**Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, December 9, 2015, 10:00am**

**Terrebonne Council Meeting Room**

**8026 Main Street, Houma, LA 70360**

**Task Force Voting Member Present:**

Clint Guidry

Lance Nacio

Mark Abraham

Alan Gibson

Andrew Blanchard

Eric Hansen

Acy Cooper

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert

Jack Isaacs

Benjy Rayburn

**Voting Members Absent:**

George Barisich

Byron Despaux

Lance Authement

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Nicholas Cole

Lance Broussard

**Introduction of Guests:**

Rep. Zee Zeringue

Rep. Tanner Magee

Rep. Jerry Gisclair

Dan Davis

Meeting called to order at 10:15pm

Motion to approve September 14 meeting minutes by Clint Guidry, 2nd by Andy Gibson. Motion adopted

Andy Gibson made a motion to add the following items to the agenda under new business (above new elections), 2nd Clint Guidry

Federal Permits- Myron Fischer

Artificial Reef Program- Craig Gothreaux

Test Permit- George Hallner

Motion to approve the December 9th amended agenda by Andy Gibson, 2nd by Clint Guidry. Motion adopted

Rene Lebreton read the treasury report: Fund Balance- $348, 730 Revenue- $5,750 from gear revenue and interest

Damon Morris gave a sustainability update, stating that the shrimp pre-assessment would be completed by the end of the month

Andy Gibson presented on shrimp enforcement and penalties

\*Clint suggested scheduling a meeting (mid-January) to discuss shrimp penalties and enforcement and then a meeting in February to create a committee and meet with the regional DA’s (**enforcement and DA) Jan 15- Jan 30**

Cole Garret stated that March 4 is the pre-file deadline for 2016- proposed legislation for TEDs notice of intent

Chad Hebert provided the TF with an enforcement update; enforcement is working on establishing a shrimp line and further regulations. TEDs law is now enforceable

Andy Gibson read a letter written by Barry Rogers to the Shrimp Task Force and LDWF in regards to illegal closed season shrimping

Cole Garrett discussed the proposed TEDs regulations notice of intent

Lance Nacio made a motion to support the TEDs notice of intent, 2nd Clint Guidry. Motion carries

Kyle Graham presented the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) recommendations on Mississippi River Diversions

Jason Dagate (DA’s Office), Glenn Bourgeois stated that they would be willing to help with shrimp tickets and out of season shrimp tickets

Myron Fischer from LDWF presented on federal permits- there are about 385 permits allocated for the state, 19 permits in the state that are expiring and if they are not renewed (when expired for 12 months) they will be lost permits

Craig Gothreaux presented on near-shore artificial reefs, there are currently 5 near-shore reef sites that are all centrally located. Proposing to create near-shore planning areas that are spread throughout the state, which would allow the opportunity to create additional reefs.

George Hallner addressed the Task Force with a device he invented called, “the boon trawl”, which he proposed as an alternative method for shrimping. Mr. Hallner requested to obtain a test permit for this device.

**Officer Elections:**

Clint Guidry nominated by Andy Gibson, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries

Motion to elect Andy Gibson as vice-chair, 2nd by Acy Cooper, motion adopted

Marty Bourgeois made an announcement about the derelict crab trap clean up on February 20, and Feb 27 (alternate date)

Lance Nacio introduced Julie Falgout with Louisiana SEA GRANT, requesting $3,000 to contribute to funding the Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit

Lance Nacio made a motion to provide $3,000 funding for the Louisiana Fisheries Forward Summit, 2nd by Clint Guidry. Motion adopted

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Blanchard, 2nd by Clint Guidry

Meeting adjourned at 1:00PM