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5	MISSISSIPPI ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES
6	COMMISSION MEETING
7	Tuesday, October 17, 2023, 9:00 a.m.
8	Bolton Building Auditorium
9	1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530
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12	COLATICATON ACMEDICA
13	COMMISSION MEMBERS:
14	Ronnie Daniels Jonathan McLendon
15	Cammack "Cam" Roberds
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17	ALSO PRESENT:
18	Joe Spraggins, Director Sandy Chesnut, Esquire
19	Steven Eckert, Esquire
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23	REPORTED BY:
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1 RONNIE DANIELS: 2 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. 3 Welcome to the October 17th MACMR meeting. 4 This morning, I'm going to ask 5 Commissioner Roberds to lead us in the Pledge. 6 (Pledge of Allegiance was recited.) 7 RONNIE DANIELS: 8 Director, we're glad to have you with us 9 today. 10 JOE SPRAGGINS: 11 I'm glad to be here. 12 RONNIE DANIELS: 13 Do you feel well enough to lead us in 14 prayer this morning? 15 JOE SPRAGGINS: 16 I do, and the Lord has been I do. 17 blessing me, so, you know -- and, you know, I just 18 found -- we had an incident last night with a 19 woman that ran off of the bridge there and that 20 passed away and -- but they was able to recover 21 her, but we want to keep their families in our 22 prayers. You know, we had a man that passed away 23 out on the island this last week and also would 24 like to keep his family in our prayers. 25 And, you know, everybody and -- I

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      will -- obviously, you know, let's keep Israel in
      our prayers because, you know, we really need --
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      we need the support. So let's go to the Lord.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
                 Thank you, Joe.
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                 So we do not have Jason on, correct?
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                 No. He had to get on a plane.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 Okay. All right. Y'all are stuck with
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      us three today.
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      minutes, do we have any discussion on those?
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 Do we have a motion to approve?
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      JONATHAN MCLENDON:
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                 I will make that motion.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 I'll second.
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                All in favor?
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      JONATHAN MCLENDON:
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                Aye.
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      CAM ROBERDS:
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1	Aye.
2	RONNIE DANIELS:
3	All right. Today's agenda, do we have
4	any discussion on it?
5	(No response.)
6	RONNIE DANIELS:
7	I will make the motion to approve.
8	CAM ROBERDS:
9	I'll second.
10	RONNIE DANIELS:
11	All in favor?
12	JONATHAN MCLENDON:
13	Aye.
14	CAM ROBERDS:
15	Aye.
16	RONNIE DANIELS:
17	All right. Mr. Joe, we're going to turn
18	it over to you.
19	JOE SPRAGGINS:
20	Okay. First thing up we have employment
21	contracts. Employments, we have Ms. Melissa
22	Richards, who is a Customer Service Representative
23	and working out at Marine Patrol Office, and then
24	Alyssa Timbs, who is our ENRS team lead for
25	Coastal Reserve Resources, so welcome her

both of them for -- matter of fact, they both have family ties, and -- you know, which is very good there. Alyssa's husband, Jeremy, works here with us and Melissa's mother works with us. So we appreciate that, and it's good to have some good people to come to work with us. We love it. Thank you very much.

Any questions on that? (No response.)

JOE SPRAGGINS:

As far as an agency update, the 2019
Bonnet Carré update is we have right now -- there
was 350 applications for commercial fisheries and
293 were eligible. We had seafood dealers, 50
that applied and 30 that are eligible; charter
operators, 78 that applied, 72 that are available;
a total of 478 applications with 395 that are
available.

I'm proud to say that we have one of them finished, so we ought to be able to send this to finance today, and that will be for the charter boats and with the 72 charter boats. Each one will be getting \$6,950. So we will send that to finance — and is there anything, Rick or Traci, that we have to do? They will just come straight

1 out of finance and they will send them the money, 2 right? 3 LESLIE BREWER: We're going to have to have sub-grant 4 5 agreements signed on each one, so it's going to be 6 a process. We'll have to get the -- get those 7 drafted and get those all signed by all the 8 recipients before we can issue payments. So it's 9 going to be a little bit, but we're going to work 10 hard to get it done as fast as we can. 11 RONNIE DANIELS: 12 Do we not have that subcontract put 13 together yet? 14 LESLIE BREWER: 15 It's put together in draft form, but I 16 mean, drafting each one individually. They all 17 have to get reviewed -- make sure they're all --18 the names are correct and the amounts, that sort 19 of thing. It still goes through a review process. 20 RONNIE DANIELS: 21 So could we expect to see those this 22 week or --23 LESLIE BREWER: 24 Maybe get the drafts out and reviewed, 25 but then -- you know, the signing process, getting

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      hopefully they will be looking for them and --
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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      them back to us, then we will be able to cut the
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      check.
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                Then we can pay, yeah, right. So we've
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      got everything -- we've gotten as far -- we're as
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      set up as we can be till we get the information
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      from fisheries, but --
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                We will be able to get the -- get that
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      to the people that are eligible, the 72 this week.
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                Hopefully, yeah. Yeah.
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                Hopefully get them out to them.
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                I have got everybody waiting. We're
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      kind of -- we're on hold. We're waiting to go,
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                So is that a process to where you have
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      to get 100 percent of them back before you can
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      send them out for payment or --
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                No. We'll be processing them as they
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      sign them.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                As they come in. Okay.
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                So just as soon as we get them, we'll
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      start moving them along. It just depends on --
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      and we have to contact people, you know, and some
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      may end up coming in and signing them in person if
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      they can't figure out their e-mail. Some of
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      them -- most of them will hopefully sign by e-mail
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      and make it go faster, but --
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                Okay. Great.
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      LESLIE BREWER:
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                But it's -- I can't -- it's just really
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      hard.
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      going, and Traci is working hard, and her team, to
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be able to get that other group going, and hopefully that will work also. We'll be able to -- we just have a couple of little, minor things that we're working on. Some of them an affidavit is being signed and little things that are happening, but they're working hard. And I hate it's taken as long as it has, but you've got to do it right and we want to make sure it's 100 percent before we do it.

So any questions on that?

RONNIE DANIELS:

No, sir.

JOE SPRAGGINS:

Well, if you went to Cruisin' the Coast last week, if you didn't see something to do with Mississippi Seafood, something's wrong because it was everywhere. Mississippi Seafood was very well represented. We were the title sponsor this year, and I tell you what, we went through over 1,000 pounds of boiled shrimp, and there was — everybody there — it got to a point that people were standing in line waiting for the next one to come out, and — it was that good, and the people was loving it. They was talking about it. They was wanting to know where do they get the shrimp

and wanting to know how to cook it. Of course, the cooking team was giving them a little bit here and there and saying, hey, we will give you these -- what we use. But it was absolutely outstanding.

And I had one gentleman walk up when I was there and he said that he is from Louisiana and he said, you know, y'all don't know anything about this like I do. When he walked away, he said, I guess I just learned a lesson. So I tell you what, it was good.

The staff, a whole group of them -- I couldn't start to name everyone that worked on it, but they worked hard. We gave away a lot of things for the Mississippi Seafood, and I believe that, if nothing else, Mississippi Seafood got 100,000-plus people to look at it this last week.

And so I appreciate everybody's efforts on that, and I know that y'all worked extremely hard. And Francesca would -- trying to figure out which way to go, left or right, about half of the time because there was so many things happening to her, but we appreciate that. And y'all did a great job, so I just want to thank the whole team for that.

And I can tell you, we'll probably be some kind of sponsor next year because it was that good, and we got that much -- and one of -- I have got to tell another story. I was at the one of functions and a guy from Reno was there. There was a couple of them, and they were having a -- they have a car show in Reno, and they was down here just looking at ours because -- do you know that Cruisin' the Coast is the Number 1 show in the world? Number 1 in the world, not just in Mississippi, not just in the South, but in the world. Over 10,000 cars this year. That is amazing.

And I tell you what, it's a great job that they are doing, and it's a well-oiled machine. When you see how they've got it set up, it is amazing what they do and how they keep up with everything.

This guy he was sitting there and he said, well, I know one thing. He said, I won't never go to any of these restaurants in Reno and anywhere else anymore and eat seafood. He said, when I want seafood, I'm coming back to Mississippi, because he said, there is nothing going to top what I have eaten here this week. So

that tells you a lot for a lot of people, and we appreciate all our restaurants and our suppliers and our fishermen and everyone that put out the product.

Tidelands check, well, we -- Secretary of State was gracious to us the other day. I know Mr. Ray Carter is back there with him. And he was gracious and walked in with a check for 11,455 -- \$11,455,247.

RONNIE DANIELS:

I was about to say, you're a little light there, Joe.

JOE SPRAGGINS:

Yeah, I'm a little light. I forgot to tell y'all my part of it. But no, that's the second largest check we have ever received, and we appreciate that. And Ray, please pass that on to our Secretary, that we appreciate the efforts of our Secretary of State and the money will go well used.

There is a lot of projects out there, and about 6 and a half million of it goes to what we call public access and so that will be done.

And then, of course, we have to pay our -- you know, we're the only agency in the state that pays

our bond debt off, and so about a million -- a little over a million of it goes to pay the bond debt off, but we pay it off and that was part of the deal. So we will keep going and ours is getting lower every day.

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Former Secretary, Eric Clark, we had a dedication -- a coastal preserve dedication in his honor in Gautier at Indian Point last week on October 10th, and it was well received and a lot of -- a lot of people attended it. And I know the Secretary was there also at that, but it was a good deal. It was very nice to be able -- I didn't know. I learned -- I got the opportunity to learn something. I got to learn about Eric Clark because I knew who he was. I knew he was Secretary of State and I knew the things that -some things that he had done, but I didn't know that he was pretty much the one behind setting up all the buying of the land and everything for the Coast and the coastal preserves and responsible for over 16,000 acres of it that he bought, that he, himself -- was bought while he was Secretary of State. So to be able to dedicate that in his honor was amazing, and that was just absolutely amazing to be able to do that.

And we have got another dedication coming up. And I just want to thank the team.

Jennifer, you and your group, y'all did a great job once again. We appreciate that, and everybody did a great job of doing that and we appreciate it.

We've got another one, Gollott Island, coming up. And I'm not sure of the date right now, but because the way everything is going, I would say sometime probably the first of December that we're looking at that we will probably be able to do something with that.

And the weather, it was beautiful the other day for the one with Secretary Clark, so we can only hope that we have that weather again because we want to dedicate Gollott Island and Godfather Point so -- for Senator Tommy Gollott, so hopefully that will happen soon.

I was supposed to go, but Rick is going and going to represent us at Gulf States Marine this week. I'm not going to be able to go, but he's going to go over there and represent us. So, Rick, we'll expect reports out of there. And, you know, I don't -- I don't think we have too much going on. We do have some things that are going

on in the Marine Patrol side of it, and I hope 1 you're there for that. And I know we have got 2 3 people that will be there also. 4 126 derelict vessel cases have been 5 reported since we started tracking. 81 have been 6 removed, 45 are pending and five that we have 7 court orders on at this time, so we're moving 8 right along with all of that. 9 Let's see what else Crystal has got on 10 here. 11 But other than that, you know, I think 12 everything is going good. 13 I appreciate everybody's prayers. the ones that don't know, I had a little bout with 14 15 cancer and so I had a six-hour surgery last 16 Wednesday and they removed some tumors and did 17 some other things. And I'm doing good, you know. I'll tell you what, I'm doing good and God's been 18 great, and we will get through this. So, you 19 20 know, trust them doctors. They are good. Trust 21 them. 22 Sir, that's all I have. 23 RONNIE DANIELS: 24 Yes, sir. Thank you, Joe. 25 All right. Commissioners, y'all got

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      anything to report today?
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      SANDY CHESNUT:
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                Oh, I forgot Sandy. Yeah. Sandy, I'm
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      sorry.
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      SANDY CHESNUT:
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
                Yeah. I got me in trouble.
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      SANDY CHESNUT:
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                Okay. At the September meeting, we had
      some new state saltwater finfish records. We had
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      black triggerfish for Byron Ratcliff; Atlantic
      blue tang, Sean Cook; yellowedge grouper, Wesley
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      Butler. And those were all recommended by the
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      Commission and Director approved same. And that's
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                All right. Thank you, Ms. Sandy.
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1	SANDY CHESNUT:
2	You're welcome.
3	RONNIE DANIELS:
4	You got something?
5	JONATHAN MCLENDON:
6	Yeah. I just want to come behind the
7	General and thank all of the DMR employees who
8	were out there serving that Mississippi Gulf Coast
9	shrimp. Every time I saw Lieutenant Jeff Payne,
10	he was working his tail off.
11	And so, you know, it's hard for us ever
12	to go out and compete on price, you know. Our
13	stuff is obviously wild caught locally here. It's
14	more expensive to get harvested. So the two
15	things we've got going for us is these are great
16	shrimp, they taste way better than the import
17	alternatives, and that they are caught, harvested,
18	and processed by Americans just like us. So
19	thanks again. It was a great event.
20	RONNIE DANIELS:
21	All right. Thank you.
22	Jeff Payne is all over the place. He
23	came out and helped with an event we had in the
24	Pass this past month, and we were happy to have

DMR support that as well.

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	CAM ROBERDS:
3	No.
4	RONNIE DANIELS:
5	Still get y'all mixed up ever since high
6	school.
7	All right. Chief, you got a report for
8	us?
9	KYLE WILKERSON:
10	Good morning. How y'all like this
11	weather? I'm telling you, we are truly blessed.
12	Director, that's the first I'm hearing
13	about all that. I will keep you in my prayers.
14	JOE SPRAGGINS:
15	Thank you.
16	KYLE WILKERSON:
17	Well, looking at the report itself, we
18	were very, very productive. Everybody was, the
19	best part, compliant. We had a few snapper
20	violations, five failure to register Tails and
21	Scales and we had a couple of undersized snapper
22	we seized.
23	3,400 checks this month, folks. I mean,
24	that's a busy October or excuse me, September.
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      citizens, and your officers are working their
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      tails off.
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                Any questions?
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                I don't believe so. Y'all keep up the
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      good work.
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                Appreciate you.
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      KYLE WILKERSON:
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                Thank you, sir.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                Yes, we do.
                Joe, if you don't mind, I forgot, I got
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      a phone call on the way here this morning -- and I
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      should have asked this question before Chief came
      up, but are we done, done for the year with the
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      red snapper?
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                 I think we're done for the year. We
      have -- we're still assessing the whole amount of
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      what we caught, but I think that we're done. I
      think that we're at least to the limit, if maybe
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      not a little over, and so I think we're there.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                Okay. Good deal. Somebody asked me
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that on the way here this morning. I told them I would find out while we're here.

All right. Next up, we've got Katie Nelson with wetlands permitting.

KATIE NELSON:

Good morning. So I will be giving a presentation on a permit -- oh, I'm sorry -- a request for a permit by the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

The location of the project is a tributary to Bayou Porteaux, which is adjacent to residences along Solano Circle within Gulf Hills Estates, Ocean Springs, Jackson County. This will be the General Use District, and the agent is Cypress Environmental and Infrastructure.

The project description: It will be a maintenance dredging project. They intend to dredge 2,119 linear feet of the channel to depths ranging — or excuse me, widths ranging from six to 20 feet and final depths ranging from three to 4.9 feet mean lower low water. They're intending to remove approximately 4,626 cubic yards of material. The project area is approximately 1.49 acres in total. And there are certain portions of the project that include dredging less than 10

feet away from SAV, or submerged aquatic vegetation, and they are requesting a variance for that, which will be discussed later.

Here's the project location, and here's the overall project area. The 1.49 acres is highlighted in yellow, and there are a couple of portions — the portions in blue are going to be non-impacted submerged aquatic vegetation and then you will see — okay. Sorry. I thought I had a laser. And the dashed lines and the red lines indicate the buffer zone to stay away from the submerged aquatic vegetation.

The proposed project is allowable in the current General Use District.

They are requesting a variance to the Mississippi Coastal Program, under Title 22, Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 117.03, which states: A minimum 10-foot buffer must be maintained between dredging/excavation and any wetlands.

They intend to justify with Title 22,
Part 23, Chapter 8, Section 118.04, which states:
The activity requires a waterfront location.
There is a significant public benefit in activity,
and a public hearing has been held.

So a 10-foot buffer is typically

required to limit effects of disturbed sediments that dredging projects will stir up and this buffer is to keep -- because the buffer cannot be maintained in this instance, placing a turbidity curtain will help combat that disturbance.

We -- it has to run in the paper three consecutive times, and there were no public comments received. We had a public hearing last week and, again, no public comments were received. DEQ, there -- we didn't receive any comments during the comment period. MDAH had no objections, and Secretary of State also had no objections to the project.

The staff of the Department of Marine Resources has conducted a thorough evaluation of the project and has made findings on the decision factors in accordance with Chapter 22, Part 23, which is the Mississippi Coastal Program. The project would serve a higher public interest by providing sufficient water depths for access and navigation for the surrounding properties near Solano Circle.

And therefore, staff requests a motion that the Commission recommend to the Executive Director to approve the requested variance and

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      use of turbidity curtains in that 10-foot buffer
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      zone, that the areas where they can't stay within
      that buffer zone and the dredged material is made
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      available for beneficial use through MDMR's
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      Beneficial Use of Dredged Material Program.
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                Are there any questions?
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                Y'all got any?
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      CAM ROBERDS:
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                 I think just like it states, it's a
      maintenance situation, and they're doing the best
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      they can do to keep it off the vegetation.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
                All right. That's -- you're very
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      familiar with this area over there.
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      CAM ROBERDS:
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 So Jonathan, you got anything?
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      JONATHAN MCLENDON:
                No, I don't have anything.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 Great job, Katie. Thank you.
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      KATIE NELSON:
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1	Thank you.
2	CAM ROBERDS:
3	Yeah. I will make a motion to approve
4	the requested variance and the permit as requested
5	with the contingencies.
6	JONATHAN MCLENDON:
7	I'll second.
8	RONNIE DANIELS:
9	All right. We have a motion and a
10	second. All in favor?
11	Aye.
12	JONATHAN MCLENDON:
13	Aye.
14	CAM ROBERDS:
15	Aye.
16	KATIE NELSON:
17	Thank you.
18	RONNIE DANIELS:
19	Ms. Leslie, you have got some new
20	numbers this month, don't you?
21	JOE SPRAGGINS:
22	You got my \$11,000 in there?
23	LESLIE BREWER:
24	I do.
25	As of September 30th, our state revenue

1	is 3.5 million. Our agency revenue is 16.8
2	million.
3	State net income is 2 million, and
4	agency net income is 11.6 million. So, yes, that
5	11.6 reflects the 11.4 we just got for Tidelands.
6	And after three months, our operating
7	budget is at 97.7 and our Tidelands has 95 percent
8	left.
9	Any questions?
10	RONNIE DANIELS:
11	No, ma'am. Good job keeping up with all
12	of that. I'm glad I don't have to.
13	LESLIE BREWER:
14	Thanks.
15	RONNIE DANIELS:
16	Thank you.
17	All right. Public affairs, Charmaine?
18	CHARMAINE SCHMERMUND:
19	Good morning. The Mississippi
20	Department of Marine Resources had 11 media
21	mentions since the September MACMR meeting. News
22	items included red snapper season closing,
23	Mississippi Seafood giving out shrimp samples at
24	Cruisin' the Coast and Secretary Watson presenting
25	this year's Tidelands check to the MDMR.

The Office of Marine Patrol took part in college and career fairs at the Jackson County
Technology Center, Career and Industry Fair on
September 21st, Vancleave High School on
September 22nd, Night Out Against Crime in Bay
St. Louis on October 8th, Fishing with Buddies on
October 10th and Safety Day at East Central Middle
School on October 13th.

IT and Public Affairs set up a booth at the OCEANS Expo held in Biloxi September 26th through the 28th, which featured 2,000 registrants from around the world.

Shrimp and Crab Bureau Scientist Daniel
Taylor helped with the Gulfport Episcopal Church's
Casting Nets Program at Gulfport Harbor on
September 20th, where he assisted in teaching
underprivileged children to fish. Finfish
Bureau's Megan Fleming and Coast Restoration
Management's Katie Nelson participated in National
Estuaries Day at the Grand Bay NERR on
September 30th. Finfish Bureau Director, Trevor
Moncrief took part in fall camps at the Gulfport
Yacht Club on October 3rd, as well as partnering
with Fisheries Deputy Director, Matt Hill, to give
a presentation at the HossFly meeting on

1 October 10th. Seafood Technology Bureau Compliance 2 3 Inspector, Jillianne Craft, has been named a 4 Certified Shellfish Standardization Inspector. 5 Jillianne started with the MDMR on June 19th and 6 began working diligently towards standardization. 7 She traveled to LSU and Baton Rouge to complete 8 two specialized courses, which include sanitation 9 control procedures and Seafood HACCP, and this 10 allows her to conduct seafood facility 11 inspections, as well as provide specialized 12 technical assistance outreach to Mississippi's 13 seafood industry. 14 RONNIE DANIELS: 15 All right. Thank you, Charmaine. 16 Okay. Do we have any other business? Joe, we got any public comment? 17 18 JOE SPRAGGINS: 19 None that I have. 20 TJ, I don't think. Nobody has turned in 21 any. I do have one thing. I would like to 22 23 wish my mother a happy birthday yesterday. She was 96, 96 years old. 24 25 RONNIE DANIELS:

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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
                 So I just want to wish her a happy
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      birthday on the record.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
                 That's amazing. That's great.
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                 Well, October is a good month. I think
      we did this in record speed today, guys and girls.
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      JOE SPRAGGINS:
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                 You're going to get paid double.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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      JONATHAN MCLENDON:
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 I'll second it.
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                 All in favor?
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      CAM ROBERDS:
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      JONATHAN MCLENDON:
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                 Aye.
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      RONNIE DANIELS:
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                 Everybody have a great week.
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                    (Adjourned at 9:28 a.m.)
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1 CERTIFICATE OF COURT REPORTER 2.

I, MELISSA BURDINE-RODOLFICH, Court Reporter and Notary Public, in and for the County of Harrison, State of Mississippi, hereby certify that the foregoing pages, and including this page, contain a true and correct copy of my stenotype notes and/or electronic tape recording of the public meeting witness, as taken by me at the time and place heretofore stated, to the best of my skill and ability.

I further certify that I am not in the employ of, or related to, any counsel or party in this matter, and have no interest, monetary or otherwise, in the final outcome of the proceedings.

Witness my signature and seal, this the day of , 2023

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