Louisiana Oyster Task Force Meeting

Mitch Jurisich, Chairman

Tuesday, February 6, 2024, 10:00 a.m.

New Orleans Lakefront Airport

6001 Stars and Stripes Blvd.

New Orleans, LA 70126

I. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests

III. Approval of December 12, 2023 meeting minutes and the February 6, 2024 Agenda

IV. Treasury Report

A. LOTF Financial Report & Oyster Tag Sales

V. Committee Reports

A. Public and Private Oyster Grounds Committee (Mitch Jurisich)

B. Enforcement (Major Edward Skena)

C. Legislative (Jakov Jurisic)

D. Legal (Jakov Jurisic/ Brad Robin)

E. Research (Earl Melancon)

F. Coastal Restoration (Dan Coulon)

G. Marketing (LDWF)

H. Health (LDH)

I. Aquaculture (Steve Pollock)

J. Joint Task Force Working Group (Mitch Jurisich)

VI. New Business

1. To Hear an Oyster Season Update- LDWF
2. To Discuss the Oyster Seed Ground Vessel Permit RS 56:433.1- OTF/LDWF
3. To Hear a Secretarial Permit Authorizing the Operation of Bag-less Dredges in West Cove, Calcasieu Lake- LDWF
4. To Notify the Task Force of Impending Legislation that Would Prohibit AOC Cages in Unapproved Areas- OTF
5. To Hear an Update on the Lo-Spat Oyster Project- Dr. Beth Stauffer, ULL
6. To Discuss Virus/Bacteria RT - PCR Laboratory Testing and Isolation Problems- Drayton Agnew
7. To Discuss Oyster Log Book Issues- OTF
8. To Hear an Update on OTF Washington, D.C. Trip- OTF
9. To Watch an Oyster Industry Video, “The Life Cycle of a Louisiana Oyster”- OTF
10. To Consider Funding for Beuerman Miller Fitzgerald D.C. Travel- OTF
11. Officer Elections- OTF

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Set Next Meeting

IX. Adjourn

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