

OTF Meeting 12. 7

I. Present: Shane Bagala, Dana Brocato, Wilbert Collins, Dan Coulon, Adel Dyson, Jakov Jurisic, Steve McManus representing Keith Lacaze, Karl Morgan, Ralph Pausina, Brad Robin, Al Sunseri, John Tesvich, Mike Voisin, Peter Vujnovich, Wilson Voisin, Jerome Zeringue and Patrick Banks.

Absent: Glenn Cambre

II. Collins approved 11.19 minutes, second by Mike Voisin, Coulon approved 11.30 minutes, second by Wilson Voisin

Jakov would like to be notified of short notice meetings by telephone in addition to email

IV.

a. Mike Voisin motions that the MOU be sent to the public/private grounds committee for comment and action and that the committee be authorized to act on behalf of the task force between meetings. Request that all pertinent information, which includes the original MOU and all suggested amendments within the single document be provided for its deliberations. Motion carries.

Al will work on letter to send out to department heads on behalf of the task force.

b. Lake Borgne temporary opening- will be open for harvest one half hour before sunrise on Monday, Dec. 14. Maps available on Web site.

c. John Supan report on high salinity treatment- motion for research committee work with legal committee to look into developing high salinity treatment, including studying other states.

Jakov asks that we move to item G, second by Wilbert Collins. Motion passed.

Lease has to be recorded in the parish where the lease is located. Need to record the lease as soon as it comes in. Theory behind law is that 3rd persons will know that lease is recorded.

d. ISSC meeting report- Patrick Banks

e. request that DWF Sec. change sack limit in Calcasieu Lake to 10 sacks per trip. **Al will request the opinion of the Calcasieu oyster task force.**

f. request DWF adopt rule and regulations concerning Act 374

V. Committee Reports

A. Department of Health and Hospitals

- a. Streamlining of Government/Oyster Program
- b. Update on Joint Health/DWF Committee Meeting regarding DHH logos and LDWF trip tickets –DHH and LDWF-no report
- c. Update on Sabine Lake-project still ongoing

B. Governor's Office on Coastal Affairs-marsh Island is out for bid and they are working with WLF to minimize impact on seed grounds.

Buddy says that the Public and Private Grounds Committee requests an update on all pending applications.

Motion by Tesvich to Request that OTF write letter to Tomba Barnes, Tom Bernard and Chuck Villarubia expressing concern with low salinity levels being reported due to the current management of Davis Pond diversion structure. Second by Wilbert.

Buddy motions to call questions second by Brad Robin

Al will request that Barnes, Tom Bernard and Chuck Villarubia also come present at the next task force meeting.

No change on Ostrica locks.

Jakov makes a motion that the taskforce write a letter to Vitter and Landrieu and cc the Governor's Office concerning FEMA's funding of Ostrica lock repairs. Second by Pausina.

C. Department of Wildlife and Fisheries

- a. Act 417 exemptions
- b. all information is on the Web site, you can bring up your areas and add lines to the map
- c. no change on policy as of yet
- d.

In ref to Cc, Cd and Db, the Committee recommends study on east grounds to see what could be used for swapping leases and to give department the power to trade leases and go retroactive. Mike made motion to adopt committee recommendations, second by Dan.

D. Public and Private Oyster Ground Committees

- a. Moratorium lifting committee report-mtg December 14 at 1 at WLF.

b. options identified by DWF to modify existing DWF policy regarding non-renewal of existing oyster leases located within public seed grounds

c. expansion of the Lake Borgne public seed grounds and implications on existing lessees and future leasing.- will be addressed after the moratorium is lifted.

E. Research

a. Education program for oyster harvesters and oyster dealers.- met last week, good mtg, tasks assigned to decide which the various programs will be. Mike asks for at least annual education programs.

F. Enforcement

G. Legal

a. recording of oyster leases

H. Coastal Restoration Activity Impact Sub-Committee

a. LOTF position paper on fresh water diversions for the Governor's Office on Coastal Protection, restoration and Conservation.-tabled until next meeting

VI. Set next meeting-Monday the 1st of February at 1 p.m.

Public and private grounds committee will meet Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. the agenda item will be MOU.

Motion to adjourn by Mike second by Brad Robin