**Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**November 2, 2016, 10:00AM**

**Terrebonne Council Meeting Room**

**8026 Main St. Houma, LA,**

**Voting Members Present:**

George Barisich

Lance Nacio

Acy Cooper

Kristen Baumer

Alan Gibson

Andrew Blanchard

**Voting Members Absent:**

Eric Hansen

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert

Benjy Rayburn

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Jack Isaacs

Lance Broussard

George Barisich made a motion to approve the July 13, 2016 minutes, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries.

Lance Nacio made a motion to approve the November 2, 2016 agenda, 2nd by Acy Cooper. Motion carries.

Treasury Report:

Budget Balance- $95,000, Fund Balance- $410,957

Acy Cooper made a motion to approve the financial report, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion carries.

Myron Fischer addressed the TF on the status of shrimp permits and a Gulf Council update

Acy Cooper made a motion to write a letter to the Gulf Council in support of Shrimp Amendment 17B, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion passes.

Jeff Marx addressed the TF with an inside/outside line update

Damon Morris provided a sustainability update

Cole Garrett led discussion on the Experimental Gear Program

Richard Williams updated the TF on the Refrigeration Grant Program

Acy Cooper made a motion to send LSPMB funding to the marketing committee for further discussion, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion carries.

George Barisich addressed the TF with discussion of ethics procedures, reports, and violations

Acy Cooper made a motion to write a letter to the Governor’s office on George Barisich’s behalf regarding his ethics violations and fees, 2nd by Kristen Baumer. Motion carries.

Acy Cooper addressed the TF with discussion on trawl board gear regulations

Acy Cooper made a motion to change the trawl board gear sizing restriction from the current 8x43” sizing limit to 8 x 60”, 2nd by George Barisish. Motion carries.

Acy Cooper discussed the shrimp/ crab task force appointees for a joint TF committee

Acy Cooper made a motion to appoint two STF appointees for the joint TF subcommittee, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion carries.

Acy Cooper led discussion on the LA Authentic Wild Seafood Program

Acy Cooper proposed that the TF support using a seafood label of origin

**Public Comment:**

Doug Daigle stated that there will be a Gulf of Mexico Hypoxia Task Force meeting on December 6 and requested that the Shrimp Task Force come to represent the industry

Motion by Acy Cooper to check for hypoxia letter to rejuvenate and send to the Gulf Hypoxia Task Force, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion Carries

Acy Cooper made a motion to provide travel for TF members who plan on attending the Hypoxia TF meeting, 2nd by George Barisich. Motion carries.

Julie Falgout addressed the TF with an update on LA SEAGRANT and Louisiana Fisheries Forward Program

Set next meeting for Wednesday, December 7, 2016 1pm in Houma with a Marketing Committee meeting prior for 10am

Motion to adjourn by Lance Nacio, 2nd by Acy Cooper. Motion carries.