**Shrimp Task Force Meeting**

**Wednesday, February 8, 2017, 10am**

**8026 Main St, Houma, LA**

**Voting- Members Present:**

Acy Cooper

Lance Nacio

Alan Gibson

Andrew Blanchard

Eric Hansen

**Voting- Members Absent:**

George Barisich

Kristen Baumer

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Mark Schexnayder

Chad Hebert

Jack Isaacs

Benjy Rayburn

**Non-Voting Members Absent:**

Adam Eitmann

Lance Broussard

Motion to add item, ‘C. Discussion of Amendment 17B- Myron Fischer’ by Lance Nacio, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard, Motion passes.

Motion to accept the amended February 8, 2017 agenda by Lance Nacio, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion passes.

Motion by Acy Cooper to approve the December 7, 2016 minutes, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion passes.

Remaining FY2016 Balance: $447, 820, budget balance for FY2017: $ 95,000

Motion to accept the financial report by Andrew Blanchard, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion passes.

Bren Haase of CPRA presented: Louisiana’s 2017 Draft Coastal Master Plan

Alan Gibson suggested that the STF write a letter to express position on the coastal master plan to submit before March 26, 2017

Cara Tyler addressed the TF on financial procedures for sponsorships

Myron Fischer updated the TF on Federal Shrimp Permits and Amendment 17B

Acy Cooper lead discussion on the shrimp industry Washington D.C. trip

Acy Cooper updated the TF on the Joint TF Working Group meeting

Acy Cooper made a motion to table item ‘E. Officer Elections’ until the next meeting, 2nd by Andrew Blanchard. Motion carries.

Michael Barnette presented to the TF the TED’s- NOAA study

Acy Cooper made a motion to write a letter in support of NOAA’s Alternative 1- taking no action to adopt TED’s, 2nd by Eric Hansen. Motion carries.

Lance Nacio suggested putting efforts towards fisherman education on turtle resuscitation

Lance Nacio suggested putting an item on the next agenda for shrimp management

Unanimous motion by the STF to add an item D. STF Walk the Hill-Washington D.C Trip

Acy Cooper made a motion for the STF to provide funding for travel to send four STF members to D.C. to participate in congressional staff meetings regarding industry issues and advancements, 2nd by Lance Nacio. Motion passes.

Next meeting set for Wednesday, April 12, 2017 10am in Houma

Motion to adjourn by Andrew Blanchard, 2nd by Acy Cooper. Motion carries.

Meeting adjourned at 12:46pm