**Louisiana Crab Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, June 8, 2016**

**UNO Advanced Technology Center**

**2021 Lakeshore Dr., STE 210**

**New Orleans, La 70122**

Meeting called to order at

Allison West called roll:

**Voting Member Present:**

Eric Blanchard

Chalin Delaune

LaQuita Meek

Trudy Luke

Pete Gerica

James Bergeron

Paul Alfonso

Rodney Parfait

Warren Delacroix

Kim Alfonso

**Voting Members Absent:**

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Stephanie Grodeska in for Julie Lively

Mark Schexnayder

Jack Isaacs

Chad Hebert

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Melissa Daigle

Motion to approve the agenda by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Kim Alfonso. Motion carries.

Motion to approve the minutes Eric Blanchard 2nd by Kim Alfonso. Motion carries.

Allison West presented the Crab Task Force financial report- fund balance- $159, 548; expenditures- $24,870; budget balance- $ 23,215

Motion to accept the financial report by Eric Blanchard, 2nd by Kim Alfonso. Motion carries.

Damon Morris addressed the TF with the sustainability update

Jeff Marx presented the 2016 Blue Crab Stock Assessment

Paul Alfonso came in at 1:18pm

Laquita Meek made a motion for a statewide closure for 30 days from Feb 15, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion passes with 7 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain

Trudy Luke made a motion to ban the landings of immature females on the hard crab fishery for commercial and recreational crab fishermen for 3 years with the exception of red line busters, 2nd by Warren Delacroix. Motion passes with 7 yes, 3 no vote.

Karen Profita presented the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board’s summary of efforts

Pete Gerica suggested putting together informational items for grocers and entities selling Louisiana seafood

Laquita Meek made a motion to provide $14,400 funding to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to continue marketing and advancement efforts for the commercial crab industry, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion passes.

Emery Labouef addressed the TF on black drum regulations and issues that protect smaller crab populations

Chalin Delaune discussed the Industry Congressional Staff Tour with the TF, proposed that the TF provide funding in support

Chalin Delaune made a motion to provide $10, 000 funding to GSI for the Congressional Staff Tour, 2nd by Trudy Luke. Motion passes.

Mark Schexnayder suggested that the TF consider recommendations to the Department for 1h58m-recorder

Next meeting set for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 for 1pm in New Orleans

Motion to adjourn by Rodney Parfait, 2nd by Paul Alfonso. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 3:09pm