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Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources

December 19, 2023



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Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates December 19, 2023

Employment Updates

New-Hires:

- Brianna Cedillo – Law Enforcement Office I (Private) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Kyle McDonald – Law Enforcement Office I (Private) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol

Promotions:

- Dennis McGrury – ENRS Team Lead – November 16, 2023 – Grand Bay NERR
- Jake Pettigrew – ENRS Team Lead – November 16, 2023 – Office of Coastal Resources Management – Coastal Preserves
- Roy Lipscomb – Law Enforcement Officer III (Sr. Master Sergeant) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Jarred Mitchel – ENRS II – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Fisheries – Artificial Reef Bureau
- Aaron Smith – Law Enforcement Officer II (Corporal) – December 1, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol
- Myrick Nicholas – Law Enforcement Officer I (Private) – December 11, 2023 – Office of Marine Patrol

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Actions Update for December 19, 2023 Commission Meeting

Discussed at the November 2023 meeting:

- The Commission recommended and the Director approved the following motions:
- (1) Motion to recommend the Executive Director to establish a crab trap closure in public waters for the purpose of conducting a derelict crab trap clean-up for 10 days in 2024 with the closure area and dates to be based on stakeholder feedback.
- (2) Motion to recommend Notice of Intent for regulatory changes to Chapter 8 of Title 22 Part 09 - Recreational Reporting Requirements regarding offshore landing permits.

- (3) Motion to recommend approval of the following State Saltwater Finfish Records:

Conventional Tackle:

1. Florida Pompano (*Trachinotus carolinus*) – 5 lbs. 0.64 oz.
– Stefanson Smith
2. Irish Pompano (*Diapterus avaratus*) – 5.9 oz.
– Cecily O'Brien



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Mississippi

Department of Marine Resources

Agency Financial Results
as of November 30, 2023

Key Metrics:

- State Revenue of \$4.2M
- Agency Revenue of \$19.1M
- State Net Income of \$1.4M
- Agency Net Income of \$5.3M

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES

Income Statement - Fiscal Year 2024

As of November 30, 2023

	Federal : GOMESA PHII: NFWF:		Operating		
	State	Non-Federal:	Subtotal	Tidelands	Total DMR
Revenue:					
Off-road Fuel Tax	3,050,000	-	3,050,000	-	3,050,000
Federal/NonFederal Grants	21,130	1,632,330	1,653,460	-	1,653,460
Sales Revenue	706,774	-	706,774	-	706,774
Indirect Cost Recovery	328,299	-	328,299	-	328,299
Other Revenue	147,806	1,553,346	1,701,152	11,753,265	13,454,417
Current Budget Year Revenue:	4,254,008	3,185,676	7,439,684	11,753,265	19,192,949
Expenditures:					
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	2,402,904	1,475,349	3,878,253	443,201	4,321,454
Travel	20,037	20,272	40,308	13,912	54,221
Contractual Services	178,088	549,597	727,685	282,821	1,010,506
Commodities	116,336	1,775,753	1,892,089	80,187	1,972,276
Other than Equipment	-	4,850	4,850	-	4,850
Equipment	115,739	41,633	157,372	70,350	227,722
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	694	4,071,566	4,072,260	2,222,312	6,294,572
Current Budget Year Expenditures:	2,833,798	7,939,019	10,772,817	3,112,784	13,885,601
Current Budget Year Net Income/(Loss):	\$ 1,420,209	\$ (4,753,343)	\$ (3,333,133)	\$ 8,640,481	\$ 5,307,348

Financial Budget Comparison

- After five months of Fiscal Year 2024:

MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES
2024 Budget Comparison
As of November 30, 2023

	<i>Actual Year to Date Expenditures</i>			<i>Budget Year Totals</i>			<i>Percent Remaining</i>		
	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total	Operating	Tidelands	Total
Expenditures:									
Salaries, Wages, Fringe	\$ 3,878,253	\$ 443,201	\$ 4,321,454	\$ 15,093,165	\$ 1,304,662	\$ 16,397,827	74.3%	66.0%	73.6%
Travel	40,308	13,912	54,221	213,093	30,000	243,093	81.1%	53.6%	77.7%
Contractual Services	727,685	282,821	1,010,506	13,643,311	1,651,000	15,294,311	94.7%	82.9%	93.4%
Commodities	1,892,089	80,187	1,972,276	3,923,349	360,000	4,283,349	51.8%	77.7%	54.0%
Other than Equipment	4,850	-	4,850	100,000	20,000	120,000	95.2%	100.0%	96.0%
Equipment	157,372	70,350	227,722	988,317	280,000	1,268,317	84.1%	74.9%	82.0%
Vehicles	-	-	-	-	150,000	150,000	-	100.0%	100.0%
Wireless Devices	-	-	-	6,250	-	6,250	100.0%	-	100.0%
Subsidies, Loans, and Grants	4,072,260	2,222,312	6,294,572	165,690,342	8,659,585	174,349,927	97.5%	74.3%	96.4%
Total Expenditures:	\$ 10,772,817	\$ 3,112,784	\$ 13,885,601	\$ 199,657,827	\$ 12,455,247	\$ 212,113,074	94.6%	75.0%	93.5%

- Operating Funds have 94.6% of Budget remaining
- Tidelands Trust Fund has 75.0% of Budget remaining



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Final Adoption of Title 22 Part 9 – Creation of an Offshore Landing Permit

Trevor Moncrief
December 19, 2023

Notice of Intent

On November 21, 2023, the Commission recommended to the Executive Director that staff move forward with a Recreational Offshore Landing Permit and to send appropriate changes in Title 22 Part 9 to the Secretary of State's Office for Notice of Intent.

Executive Director approved the recommendation, and the proposed regulation was filed with the SOS's office on November 21, 2023.

Title 22 Part 9 Chapter 8 Recreational Reporting Requirements

Rule 8.4 Recreational Offshore Landing Permit. Any person, except those persons currently exempt from purchasing a recreational fishing license, possessing any one of the below fish species or species groups on board a vessel taken from within or outside of Mississippi territorial waters shall be required to have obtained and have in their immediate possession a recreational offshore landing permit. Any person on a trip aboard a charter vessel, who pays a fee for that trip, is not required to have this permit, but the permit is required for owner of the licensed charter vessel. Permits may be obtained at no cost from the Department, or authorized method, by persons who hold any valid license authorizing the taking and possessing of saltwater species of fish. Permits shall be valid for the duration of the calendar year in which they were purchased, regardless of the duration of the valid recreational fishing license. Required species are as listed:

A. Reef fish species:

1. any species of snapper, excluding Mangrove Snapper harvested within a line formed by the Intercoastal Waterway;
2. Any species of amberjack;
3. Any species of grouper or hind;
4. Gray triggerfish;

B. Coastal pelagics:

1. Cobia

Publication of Proposed Regulation

- Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the Sun Herald on November 24, 2023
- Notice of the proposed regulation was also posted on the MDMR website on November 21, 2023

Mississippi Secretary of State

SOS APA Form 001

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES NOTICE FILING

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SUBMIT DATE
11/21/2023

Name or number of rule(s): Title 22 Part 9

Short explanation of rule/amendment/pepeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/pepeal: TITLE 22 – MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES PART 9 Confidentiality of Statistical Data, addition of language pertaining to offshore permit establishment. Specific legal authority authorizing the promulgation of rule: Mississippi Code Ann. § 49-15-15, APA, § 25-43-1.101 et seq.

(List all rules repealed, amended, or suspended by the proposed rule: Title 22, Part 9; (see above summary description; complete description attached)

ORAL PROCEEDING:

☐ An oral proceeding is scheduled for this rule on Date: _____ Time: _____ Place: _____

☒ Presently, an oral proceeding is not scheduled on this rule.

If an oral proceeding is not scheduled, an oral proceeding must be held if a written request for an oral proceeding is submitted by a political subdivision, an agency or ten (10) or more persons. The written request should be submitted to the agency contact person at the above address within twenty (20) days after the filing of this notice of proposed rule adoption and should include the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the person(s) making the request; and, if you are an agent or attorney, the name, address, email address, and telephone number of the party or parties you represent. At any time within the twenty-five (25) day public comment period, written submissions including arguments, data, and views on the proposed rule/amendment/pepeal may be submitted to the filing agency.

ECONOMIC IMPACT STATEMENT:

☒ Economic impact statement not required for this rule. ☐ Concise summary of economic impact statement attached.

TEMPORARY RULES

Original filing

Renewal of effectiveness

To be in effect in _____ days

Effective date:

Immediately upon filing

Other (specify): _____

PROPOSED ACTION ON RULES

Action proposed:

☒ New rule(s)

☒ Amendment to existing rule(s)

☐ Repeal of existing rule(s)

☐ Adoption by reference

Proposed final effective date:

☒ 30 days after filing

Other (specify): _____

FINAL ACTION ON RULES

Date Proposed Rule Filed:

Action taken:

☐ Adopted with no changes in text

☐ Adopted with changes

☐ Adopted by reference

☐ Withdrawn

Repeal adopted as proposed

Effective date:

☐ 30 days after filing

Other (specify): _____

Printed name and Title of person authorized to file rules: Joe Spraggins Executive Director

Signature of person authorized to file rules:

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The entire text of the Proposed Rule including the text of any rule being amended or changed is attached.

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Title 22 Part 9 – Proposed Changes

Public Notices / November 21, 2023

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) does hereby give public notice that on November 21, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources (MACMR), the Commission recommended approval of and the Executive Director approved a Notice of Intent to update, modify and change below listed sections of Title 22 Part 9 Confidentiality of Statistical Data, addition of language pertaining to offshore permit establishment. Said Notice of Intent was filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State's office on November 21, 2023. A complete copy of Title 22 Part 9 and the proposed changes are available at www.dmr.ms.gov. Public comments on the proposed regulation changes will be accepted through Monday December 18, 2023. All comments should be mailed to the MDMR, Attn: Trevor Moncrief, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, MS 39530 or emailed to: Trevor Moncrief at publiccomments@dmr.ms.gov and delivered by 5:00 PM on December 18, 2023.

Short explanation of rule/amendment/pepeal and reason(s) for proposing rule/amendment/pepeal:

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON

Before me, the undersigned Notary of Dallas County, Texas personally appeared Stefani Beard, who, being by me first duly sworn, did depose and say that she is a clerk of The Sun Herald, a daily newspaper published in the city of Gulfport, in Harrison County, Mississippi and the publication of the notice, a copy of which is hereto attached, has been made in said paper in the issue(s) of:

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11/24/23

Affidavit further states on oath that said newspaper has been established and published continuously in said county for a period of more than twelve months next prior to the first publication of said notice.

Stefani Beard

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of November in the year of 2023

Stephanie Hatcher

Notary Public
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STEPHANIE HATCHER
My Notary ID # 133534409
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Public Comments

- No public comments were received to date.

The logo is a circular seal for the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources. It features a central illustration of a bayou scene with a large lily pad in the foreground, a small boat in the middle ground, and a marshy shoreline with reeds in the background. The words "MISSISSIPPI" and "DEPARTMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES" are written in a circular border around the central image, separated by two five-pointed stars.

Questions?

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