**Crab Task Force Meeting**

**Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 1pm**

**2021 Lakeshore Dr., STE 210**

**New Orleans, LA 70122**

**Voting- Members Present:**

Eric Blanchard

LaQuita Meek

Trudy Luke

Pete Gerica

James Bergeron

Warren Delacroix

**Voting Members Absent:**

Chalin Delaune

Paul Alfonso

Rodney Parfait

Kim Alfonso

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Julie Falgout in for Julie Lively

Jeff Marx in for Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Jack Isaacs

Melissa Trosclair Daigle

Motion to accept the December 12, 2016 meeting minutes by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by James Bergeron. Motion carries.

Eric Blanchard made a motion to push agenda items E & G last on the agenda, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the amended agenda February 7, 2017 meeting agenda by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by LaQuita. Motion carries.

Motion to accept the financial report by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by James Bergeron. Motion carries.

Jeff Marx addressed the task force with upcoming crab trap clean ups

Two upcoming cleanup events events:

1. Sweetwater Marina in St. Bernard on March 4, 2017 from 8am- 3pm
2. Isle De Jean Charles Marina in Montegut on March 11, 2017 from 8am-3pm

Jeff Marx led discussion on upcoming crab closures and selling during closed trap season

Damon Morris addressed the TF with discussion of the MSC sustainability certification assessment

Cara Tyler addressed the TF with financial procedures

Julie Falgout with LA SEAGRANT sat in for Thomas Hymel and went over crab marketing opportunities through a value-added products grant. Asked that TF members consider recommendations to be discussed at the next meeting

Emanuel Lain addressed the TF with discussion on the upcoming Jazz in the Park Treme Crab Festival- March 30- April 2

Motion by Eric Blanchard to add an agenda item for the next CTF meeting to discuss imported crab, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion carries.

Trudy Luke made a motion to add an agenda item for the next meeting to discuss crabbers salaries, unemployment during closed seasons, 2nd by Eric Blanchard

Motion to table officer elections to the next CTF meeting by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion passes.

Next CTF meeting set for April 11, 2017 for 1pm in New Orleans.

Motion to adjourn by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion passes.