Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
June 15, 2021
Employment Updates

- Jack Husley–promoted to MP Officer II (Corporal)–06.01.21
- Chris Collins–promoted to MP Supervisor (Lieutenant)-06.01.21
- Bryce Gex–promoted to Assistant Chief, Marine Patrol-06.01.21
- Merritt McCall–Marine Fisheries Scientist, II Shellfish Bureau–06.01.21
- Nickolas Moreno–Marine Fisheries, III – Shrimp & Crab Bureau–06.01.21
- Luke Wall – Intern – Fisheries – 06.01.21
- Logan Jones – Intern – Fisheries – 06.01.21
- Taylor Cook – Intern – Fisheries – 06.01.21
- Paul Frye – Intern - GBNERR – 06.01.21
- Lauren Kegley – Intern – GBNERR – 06.01.21
- Nathan Blackledge – Intern – IT – 06.01.21
- Ethan Favre – Intern – Lyman – 06.01.21
- Natalie Favre – Intern - Public Affairs – 06.01.21
- Bettie Shoemaker – Intern – Coastal Preserves – 06.14.21
- Alyssa Stoner – Intern – Coastal Preserves – 06.21.21
- Glenn Ocean Gehrmann – Intern – Coastal Preserves – 06.28.21
- Mike Yonce – Retired from Marine Patrol Supervisor – 06.01.21
- Shavy Gaines – Retiring from Finance Director – 06.30.21
- Joe Jewell – Retiring from Marine Fisheries Office Director – 06.30.21
Actions Update
June 15, 2021
Discussed at the May 2021 meeting:

1) Motion to recommend that the 2021-2022 shrimp season be opened by the Director when sampling shows Brown Shrimp have reached the average of 68 count per pound.

- Commission recommended approval of the request.
- Director approved the request.
Pending Items for Discussion

1) Commission’s motion to recommend a Violation and fine in the amount of $5000.00 to Shawn Gollott for the unauthorized placement of rip-rap and for an After-the-Fact general permit for the existing rip-rap and construction of piers as proposed in the Back Bay of Biloxi, 3393 and 3387 Bay Shore Drive in D’Iberville, Harrison County, MS.

2) Commission’s motion to recommend that the request for after-the-fact authorization for existing boathouse, approval for proposed boathouse, and recommended fine for violation to the contractor, Cleo Benward, be tabled until such time that more information can be obtained from Vivek Barclay, the owner of the property located on Bayou Porteaux, 14113 El Camino Real Road in Ocean Springs, Jackson County, MS.
Changes to Title 22
Part 22

Sandy Chesnut
Special Assistant Attorney General
Changes to Title 22 Part 22

- Reflects changes prescribed by HB 827.
- Removed wording that was already covered in Mississippi Code but includes references to the applicable statutory or regulatory authorities.
- Updated the format to “Rules” and “Sources” to conform with the format prescribed by the Secretary of State’s Office.
Substantive Changes

• Changed the Commission’s authority to advisory to the Executive Director.
• Added provision for educational meetings where no commission action is necessary.
• Deleted the four (4) hours advance notice of Called Special Meetings – conflicts with MS statute. MS statute will be followed.
• Changed to reflect that the Executive Director establishes the agenda for the public meetings.
• Clarified that public comments related to an agenda item will be taken up during discussion of that item and all other public comments will be heard during the Public Comments section of the meeting.
• Established the three (3) minute time frame for each individual to make public comments.
• Revised the Regulations section to reflect Commission’s advisory role.
• Removed the Petitions for Review section – that information is covered in Title 22, Part 15, which will also be revised based upon HB 1211.
• Deleted the Policies and Directives section based upon the changes to the Commission’s role as advisory.
• Deleted the Changes to Commission Handbook section – changes will be processed as all other regulation changes.
Recommendation to the Executive Director that the new format and changes to Title 22, Part 22 be sent to the Secretary of State’s Office for Notice of Intent.

(sos.ms.gov/regulation-enforcement/administrative-bulletin)
Key Metrics:

- **State Revenue of $4.6M**
- **Agency Revenue of $46M**
- **State Net Income of ($1M)**
- **Agency Net Income of $24.8M**

![Image of financial report](image-url)
Financial Budget Comparison

After eleven months of Fiscal Year 2021:

- Operating Funds have 71.2% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 34.5% of Budget remaining

June 15, 2021
Changes to Title 22
Parts 1, 13 and 17

Erik Broussard
June 15, 2021
Changes to Title 22

• Combined all shellfish related rules and regulations into one Part
  • From Part 1, 13 and 17 to Part 1
• Removed wording that was already covered in Mississippi Code and the NSSP Model Ordinance. Referenced the applicable statutory or regulatory authorities
• Updated the format to “Rules” and “Sources” to conform with the format prescribed by the Secretary of States Office
• Added new language
• Updated old language
Substantive Changes – Chapter 2

- New Definitions
  - Aquaculture intermediate size shellstock
  - Aquaculture market size shellstock
  - Aquaculture seed
  - Authority
  - Bulk Tagging
  - Commercial Molluscan Shellfish Aquaculture Permit
  - Commercial Molluscan Shellfish Lease Permit

- Commercial Molluscan Shellstock Transport Permit
- Depuration
- Marina
- Public Reef
- Retailer
- Seed
- Shellfish Related Activities
- Tag (White, Green, Red, Purple)
- Wet Storage
- Wholesaler
Substantive Changes – Chapter 3 & 4

• Chapter 3 – Rule 3.3 – Management Plan for Shellfish Growing Waters

• Chapter 4 = Reorganized into subcategories:
  • Rule 4.2 – Public Reef Harvest
  • Rule 4.3 – On-Bottom Private Lease Harvest
  • Rule 4.4 – Off-Bottom Aquaculture Lease Harvest
Substantive Changes – Chapter 5-8

- Chapter 5
  - Rule 5.6 Tagging of On-Bottom Lease Harvest
  - Rule 5.7 Tagging of Off-Bottom Aquaculture Harvest
- Chapter 6 – Rule 6.3 E – Cleansing of adulterated shellstock
- Chapter 8 –
  - Rule 8.3 Off-Bottom Molluscan Shellfish Aquaculture
    - A – Seed grow-out in prohibited waters
    - B2 – Additional reporting options
Substantive Changes – Chapter 9 & 10

• Chapter 9 – Rule 9.1 C1 – Clarification on Retailer Activity
• Chapter 10 – Rule 10.2 – Off-Bottom Molluscan Shellfish Leases
Notice of Intent

Recommendation to the Executive Director that the new format and changes to Title 22, Part 1 be sent to the Secretary of State’s Office for Notice of Intent.
State Saltwater Finfish Records

Jonathan Barr
June 15, 2021
Saltwater Fishing Record
(All Tackle)

Almaco Jack
Seriola rivoliana

Old Record: 35 lbs. 2.4 oz.
New Record: 36 lbs. 3.2 oz.

Angler: Dyllan Camplejohn
Saltwater Fishing Record
(All Tackle)

Red Lionfish
*Pterois volitans*

Old Record: 1 lb. 15.04 oz.
New Record: 2 lbs. 5.4 oz.

Angler: Stanford Georgen
Saltwater Fishing Record
(Conventional)

Gag

Mycteroperca microlepis

Old Record: 58 lbs. 4.8 oz.
New Record: 67 lbs. 6.4 oz.

Angler: Travis Gessley
Saltwater Fishing Record (Conventional)

Gulf Flounder
Paralichthys albaguttata

Old Record: 1 lb. 7.68 oz.
New Record: 1 lb. 11.52 oz.

Angler: Donald Bosarge II
Saltwater Fishing Record
(Conventional)

Swordfish
Xiphias gladius

Old Record: 242 lbs. 8.64 oz.

Angler: Donnie Jackson Jr.
Saltwater Fishing Record
(Youth Conventional)

Gag
*Mycteroperca microlepis*

New Record: 45 lbs. 1.6 oz.

Angler: Blake Bosarge
Saltwater Fishing Record
(Youth Conventional)

Gaftopsail Catfish
*Bagre marinus*

New Record: 5 lbs. 12.8 oz.

Angler: Samuel Wright