**Crab Task Force Meeting**

**Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 1pm**

**2021 Lakeshore Dr., STE 210**

**New Orleans, LA 70122**

**Roll Call:**

**Voting Members Present:**

Eric Blanchard

Chalin Delaune

LaQuita Meek

Trudy Luke

Pete Gerica

James Bergeron

George Jackson

Rodney Parfait

Warren Delacroix

Britney Breaux

Dannon Lacoste

**Voting Members Absent:**

Sheb Callahan

Paul Alfonso

**Non-voting Members Present:**

Dr. Julie Lively

Mark Schexnayder

**Non-voting Members Absent:**

Dr. Jack Isaacs

Melissa Trosclair-Daigle

Motion to accept the October 10, 2017 meeting minutes by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by George Jackson. Motion carries.

Motion to table item C. To Hear a Presentation on Crab Import Data by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by George Jackson. Motion carries.

Motion by Eric Blanchard to table item A. ‘Discussion of an Amendment to the Two-Month Crab Season Closure, Wherein the Harvest of all

Motion to add an item to the agenda: ‘A. To Hear the Crab Task Force’s recommendations on season closures by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by George Jackson.

Motion to table item C. To Hear a Presentation on Crab Import Data by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Geroge Jackson.

Motion to add an item to the agenda: ‘C. To Consider CTF Representatives for the 2018 La Fisheries Forward Summit Diversion Panel by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by George Jackson.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by James Bergeron. Motion carries.

**Financial Report:**

Remaining Fund Balance: $205,864

Budget Balance: $48,085

Motion to approve the financial report by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by George Jackson. Motion carries

George Jackson made a motion to propose a female only closure in October 2019, 2nd by Britney Breaux.

Warren Delacroix made a substitute motion to recommend a female only closure from September 15- October 15, 2019, 2nd by George Jackson. Motion carries unanimously.

Request for LDWF to present the board with the crab harvest numbers prior to bringing the season closure recommendation to the Commission

Peyton Cagle addressed the task force with an update on the 2018 derelict crab trap closures

John Lopez with the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation addressed the task force with an update on the 2018 derelict crab trap clean up

Earl Melancon with LA Sea Grant led discussion on the 2018 LA Fisheries Forward Summit

The 2018 LA Fisheries Forward Summit is set for March 6, 2018 at the Pontchartrain Center in Kenner, LA

The board called for volunteers to serve as the CTF representative on the 2018 La Fisheries Forward Summit Diversion Panel

Crab Task Force member, Britney Breaux volunteered as the Crab Task Force representative on the LFF Summit diversion panel

Motion by George Jackson to appoint Chalin Delaune as the chair of the Crab Task Force Marketing Subcommittee, 2nd by Eric Blanchard. Motion carries.

George Jackson led discussion on blue crab by-catch regulations and limit proposals

Warren Delacroix addressed the task force with ordering Crab Task Force nametags and more shirts

Motion by Warren Delacroix to dedicate funding to order board nametags and more CTF shirts, 2nd by Rodney Parfait. Motion carries.

Warren Delacroix led discussion on Crab Task Force ethics requirements

**The board held their annual officer elections:**

Peter Gerica was nominated as the Crab Task Force chairman, and

Chalin Delaune as vice-chair

Next meeting set for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 for 1pm in New Orleans

Motion to adjourn by Chalin Delaune, 2nd by James Bergeron. Motion carries.