

Crab Task Force Meeting, April 14, 2015 New Orleans

Meeting called to order at 1:14 p.m.

**Voting members present:**

Eric Blanchard

Chalin Delaune

Trudy Luke

James Bergeron

Rodney Parfait

Pete Gerica

Kim Alfonso-entered at 1:20

Eddie Chagnard- entered at 1:23

Warren Delacroix

Paul Alfonso-entered at 1:30 p.m.

**Voting Members Absent**

LaQuita Meek

**Non-Voting Members Present**

Jack Isaacs

Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert- in for Lt. Col Sammy Martin

Julie Anderson Lively

**Non-Voting Members Absent**

Melissa Daigle

Alan Matherne

Motion by Chalin Delaune to approve agenda with additions of MSC audit, Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board report and WAVE app presentation. Second by James Bergeron. Motion adopted

Motion by James Bergeron to approve financial statement, second by Warren Delacroix. Motion adopted.

Jeffrey Marx gave an update on the professionalism program. 106 active participants. 21 participants have completed the requirement and are deemed "conditionally approved" as defined that they can now fish crab. Anyone with questions should talk directly to Darren Bourgeois.

Kim Alfonso entered at 1:20 p.m.

Eddie Chagnard entered at 1:23 p.m.

Jeffrey Marx presented the crab management options, the task force discussed.

Paul Alfonso entered at 1:30 p.m.

Randy said that the department can put together some options if that would help.

Motion by Chalin Delaune to approve minutes from January 27 meeting, second by Kim Alfonso motion adopted.

Cole Garrett presented the 2015 legislative items that involve the Crab Industry, House Bill 198 and House Bill 332.

Eddie Chagnard brought up the issue of undersized crabs, Chad Hebert said that they don't have enough agents to check every boat, they can go to the docks though if that would help. Trudy Luke brought up the idea of weigh station check points. Eddie Chagnard also brought up maiden crabs, Martin Bourgeois pointed out that the ring size rule doesn't go into place until 2017, but the industry said that many in the industry have already put that into the traps.

Jack Isaacs presented the survey results from his cooperative research survey.

Damon Morris said that the MSC audit is in June, and asked if the task force would like to fund the audit.

Chalin Delaune made a motion to fund half of the audit contingent that they can find the other funding, second by Kim Alfonso. Motion adopted. One abstained.

Chalin Delaune presented the seafood board marketing update.

Motion by Kim Alfonso, second by Chalin Delaune to send \$14,077 from Crab Task Force funds to Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board. Following a roll call vote the motion carried by a 8:2 vote.