

Crab Task Force meeting April 22, 2014

Meeting called to order at 1:07 p.m. at UNO Advanced Technology Center in New Orleans

Present voting members:

Eric Blanchard
Chalin Delaune
Trudy Luke
Pete Gerica
James Bergeron
Keith Watts
Donnye Bourn
Rodney Parfait

Absent voting members:

Kim Alfonso
Gustave "Eddie" Chagnard
LaQuita Meek
Kernny Comardelle

Present non-voting members:

Jack Isaacs
Mark Schexnayder
Chad Hebert in for Lt. Col Jeff Mayne

Absent non- voting members:

Julie Anderson
Alan Matherne
Melissa Trosclair Daigle
Dr. Rex Caffey

Guests:

Jeff Marx- LDWF
Carl Britt- LDWF
Marty Bourgeois- LDWF
Darren Bourgeois-LDWF
Julia Lightner- LDWF
Rusty Gaudet- Sea Grant
Warren Delacroix-Commercial Fisherman
Julie Falgout- LSU Seagrant
Rene LeBreton-LDWF
Jon Bell- LSU Seagrant

Damon Morris- LDWF
Cole Garrett-LDWF
Chad Hebert- LDWF
Karen Profita- LSPMB
Lisa Manda- LSPMB

Motion by Keith Watts to approve February 11, 2014 meetings minutes. Second by James Bergeron.
Motion adopted.

Motion by Keith Watts to oppose the approval of March 25, 2014 special meeting minutes, second by Donnye Bourn.

Substitute motion to approve minutes by Eric Blanchard, second by Trudy Luke. Roll call vote was called.
All in favor except for Keith Watts and Donnye Bourn.

Harry Blanchet with LDWF presented requested crab data. Motion by Chalin Delaune to request stock assessment, second by Keith Watts. Motion adopted.

Motion by Eric Blanchard to add ratifying the legislative committee's report to the agenda, second by Keith Watts.

Motion by Eric Blanchard, second by Trudy Luke to ratify the decisions of the legislative committee to pass HB 1154 favorably. Discussion was held. All in favor except for Keith Watts and Donnye Bourn.

Substitute motion by Keith Watts to ratify legislative committee's decision regarding HB 1154 but keep exemption for Lake Pontchartrain. Second by Donnye Bourn. All opposed except for Keith Watts and Donnye Bourn. Motion fails.

Motion by Trudy Luke to ratify legislative committee's decision regarding HB 1160 and pass favorably, second by Rodney Parfait.

Jason Froeba said that CTF has to have their recommendations to the committee by the July commission meeting.

Eric Blanchard-abstain
Chalin Delaune- yes
Trudy Luke-yes
Pete Gerica- yes
James Bergeron-abstain
Keith Watts-abstain
Donnye Bourn- abstain
Rodney Parfait- yes

Motion failed, but after further discussion there was a motion by James Bergeron to take another vote on ratifying legislative committee's decision regarding HB1160 and pass favorably, Chalin Delaune second. Eric Blanchard was the only one who abstained. Professionalism sub-committee includes Pete Gerica, Warren Delacroix, Trudy Luke, Eric Blanchard

Financial Report- Motion by Keith Watts to accept the financial report, second by Chalin Delaune. Motion adopted.

Next meeting set for Thursday, June 5. 1 p.m. in Baton Rouge.

Karen Profita introduced Lisa Manda, the new Asst. Executive Director for LSPMB. Fifth wave of perception study is underway. May 24th Louisiana seafood cook-off.

Motion to adjourn by Keith Watts, second by Rodney Parfait. Meeting adjourned at 2:53 p.m.