

**Oyster Task Force Meeting
November 10, 2015
2021 Lakeshore Dr., STE 210
New Orleans, LA 70122**

Meeting called to order at 1:10pm

Allison West called roll:

Voting Members Present

Wilbert Collins
Dan Coulon
Byron Encalade
Jakov Jurisic
Mitch Jurisich
Al Sunseri
John Tesvich
Willie Daisy

Voting Members Absent

Shane Bagala
Leo Dyson
Brad Robin
Brandt LaFrance
Sam Slavich
Peter Vujnovich, Jr.

Non-Voting Members Present

Captain Chad Hebert
Gordon Leblanc in for Lance Broussard
Kyle Graham
Frank Cole in for Karl Morgan

Non-voting Members Absent

Mark Schexnayder
Chip Kline

Jakov Jurisic asked the chairman and Task Force to add to the agenda a 'request for donation for the Wounded Warrior Project' under marketing

Motion to accept the agenda by Al Sunseri, 2nd by Wilbert Collins

Motion to accept last meetings minutes by Al Sunseri 2nd by Wilbert Collins

Rene Lebreton gave a break down of the oyster tag sales and financial report motion to accept the financial report by Al Suneri, 2nd by Wilbert Collins

Oyster Tag Sales for the month of October were 211,181 and the remaining fund balance is \$361, 552.

Committee Reports

Enforcement: 8 polluted fishing cases and several over the limit violations in Sister Lake. 43 sanitation violations, 16 undersized oyster violations, and 330 sacs of oysters were put back in the water on these violations

Legislative: No report at this time

Research: Patrick Banks, no report at this time

Marketing: Rene Lebreton, introduced Brian Bain with Tempt Films, the selected contractor for the oyster industry documentary

A request for donation from the Wounded Warrior Project, motion by Wilbert Collins to approve funding for 12 sacks of oysters for the Wounded Warrior Project-Poker Run, 2nd by Byron Encalade, motion adopted

Sustainability: Damon Morris stated that LDWF is continuing to work with the Audubon Nature Institute in developing a certification program that will include oysters

Professionalism: Darren Bourgeois announced upcoming Oyster Workshops, stated that LFF is in phase 2, filming

Aquaculture Committee: John Tesvich appointed Dr. Supan to chair the aquaculture committee.

Oyster Lease Moratorium Lifting Committee: John Tesvich reviewed the 9 recommendations made by the OLMLC

Al Sunseri made a motion to accept the OLMLC committee recommendations, 2nd by Wilbert Collins, motion adopted

Al Sunseri made a motion to send OLMLC recommendations report to the legislative committee to develop legislation for the upcoming session, Al Sunseri removed his motion

Cole Garret stated that he would get with the Department to discuss what can be done in regards to rule making and legislation

John Tesvich reported on the Interstate Shellfish Conference, California is back in the conference. Gordon Leblanc added that right now it still remains- 36 hours for overnight, but next year a new proposal may change this to 20 hours- overnight, with refrigeration.

Al Sunseri suggested doing some research on other states' vibrio plans for the next OTF and see if there are any states that have more than 20 hours, Gordon Leblanc stated that he will do some research regarding this matter.

Al Sunseri briefed the TF on the upcoming 'DC Walk on the Hill', we have secured the restaurant and hotel bookings, now working on appointments for all officers.

Al Sunseri made a motion for spending for Washington DC Oyster Week- \$40,000, 2nd Wilbert Collins. Motion adopted

Dr. Tom Soniat updated the TF on the Summer Dermo Study. The problem has been mortalities from low salinity. Would like to request a continuation for next year and asked that the Task Force approve \$6,972 funding for the study.

Al Sunseri made a motion to accept the Summer Dermo Study funding, 2nd by Dan Coulon, motion adopted

Patrick Banks said that the Summer Dermo Study Report will be included in the 2015 stock assessment when it is finalized and released

Kyle Graham CPRA executive Director presented CPRA's recommendations for the Mississippi River Diversions.

Al Sunseri asked CPRA to put together a map that would suggest where the OTF should invest and not invest based on current and future water diversions and also to involve the Department of Health and Hospitals because they have some back ground on this topic and may be able to provide some feedback on this.

Kyle Graham said that in about 4-5 months they should be able to produce something like that.

Mitch Jurisich presented on the Biological Assessment of Oyster Grounds, field surveys are coming in incomplete, and these surveys should have sampling data and there is some concern that more and more of these companies are taking this route.

Dan Coulon made a motion to send a letter to DNR and WLF regarding incomplete biological assessments, 2nd Wilbert Collins, motion adopted

Introduction of new WLF oyster biologist, Steve Beck

Next OTF meeting set for January 5, 2015 for 1pm New Orleans

Setting of the next Public/Private Oyster and OLMLC Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2015 10:30am- **Oyster Seed Grounds meeting postponed to January 5, 2016 for 10am in New Orleans**

Motion to adjourn by Al Sunseri, 2nd by Wilbert Collins