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Shrimp Task Force Management Sub-Committee

Roll:

Clint Guidry

Lance Nacio

Andy Gibson

LDWF representation – Mark Schexnayder, Marty Bourgeois

**Proposed projects for Artificial Reef Fund:**

Clint Guidry: 2009, Governor Jindal created Shrimp Task Force, part of it was Seafood Certification Program and aid to meet certification standards. Still need to figure out what we need for “premium certification”. Funds are coming from the “rigs to reef” program.

Jason Froeba: The funds are 10% of the artificial reef fund, there is no cap.

Jason Froeba, LDWF, presented information on possible Grant Programs through the Fund. 10% of the Artificial Reef Fund is put into an account to provide funding for seafood certification, particularly in support of wild-caught shrimp. LRS 56:578.15 gives LDWF the authority for the certification program and to establish standards for the program. LRS 56:639.8 (2) dedicates 10% of the Artificial Reef Fund to provide funding to the industry.

The first grant program, the oyster refrigeration program, was launched in October 2012.

Other programs that may be launched by the LDWF include a Health Compliance Program, support for Global Food Safety Inspections, On-Board Refrigeration Equipment, and Increasing Ice Availability (for docks).

[Presentation can be found at:

[http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/shrimp\\_task\\_force/36968-Tuesday,%20August%2027,%202013/shrimp\\_task\\_force\\_grant\\_programs\\_8\\_27\\_13.pdf](http://www.wlf.louisiana.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/shrimp_task_force/36968-Tuesday,%20August%2027,%202013/shrimp_task_force_grant_programs_8_27_13.pdf)]

Clint Guidry did not call for a vote, but will report back to the Shrimp Task Force on the programs.

**Skimmer Size Legislation:**

Clint Guidry stated that the Task Force already decided not to move forward with this proposal.

Marty Bourgeois: The Task Force has discussed this extensively; there may be other gear modifications that the Task Force could discuss.

Public Comment: Michael Guidry, Commercial Shrimper from Galliano – opposed to the larger skimmer sizes, would support making other gear changes to the top line so that the nets can travel on the bottom.

Clint Guidry will bring the suggestion to the whole Task Force.

Public Comment: Barry Rogers, Dulac – opposed to increasing the size of skimmers; need more public meetings in different parts of the state.

**Monterey Bay Updated Rating**

Rene LeBreton: Monterey Bay will red list Louisiana otter trawl shrimp and the GOM skimmer trawl shrimp in their newest rating.

Adjourned