**PUBLIC OYSTER SEED GROUND VESSEL PERMIT APPEALS BOARD**

MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 25, 2009 – 9 A.M.

2ND FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

LDWF OFFICE IN THE UNO ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY BUILDING

2021 LAKESHORE DRIVE, NEW ORLEANS, LA 70122

Board members present:

Jakov Jurisic

Buddy Daisy

Pete Vujnovich

Wilbert Collins

Byron Encalade

Board members absent:

Rodney Fox

Dan Coulon

Brad Robin

Shane Bagala

AGENDA ITEMS

1. Approval of meeting minutes from 5/27/09 meeting.

Motion passed.

1. Hearing of Appeals
   1. Jeff Howard (did not show up)

Daisy motioned (based on Howard’s request) to defer, seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

* 1. Charles Connetti, Jr. (did not show up)

Collins motioned to defer at request of Connetti, seconded by Vujnovich. Motion passed.

* 1. Curtis Alfonso (did not show up)

Vujnovich motioned to defer at request of Alfonso, seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

* 1. Anthony Greco III (did not show up)

No action as Board recommended approval at 5-27-09 meeting based on Greco having proper licenses as required by Wildlife and Fisheries Commission rule.

* 1. Cary Robin

Vujnovich complemented the detail of the application.

Robin says he fished in 2007 and 2008, but did not on the public grounds in 2009 because he could not get a permit. He said he was bedding oysters. Boat is fishing now but could not during qualifying period due to hardship. Jurisic asked why Robin also signed affidavit. (Then there is some discussion on legitimateness of the affidavit of Jamie Denley.) Encalade asked LDWF to validate the licenses of the notarized signatories. Vujnovich feels Board should take Robin at his word that notarized signatories do, in fact, hold proper licenses as required by Commission rule. Vujnovich motion to recommend permit issuance to LDWF Secretary, seconded by Daisy. Motion passed.

* 1. Paul A. Alphonso

There is a question about him holding proper licenses in 2008. LDWF could not find a 2008 license, but he says he did hold a license in 2008 at the end of 2008 (may be a 2009 license purchased in late 2008 after November 15). Daisy recommends deferring to the next meeting so he can specify the notarized statement about harvest being from public grounds. Encalade talked about what type of language to have in the notarized statement. Jurisic asked for a better notary stamp to make it clearer. Motion by Encalade to defer, seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

* 1. Gary Barthelemy (did not show up)

Motion to defer by Encalade because of a death in the family of Barthelemy. Seconded by Vujnovich. Motion passed.

* 1. HVAR, Inc.

Romeo Bilcic & wife, Ingrid, sat before the Board. He says he has not fished in Louisiana since 2003, but he has been buying vessel licenses up to 2009 for this vessel. He says he has not purchased a Commercial Fishing or Oyster Harvester license since 2003. He says he has trip tickets for 2003. Jurisic asked Fred Whitrock (LDWF Legal Counsel) if Bilcic could amend his appeal to claim hardship. Fred says yes. Jurisic offered him extra time to gather documents. He says he had a serious hand injury and that is why he did not fish during the qualifying period. Jurisic instructed Bilcic to get all hardship requirements together and present them at the next meeting. Motion by Collins to defer, seconded by Daisy. Motion passed. Board says it is clear that Bilcic will amend his appeal to be based on hardship (hand injury).

* 1. Randy Alphonso (did not show up)

Motion to defer by Vujnovich, seconded by Daisy. Motion passed.

* 1. Jules Melancon (did not show up)

Motion to defer by Daisy, seconded by Collins. Motion passed.

1. Set Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date is discussed and Board felt Monday July 27, 2009 at 9 a.m. would work. Motion by Daisy, seconded by Vujnovich. Motion passed.

Board requested that LDWF mail/e-mail the phone numbers of all members to each member.

1. Adjourn