PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD

MINUTES

January 13, 2015

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NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

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

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December 9, 2014 – 9:30 A.M. 2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING 2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Meeting called to order by Vice-Chairman Shane Bagala at approximately 9:35am.

AGENDA

- I. Roll Call
 - Shane Bagala Present
 - Wilbert Collins Present
 - Buddy Daisy Absent
 - Dan Coulon Present
 - Byron Encalade Present
 - Jakov Jurisic Absent
 - Brad Robin Present
 - Sam Slavich Present
 - Peter Vujnovich, Jr. Absent

Quorum present.

- II. Approval of Minutes from Meeting of December 9, 2014
 - Coulon Motion to Approve
 - Collins Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- III. Hearing of New Renewal Permit Appeals
 - A. Baron Navarro (attending)
 - Ty Lindsey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) Biologist, stated that Navarro is appealing for a renewal permit on his vessel LA-3137-FD. Navarro held a 2013 permit on the vessel, but did not renew the permit by December 31, 2014 at which time the permits expired and were no longer eligible for renewal. Lindsey said Navarro stated in his appeal that he was not aware that he needed to renew the permit yearly and that is the reason for allowing his permit to lapse.
 - Lindsey stated this case is similar to previous cases.
 - Robin Motion to recommend a renewal permit be issued
 - Slavich Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- IV. Update on Recommendations Made at December 9, 2014 Meeting

• Lindsey said the Board made a recommendation for two renewal permits for B & W Seafood and one re-issuance permit for Dale Chaisson at its last meeting and that all permits had been issued.

V. Receive Public Comments

- Slavich asked if this Board should suggest changes to the permit law to achieve the intent of the law.
- Slavich Motion to bring discussion of the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit law to the Oyster Task Force (OTF).
 - Robin Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)
- Cole Garrett, LDWF legal counsel, suggested that the Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board was not put in place to make motions to the OTF.
- The discussion of the permit's intent, history, etc. continued for approximately thirty minutes.

VI. Set next meeting date

- Coulon Motion to set next meeting date, if needed, in conjunction with the next OTF meeting.*
 - Collins Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

VII. Adjournment

- Encalade Motion to Adjourn
 - Coulon Seconded
 - MOTION CARRIED (unanimous)

Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15am; Duration of Meeting: approximately 40 min.

Minutes submitted by Ty Lindsey, LDWF Biologist

*The OTF met later the same day as scheduled and set Tuesday, February 24, 2015 as their next meeting date. Therefore, the next Public Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit Appeals Board meeting is scheduled for 10:00am on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at the LDWF offices on the UNO campus.