**Crab Task Force Meeting**

**UNO Advanced Technology Center**

**Tuesday, October 10, 2017, STE 210**

**New Orleans, LA 70122, 1PM**

**Voting Members Present:**

Eric Blanchard

Laquita Meek

Sheb Callahan

Trudy Luke

Pete Gerica

Rodney Parfait

Warren Delacroix

**Voting Members Absent:**

Chalin Delaune

James Bergeron

George Jackson

Paul Alfonso

Kim Alfonso

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Julie Falgout in for Julie Anderson

Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert

Jack Isaacs

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Melissa Daigle

**New Business:**

Motion to approve the July 11, 2017 meeting minutes by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Rodney Parfait. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the October 10, 2017 meeting agenda by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Rodney Parfait

**Financial Report:**

Fund Balance: $179,996

Budget Balance: $ 48,085

Motion to accept the financial report by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Rodney Parfait. Motion carries.

Peyton Cagle addressed the task force with a presentation on the 2018 derelict crab trap closure areas

Jeff Marx led discussion on crab season closures and Commission ruling

Eric Blanchard motioned to submit a resolution to the WLF Commission to restrict the sport harvest of females during the commercial closure in the months of March and April. The resolution would also include a decrease in the recreational crab harvest limit, from 12 dozen to 4 dozen, as well as a restriction on recreational take of immature females year round, 2nd by LaQuita Meek. Motion passed unanimously.

Thomas Hymel addressed the task force with discussion of a leadership workshop and meeting rules of order

The leadership training, originally set for October 10 prior to the CTF meeting, was cancelled due to Hurricane Nate. The training was tabled; the material is set to be addressed as an agenda item at a future CTF meeting

Laquita Meek made a motion to provide $5,000 to fund the 2018 Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit, 2nd by Rodney Parfait. Motion passes unanimously

Doug Daigle presented the task force with a resolution to support the State’s continued efforts on the Gulf hypoxia issue

Eric Blanchard motioned to support the State’s continued work on the Gulf hypoxia issue, 2nd by Rodney Parfait. Motion passes unanimously.

Next meeting set for Tuesday, January 9, 2018 for 1pm in New Orleans

Motion to adjourn by Rodney Parfait, 2nd by Eric Blanchard. Motion passes.