

COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES  
COMMISSION MEETING  
Tuesday, August 18, 2015  
9:00 a.m.  
Bolton State Building Auditorium  
1141 Bayview Avenue  
Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

Commission Members:

- Richard Gollott, Chairman
- Shelby Drummond, Vice Chairman
- Steve Bosarge
- Ron Harmon
- Ernie Zimmerman

Also Present:

- Jamie M. Miller, Executive Director DMR
- Sandy Chestnut, Esq., Assistant Attorney General

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1 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: I call this meeting to  
2 order and welcome everyone to our August meeting.  
3 First, I will ask Jamie to lead us in the Pledge  
4 of Allegiance.  
5 (Whereupon, the Pledge of Allegiance was  
6 recited.)  
7 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next, we have approval of  
8 the minutes.  
9 Do we have a motion to approve our minutes as  
10 written?  
11 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I make a motion to  
12 approve, Mr. Chairman.  
13 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.  
14 Do we have a second?  
15 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I second the motion, Mr.  
16 Chairman.  
17 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a second.  
18 All those in favor say aye.  
19 (All in favor.)  
20 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?  
21 (None opposed.)  
22 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.  
23 Next, we have approval of the agenda.  
24 Do we have any modifications?  
25 (No response.)

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1 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a motion?  
2 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I make a motion to  
3 accept the agenda.  
4 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.  
5 Do we have a second?  
6 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: So seconded.  
7 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a  
8 second.  
9 All those in favor say aye.  
10 (All in favor.)  
11 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?  
12 (None opposed.)  
13 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.  
14 Next, is the Executive Director's report.  
15 JAMIE MILLER: Thank you, Chairman Gollott.  
16 I've got a few items to report this morning.  
17 First is Commissioner Zimmerman had requested  
18 that the agency follow up and do some outreach over vibrio  
19 and some of the concerns and treatments for vibrio for our  
20 fishermen and for the public. So we have taken a few  
21 steps.  
22 First of all, I wanted to bring your attention  
23 to the website. On the front page of our website we now  
24 have a link that includes vibrio information; one is a  
25 flyer with information and one is a presentation.

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1 We have not sent the flyer out to our commercial  
2 fishermen yet, but we plan to do that this week, and it  
3 just goes through the list of awareness of vibrio, and,  
4 then, some of the treatments, if you have an open wound,  
5 or if you are susceptible to vibrio virus.  
6 The next is a presentation from the Department  
7 of Health that was given in June from Dr. Byers that  
8 includes a lot of good information about vibrio itself and  
9 year-to-year cases that are brought to their attention.  
10 There are two documents on the website, now.  
11 One of those documents will be mailed to all the fishermen  
12 this week.  
13 As I told you last meeting, Dr. Lucas  
14 participated in a Chamber of Commerce event where she and  
15 Dr. Byers and Jay Grimes from the Gulf Coast Research Lab  
16 presented information and also took questions.  
17 We have been a part of the discussion, and we  
18 will continue to do that and make information more  
19 available through our website.  
20 The next item I would like to mention is we just  
21 completed and submitted our fiscal year 2017 budget.  
22 Budgets were due to the Department of Finance and  
23 Administration at the end of July. We have completed that  
24 budget.  
25 I have left a copy for each of you at the desk

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1 here. We also have hard copies available at the table at  
2 the back of the room. If anyone is wishing to get a copy  
3 of our budget and our strategic plan, you are welcome to  
4 do that.

5 We also will make it available on the website.  
6 There will be a link on the front page of the website. If  
7 you want an electronic version of it, you can also get it  
8 there.

9 Next, the Commission committed to move our  
10 meetings around twice a year. We are in that time of  
11 year.

12 For the September meeting, I'm recommending that  
13 y'all consider, before we adjourn today, that we move the  
14 September meeting to Pascagoula to the Jackson County  
15 Board of Supervisors meeting room. We had met there last  
16 year about this time. I ask that you consider that today,  
17 that we move the September meeting to Jackson County.

18 Then, the October meeting we would like to move  
19 to Hancock County at the Hancock County Board of  
20 Supervisors meeting room.

21 Before we adjourn today, I would like to ask  
22 y'all to take that up.

23 Finally, I've got an introduction. As you know,  
24 we have two attorneys under contract with the Attorney  
25 General's office, Sandy Chestnut and Sean Morrison.

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1 we have added another attorney, and I would like  
2 to ask her to stand up. Ms. Faye James joined us in  
3 August. Faye comes to us from the State Personnel Board  
4 where she served as Chief of Staff to their Executive  
5 Director. She is now an AG employee, but on contract with  
6 our agency. She brings a wealth of knowledge about  
7 contracting as in personnel issues. Obviously, she was  
8 the lead staff in that agency, and we are very fortunate  
9 to have her. I think she is very happy to be on the Coast  
10 working with us. We will make sure that everybody gets to  
11 meet her after the meeting. We are very happy to her.

12 Thank you, Faye, for being here.

13 FAYE JAMES: Thank you.

14 JAMIE MILLER: That's my report. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Jamie and Kelly, I  
16 would like to thank y'all for what you did. If we can  
17 save one person from getting this vibrio, this is all  
18 worth it.

19 I know that the gentleman in Hancock County is  
20 doing well, now, but he fought for life. I mean, he was  
21 on the borderline of dying from that. That's why it is so  
22 important for me to get it out to the fishermen so they  
23 understand.

24 Thank y'all for your work.

25 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next up we have Marine

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1 Patrol, Mr. Rusty Pittman.

2 RUSTY PITTMAN: Good morning Mr. Chairman,  
3 Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.

4 You have the report in front of you. If you  
5 want to, we will go through it. I know Fisheries has a  
6 lengthy presentation today. We will kind of make this one  
7 short.

8 One thing I do want to mention is that on our  
9 JEA, Joint Enforcement Agreement Contract for the year  
10 2014 and 2015, we completed it. All the paperwork was  
11 turned in, and our new contract has started. It started  
12 yesterday. We will go through the end of July of next  
13 year with it.

14 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Thank you, Rusty.

15 RUSTY PITTMAN: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next, we have Joe Jewell,  
17 Marine Fisheries.

18 JOE JEWELL: Good morning Commissioners.

19 I would like to make the Commissioners aware,  
20 first, of the quarterly awards program that we initiated,  
21 in Marine Fisheries, a year ago in September. We  
22 recognize Marine Fisheries employees that provide  
23 exceptional service to the State of Mississippi and the  
24 Marine Resources.

25 I would like to call attention to Mr. Jeff Grant

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1 that was awarded the service award this last quarter for  
2 April through June.

3 At the June Commission meeting, the Commission  
4 directed the staff to provide public notice to all  
5 commercial oyster fishermen for the upcoming August  
6 implementation of the dredge weight change from a hundred  
7 and forty-five to a hundred and fifteen.

8 I want to give the Commission notice that we did  
9 provide a postcard to all those commercial fishermen, and  
10 it was sent out in English, Vietnamese, and Spanish. That  
11 was accomplished this past week. We did do that.

12 Then, I want to recognize the wellness Committee  
13 at the Department of Marine Resources and particularly Ms.  
14 Jessica Rankin that headed up the Cookies for Cancer Cure  
15 bake sale. All the money was donated to the American  
16 Cancer Society. They raised just over four hundred and  
17 seventy dollars. Over the past three years, they have  
18 raised just over twelve hundred dollars for a good cause.

19 Finally, I want to update the Commission on the  
20 current commercial quotas.

21 Red drum, the quota is fifty thousand. We are  
22 at forty-five thousand and ten pounds, or about ninety  
23 percent of the quota.

24 Spotted seatrout, the quota is fifty thousand.  
25 We are at twenty-four thousand three hundred and thirty,

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1 or right at forty-eight percent of the quota.  
2 Flounder is seventy-four thousand, and we are at  
3 seventeen thousand three hundred and sixteen pounds, or  
4 right at twenty-three percent of the quota.

5 With that, I will introduce Mr. Matt Hill who  
6 will be giving the final notice for the red drum.

7 MATT HILL: Good morning Commissioners, Director  
8 Miller, Sandy.

9 I'm going to go through the amendment to Title  
10 22 Part 7. This is dealing with the increase in the red  
11 drum quota and the splitting of the seasons, as you had  
12 voted on at the last Commission meeting.

13 The CMR did pass a Notice of Intent on July 21<sup>st</sup>  
14 of 2015. It was officially filed with the Secretary of  
15 State's office on July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2015.

16 We gave public notice on our MDMR web page,  
17 beginning July 23<sup>rd</sup>, ad you can see (indicating slide).

18 We also ran notice in the Sun Herald Tegals July  
19 29<sup>th</sup>. Here's a copy of that (indicating slide).

20 The public comment period was open July 22<sup>nd</sup>  
21 through August 17<sup>th</sup>, and, to date, no public comments have  
22 been received on this proposed change.

23 I just want to refresh everybody on how this  
24 would read, if the Commission so desires.

25 Chapter 09 Commercial Size, Possession and Catch

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1 Limits, Section 108.

2 "From and after October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015, the annual TAC  
3 for commercial landings of Red Drum will be set at sixty  
4 thousand pounds. The TAC shall commence on January 1<sup>st</sup> and  
5 end on December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. The commercial TAC for  
6 the fishing season shall be divided into three four-month  
7 periods as follows:

8 "January 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup>, twenty thousand  
9 pounds.

10 "May 1<sup>st</sup> through August 31<sup>st</sup>, twenty thousand  
11 pounds.

12 "September 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>, twenty  
13 thousand pounds.

14 "In the event the commercial TAC is not met, or  
15 exceeded, in any time period, the pounds shall be added to  
16 the following time period."

17 What will be required, now, from the Commission  
18 is a motion for final adoption, if they so desire to keep  
19 these changes in Title 22 Part 7.

20 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do I have a motion?

21 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'll make the to proceed  
22 with final adoption of Title 22 Part 7.

23 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.

24 What about a second?

25 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: I will second the motion.

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1 We have a motion and a second.

2 All those in favor say aye.

3 (All in favor.)

4 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

5 (None opposed.)

6 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

7 MATT HILL: Thank you.

8 JOE JEWELL: Next on the agenda is Title 22 Part  
9 7, Spotted Seatrout Regulatory amendment. It's up for  
10 final adoption.

11 The Commission passed the Notice of Intent, on  
12 July the 21<sup>st</sup>. The following day, the Notice of Intent was  
13 filed with the Secretary of State's office. The public  
14 was given notice via the DMR web page, on July the 23<sup>rd</sup>.  
15 Legal notice was provided to the public, in the Sun  
16 Herald, on July the 29<sup>th</sup>.

17 Public comment period was July the 22<sup>nd</sup> through  
18 August the 17<sup>th</sup>. To date, no public comments have been  
19 received.

20 For the Commission's convenience, I will read  
21 the changes into the public record. As noted with the  
22 Administrative Procedures Act, all items that are crossed  
23 through are removed from the regulation and all those that  
24 are underlined are added to the regulation.

25 "From and after February 1, 2013, the annual

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1 Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for commercial landings of  
2 Spotted Seatrout (*Cynoscion nebulosus*) will be set at  
3 fifty thousand pounds. The 2015 commercial fishing season  
4 for landing Spotted Seatrout shall commence on February 1,  
5 2015, and end October 31, 2015, and each subsequent year  
6 thereafter. The commercial TAC for the fishing season  
7 shall be divided into two periods as follows:

8 "February 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup>, twenty-five  
9 thousand pounds.

10 "June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, twenty-five  
11 thousand pounds.

12 "In the event the commercial TAC is not met, or  
13 exceeded, in the first period, February 1<sup>st</sup> through May  
14 31<sup>st</sup>, the pounds shall be added to, or subtracted from, the  
15 second time period, June 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>."

16 Action required by the commission is a motion to  
17 proceed with final adoption of the regulatory changes in  
18 Title 22 Part 7.

19 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do I have a motion?

20 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: Yes. I will make the  
21 motion to proceed to final adoption of Title 22 Part 7,  
22 Spotted Seatrout Extension.

23 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a second?

24 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I will second it.

25 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a

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1 second.

2 All those in favor say aye.

3 (All in favor.)

4 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

5 (None opposed.)

6 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

7 JOE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

8 Next on the agenda for the Commission's  
9 consideration is Title 22 Part 18, modifying the language  
10 of the Marine Scientific Collection Permit. The presenter  
11 will be Mr. Jason Saucier.

12 JASON SAUCIER: Good morning Commissioners,  
13 Director Miller and Sandy.

14 This morning I am presenting a proposal to amend  
15 the language of Title 22 Part 18 which are those  
16 regulations pertaining to the special collection permits.

17 The MDMR was founded in 1994. At that point in  
18 time is when we developed a lot of our regulations. We  
19 did not have a Coastal Preserves Program, nor a Grand Bay  
20 NERR, and those regulations were particularly focused on  
21 collection of marine species.

22 We are currently managing approximately thirty-  
23 nine thousand acres, including the preserves and the NERR,  
24 and we need to have the ability, in the regulations, to  
25 monitor those research activities that take place on those

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1 modify, or repeal, rules or regulations to utilize,  
2 manage, conserve, preserve and protect the flora, fauna,  
3 tidelands, coastal wetlands, coastal preserves, marine  
4 waters and any other matter pertaining to the marine  
5 resources under its jurisdiction, pursuant to Mississippi  
6 Code 49-15-304."

7 Moving on to Chapter 3 section 102, I'm not  
8 going to read everything. I will just focus on the areas  
9 where we are proposing changes.

10 We are proposing to remove marine organisms, and  
11 to broaden our authority to samples so that we do capture  
12 land-based activities:

13 "Possessing samples under the conditions of the  
14 permit."

15 Section 106:

16 "In the marine waters and state-managed areas  
17 under the territorial jurisdiction of the MDMR."

18 Moving down:

19 "All state-managed areas include those parcels  
20 acquired and managed by the MDMR's Coastal Preserves  
21 Program."

22 Section 107:

23 "The MDMR Marine Patrol Office, 228-523-4134,  
24 must be notified twenty-four hours in advance of the start  
25 of any research activity."

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1 wetlands and other lands that we manage. We have that  
2 statutory authority already, and we need to bring our  
3 regulations up to the same level.

4 Within this Title 22 Part 18, we do have four  
5 permits currently:

6 Chapter 4, Marine Scientific Collection Permit.

7 Chapter 5, Non-Profit Organization Harvesters  
8 Permit.

9 Chapter 6, Marine Brood Stock Collection Permit.

10 Chapter 7, Experimental Gear/Underutilized  
11 Species Permit.

12 I will now proceed into reading the proposed  
13 language. As you know, the Administrative Procedures Act  
14 requires that we read into the record any changes. All  
15 those underlined areas are proposed new language, and  
16 anything that has a strike through is proposed to be  
17 deleted.

18 Chapter 2 Section 106:

19 "It is the public policy of this state to favor  
20 the preservation of the natural state of the coastal  
21 wetlands and their ecosystems and to prevent the  
22 despoliation and destruction of them, pursuant to  
23 Mississippi Code 49-27-3."

24 Chapter 2 Section 107:

25 "The MCMR is vested with authority to adopt,

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1 That language was changed to match the current  
2 protocol that we have for the Marine Patrol Office to be  
3 notified rather than Fisheries, when any activities take  
4 place.

5 Moving on to Chapter 4, we are proposing a  
6 change to the title and it will read, "Chapter 4 MDMR  
7 Scientific Research Permit." Reason being we are trying  
8 to be able to monitor and permit activities outside of  
9 just collection activities, sample collections.

10 Section 100:

11 "For the purpose of this permit, scientific  
12 research is defined as any research, monitoring,  
13 restoration, or collection activity, having potential  
14 direct, or indirect, impact to state-managed natural  
15 resources. When making the initial request in writing for  
16 an MDMR Scientific Research Permit, the applicant must  
17 include the following information on a form provided by  
18 the MDMR:"

19 Moving down to Section 100.02:

20 "Names of all persons that will be conducting  
21 field research activities under the provisions of the  
22 specific permit."

23 Section 100.03, we are adding "vehicles or  
24 vessels" to capture land-based activities, and we are  
25 changing collection to "research activities" to broaden

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1 that base.

2 Section 100.04, we are excluding collection. So  
3 it will read:

4 "Including a schedule of activities, research  
5 methods, number and size of all gear to be used and  
6 frequency of activity by gear type."

7 Section 100.05:

8 "A map showing the geographical location of the  
9 research activities, with each location identified by  
10 coordinates."

11 That again, is to capture land-based, not just  
12 marine-based activities.

13 Section 101:

14 "A complete written report of all research  
15 activities must be submitted to the MDMR within thirty  
16 days following the expiration of the permit."

17 We are proposing to change from ninety to thirty  
18 to expedite that process. They are currently required to  
19 give a summary report of previous activity, before we are  
20 allowed to issue a new permit. In the interest of saving  
21 time and trying to get folks their renewed permits every  
22 year, we would like to get them in a little bit quicker so  
23 we can that turnaround time down.

24 Section 102:

25 "None of the samples collected under the

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1 authority of the MDMR Scientific Research Permit are to be  
2 sold, bartered, traded, or consumed. Only applicants who  
3 can demonstrate a specific need for retaining samples as  
4 an integral part of the project will be authorized to  
5 retain samples."

6 Moving on to Chapter 5, at this point we are  
7 proposing some housecleaning items to fix some grammatical  
8 errors, update language, and make it consistent throughout  
9 the document.

10 "After review" will be omitted.

11 "Each application received will be reviewed by  
12 Office of Marine Fisheries personnel and a recommendation  
13 will be made to the Executive Director, or his designee,  
14 as to the validity of the permit request and if it has  
15 sufficient merit for issuance."

16 Section 104, the last sentence will read:

17 "The Executive Director will determine the total  
18 number of oysters the permittee will be allowed to  
19 harvest, under the conditions of the permit."

20 Chapter 6 Section 100:

21 "When making the initial request in writing for  
22 a Marine Brood Stock Collection Permit, the applicant must  
23 include the following information on a form provided by  
24 the MDMR."

25 Those are just some language changes to correct

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1 it. That shows you the name of the permit. That's why we  
2 capitalized, and those grammatical errors will be fixed  
3 (indicating slide).

4 Section 101, we are capitalizing Marine  
5 Fisheries and, again, we are changing from ninety to  
6 thirty days.

7 Section 102, we are correcting Brood Stock as we  
8 did in Section 100.

9 Chapter 7 Section 101, we are capitalizing  
10 office so it will read:

11 "Submitted to the MDMR Office of Marine  
12 Fisheries within thirty days following the expiration date  
13 of the permit to include, but not limited to:"

14 What is required to move forward is a motion  
15 from the Commission to proceed with the Notice of Intent  
16 to amend Title 22 Part 18.

17 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Let me ask you a  
18 question.

19 Why would you want to limit yourself to not  
20 being able to sell?

21 If you went out for Red Fish, or something, and  
22 you had a bunch of them, wouldn't it be good to sell it,  
23 instead it, instead of throwing it away?

24 Why would you want to limit yourself to not  
25 being able to sell what you collect?

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1 JASON SAUCIER: The Special Collection Permit is  
2 specifically for research and other special collection  
3 activities, not commercial.

4 In a lot of these cases, we are limiting the  
5 permittee to only cases where they absolutely have to  
6 retain for research purposes because it's part of that  
7 project.

8 A lot of these cases, the vast majority of these  
9 permits are issued to research groups, and the only reason  
10 they need to retain is for data collection, and that's in  
11 the best interest of preserving that fishery.

12 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: Actually, Richard, they  
13 shouldn't have any extra fish to sell. They've got a  
14 permit to capture so many specimens.

15 JASON SAUCIER: In most cases, they are not  
16 selling these.

17 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a motion on  
18 this?

19 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I make a motion, Mr.  
20 Chairman, that we proceed with the Notice of Intent to  
21 amend Title 22 Part 18.

22 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: I believe Ernie has a  
23 question.

24 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: We specify the amount  
25 of shrimp and oysters that are able to be taken, but we

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fail to do that on the other species, Speckled Trout, or Red Fish.

Is there any reason that we did it that way?

JASON SAUCIER: It is designated on a case-by-case permit.

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: As needed?

JASON SAUCIER: As needed. If we do have a species that is not regulated in that way, we do actually spell it out as a condition of the permit.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We will need a second that motion.

COMMISSIONER HARMON: I'll second that motion, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries. Thank you.

JOE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.

Next on the agenda for your consideration is modification and changes proposed to Title 22 Part 2, line change to the ICW. That presentation will be given by Mr. Rick Burris.

RICK BURRIS: Good morning Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.

I promise this is going to be a little bit shorter than the last one.

This morning I want to bring, for your consideration, amendment to Title 22 part 2, Rules and Regulations for Shrimping in the State of Mississippi. The focus here will be the definitions of the Intracoastal Waterway Boundary in the western Mississippi Sound as it pertains to shrimping.

After comparing the language in the State Statute Mississippi, Code 49-15-64.1 and our Title 22 Part 2 regulations, we noticed a distinct difference between the two as they reference completely different channels.

You have this language in front of you. So I won't read it to you. However, I will show it to you on the map.

This is a map of the western Mississippi Sound. If you are familiar with it -- I'm sure you are -- the Intracoastal Waterway runs parallel with the shoreline, but, when it gets to just south of Long Beach, the two channels split off.

The statutory channel recognized by State Statute is in the red here, and, then, the channel recognized by Regulation Title 22 Part 2 is here to the

south in the blue line (indicating map).

What we are wanting to do is keep the two languages consistent, and we recommend amending the language in Title 22 Part 2, amending this statutory boundary in Mississippi Code 49-15-64.1. As you are aware, the State Statute has precedence over regulations. So this red line, the statutory boundary is the one that is being enforced because the statute does have precedence.

I will show it to you separately, with the State boundary in there. This is the regulatory line and this is the State boundary. Every year we close shrimping north of the Intracoastal Waterway on December 31st.

With this regulatory boundary, all these waters up here are closed, and this is the only area that they actually can work per regulations; this little sliver right here, and, then, this area right here (indicating map).

With the statutory line, you can see they have a whole lot more room to work, when these waters are closed, roughly seventeen thousand acres. Like I said, this line is the one currently being enforced. So we are not changing anything enforcementwise (indicating map).

In summary, we are wanting to amend Title 22 Part 2 Chapter 4 Section 101 to reflect the language in

Mississippi Code 49-15-64.1. This will provide consistency in the language, better enforcement, and, like I said, an additional seventeen thousand acres open to shrimping, when waters north of the Intracoastal Waterway close.

I will read the proposed amendment into the record to Title 22 Part 2 Chapter 04. It begins at Section 101. As you heard earlier, the struck-through lines are deleted and the underlined words will be added to the regulation.

I will start where we start making changes:

"For the purpose of this section only, the portion of the Intracoastal Waterway that extends from a point south of Long Beach to a point south of Point Clear is described as follows:"

The previous channel is struck through and it begins:

"Begin at Marianne Channel Lighted Buoy 1, located approximately three miles north of West Point on Cat Island, thence extending southwesterly to Light 4P, thence southwesterly to Pass Marianne Wreck Light WR8A, thence southwesterly to Light 15P at the northernmost point of Merrill Coquille, thence southwesterly to Light 17P, thence southwesterly to St. Joseph Island Light 22, thence westerly to Lighthouse Point and continuing

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1 westward, following the meandering of the shoreline to the
2 boundary line of the state."
3 What will be required to proceed with this is a
4 motion to proceed with Notice of Intent to amend Title 22
5 Part 2.
6 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Any questions?
7 (No response.)
8 COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I will make the motion.
9 I appreciate what you are doing. That is going
10 to help a lot.
11 I'll make the motion to proceed with Notice of
12 Intent to amend Title 22 Part 2.
13 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I second it.
14 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a
15 second.
16 All those in favor say aye.
17 (All in favor.)
18 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?
19 (None opposed.)
20 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.
21 RICK BURRIS: Thank you.
22 JOE JEWELL: Thank you, Commissioners.
23 For your final consideration today, we have
24 state finfish records. Mr. Travis Williams will present
25 those to you.

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1 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: Good morning Chairman,
2 Commissioners, Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.
3 This morning we have two new State Saltwater
4 fishing records. They are both conventional tackle.
5 The first record is a Gray Snapper, Mangrove
6 Snapper, Lutjanus griseus. The old record was fourteen
7 pounds seven ounces. The new proposed record is fifteen
8 pounds seven point seven nine ounces. The angler is Mr.
9 John Bullock.
10 There is the Mangrove Snapper and there is Mr.
11 Bullock with his Mangrove Snapper (indicating
12 photographs).
13 The second record we have today is the Fat
14 Sleeper, Dormitator maculatus. This is a new record for
15 us. The weight is one point zero five eight ounces. The
16 angler is Mr. Kerry Hester.
17 There is a photo of the Fat Sleeper and there is
18 one Mr. Happy Hester with his Fat Sleeper (indicating
19 photographs).
20 What is required, now, is a motion to adopt
21 these new State records.
22 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: what is the old record?
23 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: For the Fat Sleeper?
24 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: Yes.
25 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: It's a new record for us.

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1 It's the first documented record we have on that species.
2 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: So you don't have an old
3 record?
4 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: No, sir.
5 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a motion?
6 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I was just wondering.
7 what did he catch it on?
8 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: He actually, according to his
9 application, caught it on hook and line. It was a rodeo
10 submission, during the Fourth of July Deep Sea Rodeo.
11 COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: I'll make a motion, Mr.
12 Chairman, that we accept these new records for the State
13 of Mississippi.
14 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion.
15 How about a second?
16 COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: I'll second the motion,
17 Mr. Chairman.
18 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a
19 second.
20 All those in favor say aye.
21 (All in favor.)
22 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?
23 (None opposed.)
24 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries. Thank
25 you.

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1 TRAVIS WILLIAMS: Thank you.
2 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Next we have Mr. Joe
3 Spraggins, Finance and Administration.
4 JOE SPRAGGINS: Good morning Commissioners,
5 Director Miller, Ms. Chestnut.
6 We are starting a new fiscal year. July is our
7 first month of it, and I will give you just a quick report
8 on that.
9 As you can see, we have basically two point five
10 million so far this year. We have ninety-nine percent
11 left in Tidelands and ninety-six percent left in Operating
12 Funds. About standard for where we should be.
13 Any questions?
14 (No response.)
15 JOE SPRAGGINS: Thank you.
16 COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Thank you, Joe.
17 Melissa is next.
18 MELISSA SCALLAN: Good morning Commissioners,
19 Director Miller and Ms. Chestnut.
20 The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources
21 was mentioned twenty-seven time in local, state and
22 national media, since the last Commission meeting.
23 Items of particular interest were the status of
24 shrimp season and the opening of Red Snapper season in
25 State waters.

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I do want to point your attention to George Ramseur. George was one of the authors of an article published in the scientific journal *Methods in Ecology and Evolution* in which scientists designed a new onsite method for studying potential impacts that rising sea levels can have on vital wetlands. George was one of three, or four, authors on that article, and that article has gone quite a few places and received some national attention. We want to congratulate him on that.

We have participated in several events, since the last Commission meeting.

Seafood Marketing sponsored several chefs at the Natchez Food and Wine Festival, July 24<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>, and they prepared dishes using wild-caught gulf seafood and which we promoted at that event.

We also were at the Great American Seafood Cook-off in New Orleans a couple of weeks ago. Ty Thames of Restaurant Tyler in Starkville represented us in this contest. He did not win, but he did very well. So we were happy with that.

The Grand Bay NERR has hosted several events, including the Gulf of Mexico Bird Monitoring meeting, a hands-on exhibit at Bellingrath Gardens for Kids Gulf Discovery Day, a meeting on the Ecological Effects of Sea Level Rise, and a Gulf Regional Health Outreach

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Professional Teacher workshop that was also sponsored by USM.

So far this month, the NERR has hosted a Wilderness First Aid Coastal Training Workshop, as well as a workshop on Connecting Citizens to Scientists.

This Saturday, the NERR will hold an Adventure Quencher called "Owls of the Reserve" which will be held at night.

Our Marine Patrol has also been busy, since the last meeting. They have held four boat-and-water safety classes and sixty-eight students were certified.

Officers participated in several marine events, including the Deep Sea Fishing Rodeo, July 4<sup>th</sup> fireworks, a boat parade and the Carl Leggett Fishing Rodeo.

Marine Patrol conducted seven community outreach events that focused on safety and conservation.

Four officers participated in dive training, in July. They were Chris Collins, Daphne Moore, Jeff Langlinais, and Randy Peterson.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Thank you, Melissa.

MELISSA SCALLAN: Thank you.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have any other business to come before the Commission?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Yes, Mr. Chairman. I would like to put a motion on the floor to move next

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month's meeting, on September the 15<sup>th</sup>, to Jackson County at 10:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'll second that motion.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and a second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

Next we have public comments.

Does anyone have any public comments?

(No response.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: With that, we have Shelby Drummond's favorite part.

Do we have a motion to adjourn?

SANDY CHESTNUT: Excuse me. Just one moment.

Do you want to go ahead and move the October meeting as well?

Jamie had suggested to go to Hancock County in October.

COMMISSIONER BOSARGE: I'll make the motion that we move the October meeting to Hancock County at 10:00 a.m., instead of 9:00.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do we have a second?

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COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: We have a motion and second.

All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Opposed?

(None opposed.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Motion carries.

Now, Mr. Shelby Drummond.

COMMISSIONER DRUMMOND: Motion to adjourn, Mr. Chairman.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Do I have a second to the motion to adjourn?

COMMISSIONER ZIMMERMAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: All those in favor say aye.

(All in favor.)

COMMISSIONER GOLLOTT: Meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon, at 9:42 o'clock, a.m., the August 18, 2015, meeting of the Commission on Marine Resources was concluded.)

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I, Lucille Morgan, Certified Shorthand Reporter, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of the August 18, 2015, meeting of the Commission on Marine Resources, as taken by me at the time and place heretofore stated in the aforementioned matter in shorthand, with electronic verification, and later reduced to typewritten form to the best of my skill and ability; and, further, that I am not a relative, employee, or agent, of any of the parties thereto, nor financially interested in the cause.

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