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MACMR to meet Tuesday, May 17

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources will meet Tuesday, May 17, in Biloxi.

The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and will be held at the Bolton State Building in the first-floor auditorium. The meeting is broadcast live on the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources Facebook page (www.facebook.com/MississippiDMR); however, questions and public comments will not be answered through Facebook. The meeting is also archived for later viewing on the agency's Facebook page.

An agenda is attached.

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

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MISSISSIPPI ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES

Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.

Bolton Building Auditorium

1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530

- A. Call to Order
 - 1. Pledge of Allegiance
 - 2. Moment of Silence
 - 3. Oath of Office Administered to Commissioner Jonathan S. McClendon – Lucille Morgan, CSR
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – February 15, 2022 – Chairman – Action
- C. Approval of Agenda – Chairman
- D. Executive Director’s Report – Joe Spraggins
 - 1. Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
 - 2. Agency Update
 - 3. USDA Processors Grant
 - 4. 2019 Bonnet Carre Update
 - 5. Actions Update from Prior Meeting
- E. Commissioners Report
- F. OFFICE OF MARINE PATROL – Chief Kyle Wilkerson
 - 1. Report on Citations
- G. OFFICE OF COASTAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT – Jennifer Wittmann
 - 1. Bureau of Wetlands Permitting
 - a. Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission – The applicant is seeking authorization to construct a barge staging area at the east end of the Port Bienville Industrial Canal in Hancock County, Mississippi – Consistency – Greg Christodoulou
 - b. Huntington Ingalls Industries – The applicant is seeking authorization for continued maintenance dredging in previously authorized areas and deepening of an existing sonar pit at their facility on the Mississippi Sound in Pascagoula, Jackson County – Permit – Greg Christodoulou
 - c. Jackson County Port Authority – The applicant is seeking authorization to widen 7.2 miles of the Pascagoula Lower Sound/Bayou Casotte Federal Navigation Channel segment from 350 feet to 450 feet, south of Pascagoula, Jackson County – Exclusion – Greg Christodoulou

- d. Harrison County Sand Beach – The applicant is seeking authorization to dredge from up to 22 borrow areas in the Mississippi Sound. The material will be used to renourish the sand beach from Henderson Point to the I-110 loop in Biloxi, Harrison County, Mississippi – Permit – Jennifer Wilder
- e. Mississippi Department of Marine Resources – The applicant is seeking a Permit to construct an oyster reef in the St. Louis Bay in Harrison County – Permit – Matt Murphy

H. OFFICE OF COASTAL RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY – Rhonda Price

- 1. No Presentation this Month

I. OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Leslie Brewer

- 1. FY22 Monthly Report – Leslie Brewer

J. Directorate

- 1. Public Affairs – Charmaine Schmermund

K. OFFICE OF MARINE FISHERIES – Traci Floyd

- 1. Final Adoption of Title 22 Part 4 – Rules and Regulations for the Taking and Processing of Saltwater Crabs – Jason Saucier
- 2. Final Adoption of Title 22 Part 3 – Rules and Regulations that Establish Restrictions Governing the Use of Nets, Fish Traps and Pots within the Territorial Waters of the State of Mississippi and Establishing Certain Catch Limitations and Quotas; Regulations to Provide Size Limits and Bag Limits on Certain Fish Species and to Prevent Sale of Seafood by Recreational Fisherman – Matt Hill
- 3. Changes to Title 22 Part 18 – Rules and Regulations for Special Permits in the State of Mississippi – Jason Saucier
- 4. 2022 Mississippi Shrimp Season Update – Jason Saucier
- 5. State Saltwater Finfish Records – Staff
 - a. Conventional Tackle:
 - 1. Rock Hind (*Epinephelus adscensionis*) – 3lbs. 10.4 oz. – Trey Tinkle
 - 2. Smooth Puffer (*Lagocephalus laevigatus*) – 10 lbs. 0.0 OZ. – Phillip Overman

L. Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve – Ayesha Gray

- 1. Update on Natural Resource Data Assessment (NRDA) Project Activities
- 2. Celebrate the Gulf Marine Education Festival and Winning Poster Art

M. Other Business

N. Public Comments