Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting

John Tesvich, Chairman

Tuesday, February 24, 2015 1 p.m.

UNO Advanced Technology Center, 2021 Lakeshore Drive, suite 210, New Orleans

**I.       Roll call and introduction of guests**

**II.    Approval of January 13 meeting minutes and February 24 agenda**

**III.** **Treasury Report**

A.      Oyster Tag Sales

B.      LOTF Financial Report

**IV.  Committee Reports**

A.      Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Buddy Pausina)

B.      Enforcement (Lt. Colonel Sammy Martin)

C.      Legislative (Jakov Jurisic)

D.     Research (Patrick Banks)

E.      Coastal Restoration (Dan Coulon)

F.      Marketing (Ashley Roth)

G.      Health (Lance Broussard)

H.     Sustainability (LDWF)

I.        Professionalism (LDWF)

**V.     Old Business**

A.      Recreational inshore artificial reef plan update- LDWF

B.      Mini Sack/Half Sack options-LDWF

C.    In-shell versus meat weight conversion table-LDWF

D.      VMS Discussion-LDWF

                E.    Trip Ticket and Excise Tax Update

F.      Consider opening of public seed grounds North of MRGO to Mississippi state line

G.   Public oyster seed ground damage evaluation board discussion

**VI.   New Business**

A.      Status update of the public oyster grounds-Patrick Banks

B.      “Oyster Reef for a Cleaner Gulf” video-Al Sunseri

C.      Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board- Sam Slavich

D.    VMS update-Tom Soniat

E.    Incidental harvesting of clams- Rusty Gaude

 **VII.     Public Comment**

**VIII.  Set Next Meeting**

**IX.        Adjourn**

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