

April 3, 2014 Shrimp Task Force Meeting

LDWF Headquarters, 2000 Quail Drive. Baton Rouge, LA

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m.

Voting Members Present:

Clint Guidry
Lance Nacio
Mark Abraham
Alan Gibson
Andrew Blanchard
George Barisich- entered at 1:19 p.m.

Voting Members Absent:

Eric Hansen

Alternate Members Absent

Acy Cooper
Byron Despaux

Non-Voting Members Present:

Jack Isaacs
Mark Shexnayder
Chad Hebert in for Col. Jeff Mayne

Non-Voting Members Absent

Dr. Carrie Castille
Lance Broussard

Motion by Andrew Blanchard to approve agenda and minutes, second by Andy Gibson. Motion adopted.

Clint Guidry asked that we put trip to Washington, D.C. on agenda for next meeting.

Mark Abraham requested a 5- year revenue stream.

The task force took up discussion on the Monterey Bay Aquarium and Rene LeBreton informed the task force of the Gulffishinfo.org site and the ability to use that as a tool when working with buyers.

George Barisich entered at 1:19 p.m.

Jason Froeba with LDWF addressed the task force on the Shrimp Refrigeration Grant, thus far they have received 355 applications.

Clint Guidry recommended that the shrimp refrigeration grant program discussion be moved to the management committee so that they can discuss how to deal with the influx of applications, specifically retroactive applications. The committee will get- together sometime before the end of the fiscal year.

Certification Program—Rene LeBreton updated the task force on the certification program per their request of moving into a gulf- wide program. Clint Guidry suggested that they go back and gather information from their constituents before making any suggestions.

Legislative update—Clint Guidry gave an update on the skimmer net bill, which has cleared the House and will proceed to the Senate.

Mark Abraham took up the issue of Sustainability Legislation/TEDs enforcement. Clint Guidry said that he is bound to uphold the vote of the LSA and they all voted against any sort of TED enforcement legislation. Discussion was held on the issue.

Motion by Andy Gibson to repeal 56: 57.2 with a 2- year sunset, second by Andrew Blanchard.

A roll call vote was called: Those in favor were Lance Nacio, Alan Gibson, Andrew Blanchard and Mark Abraham. Opposed were George Barisich and Clint Guidry.

Motion to adjourn by Andy Gibson, second by Andrew Blanchard. Meeting adjourned at 2:36 p.m.