

**Oyster Task Force Meeting
UNO Advanced Technology Center
2021 Lakeshore Drive, STE 210
Tuesday, August 23, 2016**

Allison West called roll:

Voting Members Present:

Shane Bagala
Wilbert Collins
Dan Coulon
Leo Dyson
Byron Encalade
Jakov Jurisic
Mitch Jurisich
Brad Robin
Brandt LaFrance
Al Sunseri
John Tesvich
Sam Slavich
Peter Vujnovich
Willie Daisy

Non-Voting Members Present:

Mark Schexnayder
Gordon Leblanc in for Lance Broussard
Captain Chad Hebert
Frank Cole in for Karl Morgan

Motion to accept the May 17, 2016 minutes by Jakov Jurisic, 2nd by Wilbert Collins.
Motion passes.

Motion to approve the agenda by Jakov Jurisic 2nd by Wilbert Collins. Motion
approved. Motion passes.

Motion to accept the financial report by Jakov Jurisich, 2nd by Wilbert Collins. Motion
carries.

Public/ Private Oyster Seed Grounds Committee:

Mitch Jurisich addressed the TF with committee report-
-STF concerns about oyster markers
-Oyster Harvesters Training program- some concern with language barriers

Dual claimed maps, suggested to remove any existing leases from the dual claimed
status

Al Sunseri made a motion to request LDWF legal and enforcement to provide feedback on how dual claimed leases/ townships will be enforced 2nd by Wilbert Collins. Motion carries.

Mitch Jurisich asked that the TF move forward with LDWF to remove private leases from the mapping areas.

Al Sunseri made a motion to support the committee report and the TF voted in favor and to proceed with the recommendations, 2nd by Willie Daisy. Motion carries.

Enforcement Report:

Chad Hebert addressed the TF on the enforcement report- enforcement has seized 1236 sacs of oysters that were returned to the water

TF requested for enforcement to provide a breakdown of how many oyster seizures were from health violations vs. thieves

Legislative Report:

No Report

Research Committee:

New members of the research committee consisted of Megan Lapeyre, Jack Isaacs, Chris Bonvillain (Nicholls State University)

Jakov Jurisich, Dr. John Lopez, and Brad Robin volunteered to join the research committee.

Coastal Restoration:

Plan to have a meeting sometime mid September

Marketing Report:

Jakov Jurisich made a motion for the TF to participate in the LA Alive event and sponsor a booth for \$9,500, 2nd by Leo Dyson. Byron Encalade opposed, motion passes with one opposed.

Health Committee:

Gordon Leblanc addressed the TF with the health report

*Al Suneri suggested that Gordon Leblanc request a retraction from ISSC to correct on their website the mistake regarding shellfish poisoning

Sustainability Report:

No Report

Professionalism Report:

Darren Bourgeois presented the TF with the harvester's training requirement

Aquaculture Report:

No Report

Old Business:

Marc Maniscalco gave an update on the oyster lease moratorium

Elizabeth Calvit gave an update on the Biloxi Marsh BU project

Steve Beck addressed the TF with the 2016 oyster stock assessment and season recommendations

Al Sunseri asked Steve Beck for a graph to show landings in Calcasieu Lake from 2008-2014

Motion from Leo Dyson to open West side of Calcasieu Lake from November 1-March 31, 7 sac limit, East side January and February opening, 2nd by Jakov Jurisich. Motion Carries

Motion by Pete Vujnovich to open Hack Berry Bay November 1 for 1 day bedding and then sacking, but if there is a November 1 closure of the area, then the recommendation would revert to an Oct 15 opening, 2nd by Al Sunseri Motion carries.

Jakov Jurisich made a motion to postpone opening 1N until November 15; keeping the Drum Bay exception (sacking only area), 2nd by Shane Bagala

Al Sunseri made a substitute motion to open area 1N on September 7 for bedding only and giving LDWF authority to close and re-open as biological data shows appropriate -reopen sacking on November 14, 2nd by Leo Dyson. Motion passes with a vote.

Al Sunseri made a motion to recommend opening 1-S on October 10 for bedding and sacking, 2nd by Brad Robin. Motion retracted

Al Sunseri retracted his motion 2nd by Brad Robin. Motion retracted.

Day in the Bay Area 1 & 2- - Monday August 30, 2016

Darren Bourgeois addressed the TF with an update on the new license/ permit training requirements

Thomas Soniat addressed the TF with the 2016 Dermo Disease Study

Brad Robin addressed the TF on VMS cargo vessel requirements

RE: VMS - The TF sent item to Legislative Committee for further discussion

Brad Robin addressed the TF on 1-hour oyster tagging regulations

Al Sunseri suggested going to ISSC to address the problem with 1-hour tagging/ labeling and sending out a tagging notice in the interim

The next meeting was set for Tuesday, September 27, 2016 for 1pm in New Orleans

Motion to adjourn by Jakov Jurisic, 2nd by Brad Robin