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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
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Employment Updates

- Michael Smith – New Hire – Law Enforcement Officer I (Private) – Marine Patrol – 08.01.22
- Nicholas McDaniel – New Hire – Law Enforcement Officer I (Private) – Marine Patrol – 08.01.22
- Caleb Vick – New Hire – Law Enforcement Officer II (Corporal) – Marine Patrol – 08.08.22
- Jermellody Christian – New Hire – CZM Grant Administrator – Coastal Resources – 08.08.22
- Jeffery Payne – Promoted to Law Enforcement Officer Team Lead (Lieutenant) - Marine Patrol – 07.16.22
- Matthew Kasovich – Promoted to Law Enforcement Officer Team Lead (Lieutenant) - Marine Patrol – 07.16.22
- Kaitlyn Payne – Promoted to Law Enforcement Officer I (Private) – Marine Patrol – 08.01.22
- Neva Hosty – Promoted to Dispatcher I to Dispatcher II – Marine Patrol – 07.16.22
- Ellen Coffin – Promoted to Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist Team Lead – Marine Fisheries – Shellfish Bureau – 07.16.22
- Jennifer Wilder – Promoted to Environmental/Natural Resources Specialist Team Lead – Coastal Resources - 08.01.22
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Actions Update for August 20, 2022
Commission Meeting
Discussed at the July 2022 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:

  1) No Wake Zone for Old Fort Bayou Waterway:
  - (i) From Northern coordinates 30°25‘07.68” N, 88°50‘03.30” W approximately 980 feet to Southern coordinates 30°24‘58.98” N, 88°50‘05.92” W. – Approve
  - (ii) From Northern coordinates 30°25‘04.63” N, 88°50‘02.75” W approximately 660 feet to Southern coordinates 30°25‘00.06” N, 88°50‘04.41” W. – Approve
  - (iii) From Western coordinates 30°25‘08.58” N, 88°49‘52.86” W approximately 1,610 feet to Eastern coordinates 30°25‘11.94” N, 88°49‘35.14’ W. – Table for future consideration.
The Commission elected the following officers:
- Ronnie Daniels, Chair
- Cam Roberds, Vice Chair
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Request for Permit by:
City of Biloxi
DMR22-000087

- Location: Mississippi Sound at the Intersection of U.S. Highway 90 and Porter Avenue, Biloxi, Harrison County, MS.
- Use District: (G) General Use District
- Agent: Seymour Engineering
Project Description

- **Fill/Jetty:**
  - Sand Beach: 120’ X 23’ = 2,760 sf
  - Unvegetated waterbottoms: 240’ X 23’ = 5,520 sf

- **Structures:**
  - Pier: 345’ X 8’ w/ bench seating area: 12’ X 2’
  - Covered Pier: 24’ X 24’
  - Pier: 35’ x 12’
  - Pier: 84’ X 16’

- **Dredging (Temporary work channel):**
  - 670’ X 40’

- **Proposed depth:** 4’ below MLW

The applicant has requested a variance to Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 114.01 which states, “Permanent filling of coastal wetlands below the mean high tide line because of potential adverse and cumulative environmental impacts is not authorized,”

Justification: Miss. Admin. Code Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 118.04 by stating the activity requires a waterfront location; there is a significant public benefit in the activity; and a public hearing was held.
Public and Agency Notification

- Comments...

- Notification of this project appeared in The Sun Herald on July 17, 24, and 31, and also on the DMR web site from July 29 - current.

- No public comments were/have been received

- A public hearing will be held on Tuesday, August 9, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. at the Bolton Building Auditorium located at 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS.

- MS DEQ: Currently reviewing the project
- MS DAH: No objections
- MS DWFP: No comments
- MS SOS: Area is already under and existing PTT lease
Recommendation

- The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted a thorough evaluation of the projects and has made findings on the decision factors in accordance with the Mississippi Coastal Program (MCP). Based on the results of these findings, it has been determined that the project is consistent with the MCP because the project serves a higher public purpose by providing more resilient and improved access to the water and provide recreational opportunities to the public. The jetty will also provide attachment sites to provide secondary productivity and provide refuge for numerous marine organisms.

- Staff requests a motion that the Commission recommend to the Executive Director:
  - Approval of the Requested Variance
  - Approval of the Requested Permit contingent on clearance from MDEQ
Mississippi
Department of Marine Resources
Agency Financial Results
as of July 31, 2022
Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of $3M
- Agency Revenue of $3M
- State Net Income of $2.8M
- Agency Net Income of $2.4M
Financial Budget Comparison

- After one month of Fiscal Year 2023:
  - Operating Funds have 99.5% of Budget remaining
  - Tidelands Trust Fund has 99.5% of Budget remaining
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State Saltwater Finfish Records

Trevor Moncrief
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Youth Conventional
Youth Conventional Record

Leatherjack
*Oligoplites saurus*

New Record: 2.4 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes
Youth Fly Fishing Record

Ladyfish
*Elops saurus*

New Record: 2 lbs. 7.68 oz.

Angler: Rodie Armes
Motion to Recommend Adoption of New State Records
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