

# ALLIGATOR ADVISORY COUNCIL

MARCH 27, 2018  
LDWF  
BATON ROUGE, LA

## ATTENDANCE

### Council Members Present

Ronald Guy  
Randy Moertle  
Vic Blanchard  
John Currier  
Barry Wall  
Gerald Savoie  
Craig Sagrera  
Al Marmande

### Others Present

Chad Courville- Miami  
Greg Linscombe- CL&F  
Millie William- LSU Ag Center  
Archie Domangue- Apache

### Council Members Absent

Mike Bengé

### LDWF Present

Buddy Baker  
Tanya Sturman  
Jeb Linscombe  
Jan Kellett  
Angela Guidry  
Yvette Buckner  
Trey Iles

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

*Motion made by Gerald Savoie to approve the minutes from the August 2, 2017 AAC meeting. Al Marmande seconded. Motion carried.*

## LDWF ALLIGATOR PROGRAM UPDATE

Jeb Linscombe gave an update on the alligator program including egg harvest, farm inventory, and nest survey. He reviewed the wild season harvests and skin prices.

Jeb Linscombe went over last fiscal year's budget including revenue and expenditures. He talked about Department generated revenue and industry generated revenue. Department generated funds were used to break ground on the research facility at Rockefeller Refuge.

He showed projected expenditures on the Alligator Advisory Council budget and discussed the number that is available for new contracts.

## ALLIGATOR NUISANCE HUNTER PAYMENT PROGRAM

When the price of alligator hides dropped, the Department began losing nuisance hunters. The Council began addressing this problem about a year ago with the idea that nuisance hunters may need to be paid temporarily until the market improves. A committee of Department staff and nuisance hunters was formed to discuss some parameters. A survey was sent out to all nuisance hunters. Jeb Linscombe went over the survey results.

Based on the survey, the Department has agreed to spend up to \$300,000 per year to pay \$75 per complaint for either harvested or relocated alligators. The program would stop after the wild market price exceeds \$23 per foot. Jeb Linscombe showed some screenshots for a new computer program to log nuisance calls for this program and discussed some additional oversight that the Department will take to validate nuisance calls.

Jeb Linscombe took questions and comments from the audience. There were some concerns of abuse to the system and concerns that the program price would exceed \$300,000.

Buddy Baker said that the Department intends to bring any consideration to increase program funding to the Council before taking action on it.

There was a request to give an annual report of this program to the Council.

*Motion made by Gerald Savoie to support the nuisance payment program with a \$300,000 cap, \$75 per complaint if an animal is relocated or dispatched. Al Marmande seconded. Motion carried. John Currier abstained due to conflict of interest.*

## PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was made.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING RESUMED

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*Barry Wall motioned to amend the agenda to include the LSU School of Ecology proposal. Al Marmande seconded. Motion carried.*

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*Barry Wall motioned not to accept the LSU School of Ecology proposal. John Currier seconded. Motion carried.*

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*Motion made by Barry Wall to adjourn. John Currier seconded. Motion carried.*

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