

**Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting Minutes**  
**John Tesvich, Chairman**

Tuesday, September 17, 2013, 1 p.m.

UNO Advanced Technology Center, 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 210, New Orleans

**Meeting called to order at 1:09 p.m.**

**Present:**

**Absent:**

**Sam Slavich**

**Peter Vujnovich**

**Gordon Leblanc in for Tenney Sibley**

**Drue Winters in for Chip Kline**

**Mark Schexnayder**

**Dan Coulon**

**Byron Encalade**

**Jakov Jurisic**

**Buddy Pausina**

**Brandt LaFrance**

**Al Sunseri-entered at 1:25**

**Shane Bagala**

**Brad Robin**

**John Tesvich**

**Steve McManus in for Major Sammy Martin**

**Wilbert Collins**

**Jerome Zeringue**

**Karl Morgan**

**Guests:**

*This meeting is being held in compliance with  
Louisiana's Open Meetings Law as defined by La. R.S. 42:11, et seq.*

**Matthew Slavich- Slavich Seafood**  
**David Guilbeau- Retired DHH**  
**Steve Voisin- Motivati Seafood**  
**Julianna Mullen- Audubon Nature Institute**  
**Katie Semon-LDWF**  
**Bush Benton- Stegall, Benton and Associates**  
**Damon Morris- LDWF**  
**Nicholas Daisy- W & E Oysters**  
**Willie Daisy- W & E Oysters**  
**Tommy Waller- The Oyster Bed LLC**  
**Hilary Colis- Coalition to Restore Coastal LA**

**Shane Bagala made a motion to add the Ipad map app to the agenda, second by Jakov Jurisic, motion adopted.**

**Jakov Jurisic wanted to add a discussion regarding seed ground appeals board to the agenda. Second by Wilbert, motion adopted.**

**Motion by Wilbert Collins to approve July 30 minutes, second by Jakov Jurisic, motion adopted.**

**Motion by Wilbert Collins to accept the financial report, second by Jakov Jurisic, motion adopted.**

#### **IV. Committee Reports**

- A.** Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee – Gordon Leblanc gave an update on the report they are preparing for the taskforce.
- B.** Enforcement - Stephen McManus reminded everyone of the current closure in Bay Jimmy. They will ask for Jason Froeba to come to the next meeting to talk about VMS.
- C.** Coastal Restoration –  
Al Sunseri entered at 1:25.  
Save Louisiana’s coast is an organization of both commercial fishermen and charter boat folks. They are soliciting financial assistance and membership. They are having a fundraiser on Saturday October 5 in St. Bernard Parish at 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, October 2 at 10 a.m. at the multi-purpose building in Lafitte.
- D.** Marketing – Ashley Roth will get more information on Washington, D.C. Mardi Gras and Louisiana Oyster Alive.
- E.** Sustainability- try to pull committee together in the next couple of weeks.

#### **V. Old Business**

- A.** 2013-2014 Oyster Season Dates- Confirmed season dates were announced

Motion by Sam Slavich, second by Jakov Jurisic to write letter to LDWF expressing the concern of poaching on closed shell plants and asking for additional enforcement. Sam Slavich agreed to a friendly amendment to include buffer zones, 2,000 ft. Motion adopted

- B. BP Oil Spill Remediation**
  - 1. Claims Process
  - 2. Public Reef Remediation
  - 3. Oyster Lease Remediation

**VI. New Business**

- A. ISSC Proposals- Al Sunseri went over some proposals, Mark Schexnyder will help set up a conference call before the trip to go over proposals in advance.
- B. Tracking Oyster Tag Color on Trip Tickets-LDWF  
Al Sunseri made a motion to support LDWF adding oyster tag color to trip tickets. Second by Wilbert Collins. Motion adopted.
- C. Establishing an educational campaign "Save Our Reefs"- ideas include creation of website and materials. Al Sunseri made a motion to support a "Save our Reefs" campaign up to \$30,000 over the next year, second by Jakov Jurisic. Motion adopted.
- D. Oyster Reef Educational Tour- Looking at the end of September, beginning of October. More details to follow. Jakov Jurisic and Dan Coulon volunteered.
- E. Ipad Application- the department showed task force the I-pad application for leases.
- F. Appeals board- Rodney Fox asked to be replaced, Mr. Buddy will find his replacement. Industry members present from Terrebonne Parish were asked to look into the Terrebonne oyster association to fill empty seat on task force and appeals board.

**Set Next Meeting- November 12, 2013 at 1p.m.**

**Adjourn- Motion to adjourn by Wilbert Collins, second by Sam Slavich. Motion adopted.**