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MACMR to meet Tuesday, February 20

BILOXI, Miss. – The Mississippi Advisory Commission on Marine Resources will meet Tuesday, February 20, 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 will broadcast live on the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources' YouTube channel at the following link:

<https://youtube.com/live/MH7PiKG7zB0?feature=share>. Please note that questions and public comments will not be answered through YouTube. The meeting is also archived for later viewing on the agency's YouTube 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, February 20, 2024 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
- B. Approval of Minutes
 - 1. Approval of Minutes – January 23, 2024 – Chairman – Action
- C. Approval of Agenda – Chairman
- D. Executive Director’s Report – Joe Spraggins
 - 1. Employment, Contracts and Procurement Updates
 - 2. Agency Update
 - 3. 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. Jackson County Port Authority – The applicant is proposing to fill 3.27 acres of Coastal Wetlands and tidally-influenced marsh for the construction of a rail line adjacent to the Escatawpa River in Moss Point, Jackson County – Certificate of Exclusion – Alyssa Timbs
 - b. Mississippi Department of Marine Resources – The applicant is requesting authorization for the construction of a site for the beneficial use of dredged material near the mouth of the West Pascagoula River in Jackson County – Permit – Katie Nelson
- H. OFFICE OF COASTAL RESTORATION AND RESILIENCY – Rhonda Price
 - 1. No Presentation this Month
- I. OFFICE OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – Leslie Brewer
 - 1. FY24 Monthly Report – Leslie Brewer

- J. Directorate
 - 1. Public Affairs – Charmaine Schmermund
- K. OFFICE OF MARINE FISHERIES – Traci Floyd
 - 1. State Saltwater Finfish Record – Trevor Moncrief
 - a. Conventional Tackle:
 - 1. Red Grouper (*Epinephelus morio*) – 22 lbs. 12 oz. – Ron McMillan
- L. Grand Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve – Ayesha Gray
 - 1. No Presentation this Month
- M. Other Business
- N. Public Comments