DATE)

Casey Allen Herman
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Gulfport, MS 39503

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17 APRIL 2020
(DATE)

CHRISTOPHER HOLLAND
9281 LIBERTY RD
Biloxi, MS 39532

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(DATE)

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Pass Christian, MS 39571

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Biloxi, MS 39532

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7-17-2020
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Biloxi, MS 35332

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4-19-2020
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Ocean Springs MS 39564

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4 - 19 - 2020
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Biloxi MS 35543

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4/19/2020
(DATE)

Blake Beavan
3546 Landing Ct
Diberville, MS 33410

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18 APR 2020

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PHILIP A. BELCHER
15013 NS 90
Biloxi, MS 35527

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Dr. Biloxi, MS 39532

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Brian Peterson
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Pascagoula, MS 39567

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17 April, 2020

Kenneth M. Dellenberger Jr.
1098 Wreck Rd
Desterville, MS 38640

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Biloxi, MS 35509

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17621 Silver Fox
Baton Rouge, La.

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APRIL 18, 2020
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116 PINNACLE CIR
GREENVILLE, MS 39047

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Biloxi, Mississippi 35932

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Sincerely,

George Denmark
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/8/2020

Teresa G 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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Sincerely,

Teresa G Booth
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

April 18, 2020

DATE

Lori Herron
2543 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,

[Signature]
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/17/20
(DATE)

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

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

Dear Director Spraggins:

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Sincerely,

Kelli N. Newman
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

[Signature]

[Date]

[Name]

[Title]

[Organization]

[Address]

Dear Mr. Sprague:

I am writing to express my view in support of the allocation for American Red Snapper currently in place in our state. Mississippi has done an excellent job managing this resource with the allocations currently in place. I understand the state fish sector is asking for more fish. These operators have access to over 3 million pounds of allocation through the federal for hire permitting program. Furthermore, the state for hire sector could defend the weight of their allocation without increasing the allocation by taking into place reasonable accountability measures that are already used or will be used shortly by all other for profit operators in the industry. These measures include ensuring a reasonably priced and properly equipped monitoring for the state for hire operators, limiting the number of endorsements available to put a cap on participation and finally require all state for hire operators to have a vessel monitoring system that logs location. Please put these measures in place before a change to allocation is considered.

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Sincerely,

[Name]
LETTER OF OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

April 16, 2020

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
Department of Marine Resources
1101 Beacon Ave
Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Director Spraggins,

I am writing to express my concern about the allocation for American Halibut in place in our state.

Washington has done an excellent job managing this resource with the allocations currently in place. I understand the state for free sector is asking for more fish. These operators have access to over 2 million pounds of allocation through the federal for free permitting program. Furthermore, the state for free sector could extend the length of their season without increasing the allocation by adding into place reasonable accountability measures that are already used or will be used shortly by all other for-profit operators in the industry. Those measures include: creating a reasonably priced red snapper endorsement for state for free operators, limiting the number of endorsements available to put a cap on participation and finally require all area for free operators to have a vessel monitoring system that logs location. Please put these measures in place before a change to allocation is considered.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]
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

Dear Director Spraggins:

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Sincerely,

Mike Burton
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18-2020
(DATE)

Stephen Peresick Sr.
341 Lakeview Rd.
Biloxi, MS 39530

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

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[Signature]
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/20
(DATE)

Ellen Parrisch
341 Lakeview Blvd
Biloxi, MS 39531

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

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Ellen Parrisch
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

04/18/2020

(DATE)

Jackson Sewell
220 Little Harpe Trail
Saltillo, MS 38866

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

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Sincerely,
Letter in Opposition to Proposed Action

04/20/20

Dated

Suzannah Snyder
318 Jackson Ave.
Ocean Springs, MS 31564

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

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Suzannah Snyder
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

(Date)

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

04/20/20
(DATE)

James Rice
141 Sea Ave
Biloxi, MS 39530

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

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/2020
(DATE)

Michael L. Timm
5808 Jean St
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-17-20
(DATE)

Conner Fayard
13487 Spruce Water Dr
Gulfport, MS 39503

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

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-17-20
(DATE)

Jason Fayard
1348 7 Spring Water Dr
Gulfport, MS 39503

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

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Jason Fayard
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/17/2020

Michael Walls
201 Madison Pl
Ocean Springs, MS 39565

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

04-16-2020

(MARK S. FAYARD)
13487 Spring Water Dr.
Gulfport, MS 39503

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Sincerely,

MARK S. FAYARD
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/13/20
(DATE)

Aaron L. Scara
206 Old Hwy 986
Perkinston, MS 39574

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

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[Signature]
LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4/18/20  
(DATE)

Colleen Scan
404 Old Hwy 26
Perkinston MS 39573

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

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4/18/20

(Date)

[Address]

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

[DATE]

[Addressee name]
2593 Old Bay Rd
Biloxi, MS 35831

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Biloxi, MS 39530

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-17-20
(DATE)

Barry Carter
15871 Baylor Ave.
Gulfport, MS 39503

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

4/18/2020
(DATE)

Kelly Weems
16128 Orange Grove Rd
Gulfport MS 39503

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

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LETTER IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED ACTION

4-18-2020

(TITLE)

Tiffany Henderson
6700 Yança St
Biloxi, MS 35502

Joe Spraggins, Executive Director
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04/18/2020
(DATE)

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14920 Camp Ln.
Gulfport, MS 39503

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4/18/2020

(DATE)

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Gulfport, MS 39501

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Randy Karratrk
504/796-9456
3I76 St. Beach, Miss. 34160

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April 17, 2020
(DATE)

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Biloxi, MS 39532

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Cecil Scott
Cap. Old Mercy II
Pascagoula, MS 39567

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Sarah Ride
149 So. Ave.
D'Lo, MS 39530

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(DET)

Connor Pfaff
1543 Miller Street
Biloxi, MS 34530

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D'Iberville, MS 37540

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Dominick Cutaneous, II
143 Locust Dr.
Biloxi, MS

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14257 Campground
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6531 Bridge Dr.
Biloxi, MS 34532

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04/19/2020
(DATE)

Christian Hawley
27448 Bethel Rd
Sunier, MS 39574

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Ciberoile, MS 39540

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April 18, 2020

John M. McMahon
1320 Kensington Drive
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04/30/20
(DATE)

Marion Platt
1849, Miller Street
Biloxi, MS 39530

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403 Marquette Ave
Lafayette, LA 70503

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DATE: April 17, 2020
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4/17/202

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Mark Manning
402 Beverly Dr.
LaFayette, LA 70503

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(DATE)

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P.O. Box 39452

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Apr. 17, 2020
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Dianne Holloway
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April 16, 2020

(DATE)

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(DATE)

Roger Spraggins
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Mallory Sanner
1448 Bayview Dr.
Long Beach, MS 39532

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OCEAN SPRINGS, MS 39564

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CINDY ELDER
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126 Cedar Street
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April 28, 2020
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Robert Clifford
827 Bluff Rd.
Biloxi, MS 37532

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Devin Wieniewitz
Red Snapper Endorsement Program

April 21, 2020

Sandy Chesnut
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.
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.