

Shrimp Task Force August 6 2014 meeting minutes

LDWF Headquarters Baton Rouge

Meeting called to order at 1:38 p.m.

Roll Call

Voting Members present:

George Barisich  
Lance Nacio  
Clint Guidry  
Alan Gibson  
Mark Abraham  
Andrew Blanchard

Voting members absent:

Non-voting members present

Andrew Blanchard  
Acy Cooper  
Mark Schexnayder  
Jack Isaacs  
Chad Hebert  
Chance McNeely

Non-Voting members absent

Carrie Castille  
Lance Broussard

Motion to approve minutes from April 3 by Clint Guidry who reminded the audience that the MP3 audio file serves as official minutes and noting that Acy Cooper and Byron Despoux are alternates.

Motion to accept financial report by Andrew Blanchard, second by Alan Gibson.  
Motion adopted.

George Barisich entered at 1:43 p.m.

Gulf wide seafood certification discussion, motion by Lance Nacio that U.S. gulf shrimp landed in U.S. gulf waters by U.S. fishermen and brought into Louisiana are eligible for the Louisiana certified seafood program. In order to utilize the program the shrimp must be traced through a department approved traceability program. Second by Andrew Blanchard. Motion adopted. Chance McNeely entered at 2:25 p.m.

The task force voted to bring alternative season recommendations before the commission.

Lance Nacio asked that we do more outreach on tow times, and that Audubon Gulf initiative do something to help with this.

Legislation intent was to amend the "firing line" down at Calcasieu ship channel. The idea was create better safety conditions for boats. The line has been moved 2 ½ miles north to where to ferry is and includes old river loop. The legislation also included language that allowed commission to make changes to inside/outside line. The discussion of moving the inside/outside line should be moved to a committee and that meeting should be held in Houma.

Andy Gibson suggested that shrimp task force members go to D.C. around the time of Washington Mardi Gras.

Karen Profita addressed the task force.

Motion to adjourn at 4 p.m. by Clint Guidry, second by Andy Gibson.