Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting

Mitch Jurisich, Chairman

Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

LDWF Headquarters

2000 Quail Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70898

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval of February 6, 2024 meeting minutes and the March 19, 2024 Agenda

IV. Treasury Report

A. LOTF Financial Report & Oyster Tag Sales

V. Committee Reports

A. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Mitch Jurisich)

B. Enforcement (Major Edward Skena)

C. Legislative (Jakov Jurisic)

D. Legal (Jakov Jurisic/ Brad Robin)

E. Research (Earl Melancon)

F. Coastal Restoration (Dan Coulon)

G. Marketing (LDWF)

H. Health (LDH)

I. Aquaculture (Steve Pollock)

J. Joint Task Force Working Group (Mitch Jurisich)

VI. New Business

1. To Hear an Oyster Season Update- LDWF
2. To Consider an NOI to Designate Certain State Water Bottoms as Public Oyster Seed Grounds- OTF
3. To Discuss HB-342 That Would Prohibit AOC Containers in Unapproved Areas- OTF
4. To Discuss the Profitability of the Caged Oyster Culture Industry in Louisiana- OTF
5. To Hear an Update on the Status of the Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion- OTF
6. To Hear a Presentation and Consider Funding for a Marketing Opportunity with Fox 8- John Bennett
7. To Hear an Update on Virus/Bacteria RT - PCR Laboratory Testing and Isolation Problems- Drayton Agnew

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Set Next Meeting

IX. Adjourn

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