

PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD

MINUTES

October 22, 2019

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CHAIRMAN

CHALMETTE, LOUISIANA

The following constitute minutes of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals
Board Meeting

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Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

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October 22, 2019 – 9:30 A.M.
St. Bernard Port, Harbor, and Terminal
100 Port Blvd., Chalmette, LA 70043

AGENDA

- I. Call to order
- Meeting called to order by Chairman Jakov Jurisic at approximately 9:30am.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call

- Shane Bagala – Present
- Tracy Collins – Present
- Dan Coulon – Present
- Buddy Daisy – Absent
- Byron Encalade – Present
- Jakov Jurisic – Present
- Brad Robin – Present
- Sam Slavich – Present
- Peter Vujnovich, Jr. – Present

Quorum present.

IV. Approval of Agenda

- Robin – Motion to Approve
 - Vujnovich – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

V. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of May 14, 2019

- Vujnovich – Motion to Approve
 - Collins – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VI. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals

1. M/V Chris (Jose' Duran attending)

- Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries biologist, informed the Board that Jose Duran held a 2017 permit on vessel LA2939FT under M/V Chris, Inc. Permit expired for renewal purposes on December 31, 2018. Duran attempted to renew the permit on or about May 31, 2019. Duran claims he did not receive permit renewal notice.
- Duran stated that he did not pay attention that permit was included in his license and permit renewal packet.
- Vujnovich thought the permit renewal notice came separate from other licenses and permits.
- Slavich did not think he got his permit renewal notice either.
- Vujnovich – Motion to recommend permit renewal.

- Encalade – Seconded
- Jurisic and Vujnovich reminded Duran to make sure he renews the permit each year so he does not risk losing it.
- MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

2. Spencer Jordan (attending)

- Lindsey said Jordan held a 2017 permit on vessel 266808 under his name. Permit expired for renewal purposes on December 31, 2018. That Jordan attempted to renew the permit on or about August 2, 2019. Jordan claims he let his USCG documentation lapse and did not know that that would prevent his permit from being renewed and he did not realize the error until he attempted to renew the permit in 2019.
- Jordan explained that he has since renewed his USCG documentation, although he did not realize it had expired.
- Vujnovich confirmed with Jordan that the only contact from LDWF concerning the documentation issue was a refund of his permit payment.
- Several Board members recommended Jordan contact LDWF to see about registering his vessel with them.
- Slavich – Motion to recommend permit renewal.
 - Robin – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VII. Receive Department Response to Special Mailing of Permit Notices Request Hearing of New Renewal and Re-Issuance Permit Appeals

Lindsey reminded the Board that they had requested the Department to provide special handling of unexpired permits to reduce the number of appeals in which appellants stated they forgot to renew, did not know they were supposed to renew each year, or claimed they did not receive a permit renewal notice. He reported that the Department is unwilling to do that. Lindsey said that LDWF's Oyster Survey section sends out certified reminder notices, because the law says they have to. Lindsey said legislation would be needed to change LDWF's stance on mailing permit reminders via certified mail.

VIII. Receive public comments

- Lindsey informed the Board of his suggestion to his chain-of-command to alter the membership structure of the Board to address Buddy Daisy's request to be removed from the Board. Such action would require legislation.
- Slavich brought up the letters Oyster Task Force members recently received concerning their qualifications to sit on the task force.

IX. Set next meeting date

- Vujnovich – Motion to set next meeting date in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.
 - Robin – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

X. Adjournment

- Vujnovich – Motion to Adjourn

- Bagala – Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
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Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:57am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 27 minutes.

Minutes drafted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist.