

OTF Meeting 2/1/10

Present: Shane Bagala, Dana Brocato, Glenn Cambre (David in for Glenn), Wilbert Collins, Dan Coulon, David Deere, Jakov Jurisic, Keith Lacaze, Karl Morgan, Ralph Pausina, Brad Robin, Al Sunseri, John Tesvich, Mike Voisin, Wilson Voisin, Jerome Zeringue and Patrick Banks.

Absent: Peter Vujnovich

III. Oyster Development Account

- a. Oyster Tag Sales-not in packet, Ashley will forward to task force.
- b. Financial report-no objections to report, report approved

IV. New Business

- a. Explanation of the proposed DWF-DNR MOU relative to authorizing oil and gas surface activities.

Motion that LOTF Public and Private seed ground committee meet with DWLF and DNR and reps from Gov's office to go through proposed MOU in detail in a committee setting. Committee will report back to OTF with recommendations.

Wilbert made motion, Mike second. Motion passed.

- b. LRA update (Kris Van Orsdel)-around Valentine's Day-application out. Next three weeks-outreach about program. Call lines will also be opened.
- c. National Wildlife Federation coastal restoration campaign-Maura Wood.
- d. 2010 Oyster Task Force Legislation Package

1. New law that would make raw, natural oysters harvested within the state to be sold and consumed within the state. Mike moves to support, second by Dan Coulon. Motion passes.

2. Repeal 56:435.1 and open Sabine Lake to all types of vessels, 1st Wednesday after Labor Day through April 1st. Mike moves to support legislation with Wilbert Collins second with an amendment to only make this available to those with seed ground vessel permits. Motion withdrawn.

John Tesvich makes motion to send this bill to legislative committee and second by David Deere. Motion approved.

3. Repeal 56:433 seed harvest only 1st Wednesday after Labor Day through the 2nd Monday in October and revert to old law opening public oyster reefs for all harvest on the 1st Wednesday after Labor Day. John Tesvich makes a motion to send to Legislative committee, second by Jakov.

4. Amend 40:5.3.1 to say in DHH in consultation with the DWF and the LOTF "shall notify all licensed oyster harvesters and dealers" that they may apply for an exemption from the V.p. or V.v. guidelines in the NSSP if

they have not been epidemiologically linked to a V.p. or V.v. illness. Mike makes a motion to adopt, second by Wilbert Collins.

5. Amend 56:303.4 and 56:303.7 requiring that the commercial "oyster" fishermen instead of the wholesale retail seafood dealer send the trip ticket information to the DWF because of the dealer CANNOT attest to the fact where the fishermen caught the oysters or the duration of the trip.

John makes a motion to move to legislative committee, second by David Deere.

6. RS 56:431.1-Devices to protect oysters from predation; use on leased acreage SUNSETS- we need to allow this activity after 1/2/2011.

D. The provisions of this section shall become null and void and of no effect on January 1, 2001, and no permit shall be issued which would allow use after that date nor shall any device authorized under the provision of this section be used after that date. Moved to support by Mike, second by John.

7. RS 56:436 Amend to allow for early morning harvest between April 1 and October 31 with a permit for the purpose of harvesting longer than 2 hours or set by oyster management guidelines. Motion to send to legislative committee, second by Jakov.

Motion by Mike to add bill R.S. 56:434 G and enact R.S. 56:434 H to agenda. Second by Wilbert Collins.

Motion by Jakov to support bill with addition of hatchets, second by John. Mike substitute to send to legislative committee. Second by Wilbert.

Motion by Buddy to send 8-11 to legislative committee and then to Sue. Second by Wilbert Collins. Approved.

8. Lift Oyster Leasing Moratorium (PPOG Committee)- Motion by Mike to keep in committee until report can be reviewed.

9. New law to provide means to reissue leases for certain reasons. (PPOG Committee)-

10. Amend law to allow a grace period for recording oyster leases. (PPOG Committee)-

11. New law creating new leaseable waterbottoms east of the MS River (PPOG Committee)-

d. Motion by John to add to agenda that we draft legislation providing certain areas of public oyster ground are off limits to oil activity. Motion approved. Motion by John to send to legislation committee to draft legislation, second by Jakov. Motion carries.

e. ISSC Board Meeting- March 9-11.

f. NFI spring conference in April 20-23. Mike made a motion for his participation, Wilbert Collins second.

V. Committee Reports

A. Department of Health and Hospitals-update on Vv and Vp plan.

B. Governor' Office on Coastal Affairs-meeting on Feb. 26 with John, Al and Wilbert to talk about davis pond and Caernarvon fresh water diversion projects. Meeting will be at 1:30 in the Chase Building, 450 Laurel St. in Baton Rouge. Motion by Jakov to have taskforce contact Mr. Mike Stack with contractor to come present to OTF on status of Ostrica locks. Motion second by Ralph. Motion carried.

C. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

D. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee-Going to work with Sue so that they can draft bills for items 8-11.

E. Research-next meeting- this Thursday, 9 a.m.

F.Enforcement-

G. Legal-develop list of concerns, suggested language and set of recommendations. Committee makes motion that task force adopt committees recommendation to redo language in lease to cover open time period in lease. Second by Wilbert, motion approved.

H. Coastal Restoration Activity Impact Sub-Committee-

I. Election of Officers-Buddy nominates John Tesvich. Passed. John Tesvich is new chairman.

Vice-chairman- Wilbert nominates Dan Coulon. Passed. Dan Coulon is vice-chairman.

VI. next meeting- march 1, 1p.m.

VII.