**Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 7, 2016**

**Terrebonne Council Meeting Room**

**8026 Main St., Houma, 1pm**

**Voting-Members Present:**

Alan Gibson

Andrew Blanchard

Lance Nacio

Acy Cooper

Eric Hansen

Kristen Baumer

**Voting-Members Absent:**

George Barisich

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mark Schexnayder

Benjy Rayburn

Jack Isaacs

Chad Hebert

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Lance Broussard

Acy Cooper made a motion to accept the November 2, 2016 minutes, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion carries.

 Acy Cooper made a motion to add item A. Announcement Regarding the Southern Shrimp Alliance and item D. To Consider Proposed Funding for the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board to the December 7, 2016 agenda, 2nd by Lance Nacio Motion carries

Acy Cooper made a motion to accept the amended agenda, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries.

Treasury Report:

Remaining fund balance for FY2016: $411,700, LDWF budget balance for FY2017- $95,000

Angela Portier provided an update on the Southern Shrimp Alliance RE: Sunset Review and the tariffs that are currently in place on imported shrimp from five countries

Mike McDonough provided a presentation on lifting the Special Artificial Reef Sites Moratorium

Acy Cooper made a motion that in the instance land is taken for the use of building an artificial reef site, that equal or greater trawl-able land is given back to that area. Creating a net gain and not a loss for the industry, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion carries.

Acy Cooper provided a marketing subcommittee update

Lance Nacio addressed the TF with discussion of adaptive shrimp management

Acy Cooper addressed the TF with proposed funding to the Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board

Acy Cooper made a motion to provide funding of $27,750 to the Louisiana Seafood Promotion and Marketing Board, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion carries.

Public Comment:

Katherine Gilbert- Theriot addressed the TF with an update on South West Trade Adjustment Assistance Center- Trade Adjustment Assistance Program

Meeting set for February 8, 2017 for 10am in Houma, 2nd meeting set for April 26, 2017 10am in Houma

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Blanchard, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion carries.