

Louisiana Crab Task Force Meeting

Pete Gerica, chairman

Tuesday, February 11, 2014 UNO Advanced Technology Center 2021 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 210
New Orleans, Louisiana 70122

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m.

Roll Call and introduction of guests

Present Voting Members:

Eric Blanchard
Chalin Delaune
LaQuita Meek
Kerrny Comardelle
Pete Gerica
Keith Watts
Donnye Bourn
Rodney Parfait
Kim Alfonso
Eddie Chagnard

Present Non-voting:

Julie Anderson
Alan Matherne
Mark Schexnayder
Chad Hebert in for Col. Jeff Mayne

Absent Voting Members:

Trudy Luke
James Bergeron
Rodney Parfait

Absent Non-voting Members:

Jack Isaacs
Melissa Daigle
Rex Caffey

Guests:

Drue Banta Winters- LDWF
Maura Wood- National Wildlife Federation
Darren Bourgeois- LDWF
Jason Froeba-LDWF
Ty Medlen-LDWF
Marcia Donato-LDWF
Julie Falgout-Sea Grant
Jon Bell- Sea Grant
Julianna Mullen-Audubon Nature Institute
Laura Picarello- Audubon Nature Institute
John Fallon-Audubon Nature Institute
Jay Lugar-Marine Stewardship Council

Julia Lightner- LDWF
Damon Morris-LDWF
Karen Profita- LSPMB
Martin Bourgeois- LDWF
Jeff Marx- LDWF
Carl Britt-LDWF

Motion to approve December 3 meeting minutes by Chalin Delaune, second by Kim Alfonso.

Motion to approve agenda by Keith Watts, second by Chalin Delaune.

I. Approval of meeting Agenda and December 3, 2013 minutes

II. Financial Report-LDWF

Motion to approve financial report by Donnye Bourn, second by Kim Alfonso.

III. Old Business

Data Request- LDWF will have a full data report for the Crab Task Force at the next meeting.

Derelict Crab Trap clean up- March 15 will be the derelict crab trap clean-up

2014 legislation- Motion by Chalin Delaune that Melissa Trosclair and Cole Garrett to look into the idea and put in legislation that would allow for the Derelict Crab Trap funds be used for sustainability, management, marketing and research. Second by Keith Watts. Motion adopted.

Management- discussion was held on immature female crabs and supporting legislation to prevent harvest on immature female crabs and enforce grading of crabs. Request to have someone from enforcement come to the next meeting and talk about regulations and the items discussed.

IV. New Business

A. Crab Strategic Plan- LDWF

Those interested in helping with the strategic plan can do a conference call or meet before a meeting.

VI. Public Comment- March 12-13 Fisheries Summit in Houma, Feb 24- Crab Workshop in St. Bernard Parish, predominately for shedders.

VII. Set Next Meeting- Tuesday, April 22, 2014 in New Orleans

VIII. Adjourn- Motion to adjourn at 3:05 p.m. by Keith Watts, second by Kim Alfonso.