

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

MISSISSIPPI ADVISORY COMMISSION ON MARINE RESOURCES

COMMISSION MEETING

Tuesday, June 18, 2024, 9:00 a.m.,

Bolton Building Auditorium

1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Mississippi 39530

COMMISSION MEMBERS:

Ronnie Daniels
Jonathan McLendon
Jason Osborne
Cammack "Cam" Roberds

ALSO PRESENT:

Joe Spraggins
Steven Eckert, Esquire

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1 RONNIE DANIELS:

2 Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.
3 Thank y'all for coming out for the Tuesday,
4 June 18th Mississippi Advisory Commission meeting
5 for marine resources.

6 This morning, I'm going to ask
7 Commissioner Osborne to lead us in the Pledge of
8 Allegiance.

9 (Pledge of Allegiance.)

10 RONNIE DANIELS:

11 All right. Mr. Joe, you want to start
12 us off?

13 JOE SPRAGGINS:

14 Yeah. And first off, I want to thank
15 everybody and -- you know, we want to remember
16 Patrick today. Patrick lost his uncle yesterday,
17 and his uncle was very close to him. And I know
18 Patrick is going to have to go out to Arizona
19 before long, but keep him and his family in your
20 prayers.

21 Okay. Let's go to the Lord.

22 (Moment of prayer.)

23 RONNIE DANIELS:

24 All right. Minutes from May 21st, 2024,
25 do we have any discussion on that?

1 (No response.)

2 RONNIE DANIELS:

3 Motion to approve the minutes?

4 CAM ROBERDS:

5 I make a motion to approve the minutes.

6 RONNIE DANIELS:

7 I'll second that.

8 All in favor?

9 (Unanimous vote.)

10 RONNIE DANIELS:

11 All right. Do we have any discussion on
12 today's agenda?

13 (No response.)

14 RONNIE DANIELS:

15 Do we have a motion to approve?

16 CAM ROBERDS:

17 I'll make a motion to approve the
18 agenda.

19 RONNIE DANIELS:

20 I'll second.

21 All in favor?

22 (Unanimous vote.)

23 RONNIE DANIELS:

24 All right. Mr. Joe, I'm going to turn
25 it over to you.

1 JOE SPRAGGINS:

2 All right. First off, we'll start out
3 with employment contracts. See what we have here.
4 Dylan Kessen was promoted to master sergeant. And
5 we've got a new hire, Katherine Wright, and she's
6 an ENRS II in the Office of Marine Fisheries.

7 No contracts, I don't think we have --
8 all right.

9 As far as agency update, first off, if
10 you have public comment, TJ is in the back.
11 Please, you know, get something to him and we will
12 be glad to put it in the right spot here.

13 Update on -- we'll be closed on -- what?
14 I don't know why she's got May 22nd on here, but
15 she's got we'll be closed on May 22nd, but this is
16 last year's -- last time's agenda, I think. I
17 don't know what's going on.

18 Anyway, tidelands applications started
19 on 31 May and will end in -- July 1st. GOMESA,
20 the same way, so make sure you get those
21 applications out. And let's make sure that if you
22 get them in, then we can put them in. We're
23 trying to get a portal made for the GOMESA so that
24 you'll be able to go out and see what's in the
25 GOMESA and see what's been funded and what hasn't

1 been funded, and then that way, it will be out
2 there in the open to everyone.

3 Our billfish tournament, boy, it was
4 great. I tell you what. 670 pounds, great fish,
5 a lot of fish. I think somewhere in the
6 neighborhood of 40, 50 billfish were caught, which
7 is quite a bit.

8 RONNIE DANIELS:

9 Wow.

10 JOE SPRAGGINS:

11 And we had a lot -- we had 92 boats that
12 went out that morning, and even the governor of
13 Louisiana was there. And the governor even fished
14 and he caught a billfish and it's on video if you
15 want to see it. It's out there on his website
16 somewhere or on somebody's website, but he was
17 very gracious to us.

18 The team did a fantastic job cooking for
19 them that night, and I'll tell you what, I've
20 heard nothing but, you know, people just praising
21 about the food. I was talking to -- I can't
22 remember the guy's name. He owns the boat,
23 Relentless, that little, small 160-footer, you
24 know, but --

25 RONNIE DANIELS:

1 Uh-huh.

2 JOE SPRAGGINS:

3 And the governor was staying on it, and
4 I was talking to him. He said, I come to three
5 tournaments a year in the Gulf of Mexico and one
6 of them is Biloxi. He said, I'm going to make
7 sure that we come to the Gulf Coast because he
8 said, it's one of the best tournaments we've ever
9 been to. And he fishes the rest of the time --
10 you know, he does a couple of others -- two others
11 and then he goes out in the Atlantic and fishes
12 there. But he was talking to -- about it and the
13 others.

14 And I walked around the tables and --
15 when people were sitting down that night and
16 not -- and everywhere I went, they said, this is
17 the best fishing tournament in the Gulf and we
18 love it and we want to be here and we're going to
19 come.

20 And they all loved the food, so hats off
21 to all our team that cooked and everything else,
22 and thank y'all for the ones that worked there.
23 We gave out, what, Charmaine, and them? We had
24 some --

25 CHARMAINE SCHMERMUND:

1 Visors.

2 JOE SPRAGGINS:

3 Yeah. Have we got any of those left?

4 CHARMAINE SCHMERMUND:

5 Uh-huh.

6 JOE SPRAGGINS:

7 Maybe get the commissioners one, you
8 know, give them a visor.

9 Any questions on the billfish? We will
10 sponsor it again next year. I think it's a great
11 deal because it's Gulf seafood, and that's exactly
12 what we did and people really enjoyed it.

13 Gulf Council will be next week, and me
14 and Rick will be headed over there, so it's in
15 Houston. We'll see what happens over in Houston
16 next week. I don't know. Right now, I don't --
17 it's nothing really big, pressing going on, but we
18 will see how it turns out.

19 We'll be closed Independence Day and the
20 day after. The governor gave us the 5th of July
21 off also, and so we'll be closed both days, except
22 our Marine Patrol. They won't ever be closed.

23 KYLE WILKERSON:

24 Nuh-uh.

25 JOE SPRAGGINS:

1 No. They'll be out there in the middle
2 of it, and I'm sure some fisheries people will be
3 working, too, the same way.

4 The next commission meeting is scheduled
5 for July 16th. Commissioner Osborne, I already
6 know you have a conflict with that and -- but we
7 can get you a call-in for, if that's all right.

8 Is there any other conflicts with it?

9 CAM ROBERDS:

10 (Shaking head negatively.)

11 JOE SPRAGGINS:

12 Okay. We'll plan on doing that.

13 All right. License at 65, you know, I
14 have been talking to Rick and Patrick about this.
15 Wildlife doesn't charge or doesn't require you to
16 have a license at age 65 or above, but we do. It
17 seems that this is a very good -- good thing
18 talking to Rick and them this morning, even if
19 we -- you know, it gives us a number of the people
20 that are work -- that are actually fishing
21 saltwater, and it's something different than what
22 happens.

23 The numbers -- we don't have to have a
24 number of how many people are catching bass. We
25 don't have to have a number of how many people are

1 catching crappie. We have to have a number of how
2 many people are catching certain foods in the Gulf
3 of Mexico, so, I -- you know, I was very hard
4 over -- you know, being an old guy myself. You
5 know, I'm thinking, you know, why are we being --
6 why? But I think after listening to them, it
7 might be something we need to keep going with.

8 I don't know the -- you know, the price
9 is minimal. It's \$8 for a lifetime, so I'm not
10 sure that that hurts anybody. If it is, I think
11 we can work it out and, you know, help them if
12 that's the case.

13 But it does help you because --
14 especially with the offshore landing permit, our
15 fishing permit for that. If you don't have that
16 and you're not required to have a license to fish
17 or hunt inside the, you know, state waters there
18 as far as the fresh water, then you have no number
19 to put on -- to be able to get that permit. And
20 so that's another issue that we need to look at.
21 So I think right now, you know, I just -- I was
22 going to bring it up. It was on my calendar, and
23 I've been asked by several people why do we have
24 to have it at 65 in saltwater over the -- you
25 know, the regular.

1 Now, I did find out that -- Rick was
2 showing me this morning that wildlife has an
3 option that you can buy one, but you don't have
4 to. But I think we need to -- unless y'all have
5 got some other issues on it, I think we need to
6 stay the way we are. If it's hurting somebody for
7 the \$8, then, you know, we can work that out. I
8 think that's not the issue. It's more for the
9 reporting, is what we need it for. We need it for
10 the reporting more than anything.

11 Any questions on that? It's just been
12 brought up to me a couple times.

13 All right. There's a thing called
14 hurricane season. It's here, but, you know, we'll
15 just see what happens. There's already been a
16 couple of little disturbances out there. We'll
17 just see what happens with it. It's in the Lord's
18 hands, not ours. What's going to happen is going
19 to happen. Just be prepared.

20 And if you're a boat owner and you have
21 a big boat, especially, please find yourself a
22 plan. Have yourself a plan to be able to move
23 that boat to be able to take care of it and secure
24 it. We've got -- we'll talk about derelict
25 vessels in a minute, but we get quite a few of

1 those. But if -- you know, don't make yours be a
2 derelict vessel. Take care of your boat, you
3 know. Do like you would with your camper or
4 anything else.

5 Shrimp season update, Jason, do you have
6 anything on that? Jason, is that part of your
7 brief? If it is, we'll hold off. I don't know.
8 Is it part of your brief?

9 JASON SAUCIER:

10 Good morning, Commissioners. Just a
11 quick update. Through May, we had about
12 1.5 million pounds landed in Mississippi for the
13 calendar year so far, at a dockside value of about
14 1.8 million.

15 That's typically low for the first part
16 of the year because we do have -- a lot of our
17 waters are closed until we open the season, and
18 then we usually see most of our landings occur in
19 June, July and August, then sometimes on into
20 September, depending on how much white shrimp is
21 being landed.

22 But we're seeing a lot of good white
23 shrimp being sold at the dock right now. They're
24 selling some small brownies, too, but 10-15s is
25 what we're seeing. We go down to the docks once

1 or twice a week just to check. Selling them for
2 about \$4 or \$5 a pound. And the small browns are
3 going for \$1 to \$2 a pound depending on the count.

4 But there's plenty of shrimp out there.
5 We certainly encourage folks to get out there and
6 buy local shrimp. And, you know, they're at Ocean
7 Springs Harbor, Biloxi Harbor and Pass Harbor.

8 So I will take any questions, if y'all
9 have any, but --

10 JOE SPRAGGINS:

11 Thank you.

12 All right. Well, it looks like there is
13 plenty of shrimp, so, you know, go get them while
14 you can. And I tell you what, they're very fresh
15 and they're very good.

16 Snapper season, we are at about 39,000,
17 almost 40,000 pounds of about 64,000 and that's
18 kind of understanding. We -- it depends on the
19 weather. We had one bad weekend, the second
20 weekend, that we didn't really see that many boats
21 go out, you know, but most of the time -- this
22 last weekend, they was full of them. I tell you
23 what, there was quite a bit of boats out there and
24 the week before. So we'll look at it as soon
25 as -- we're trying to get it past -- through the

1 July 7th time frame. Hopefully, we will get
2 there. If not, then we'll let people know if we
3 have to close it before then.

4 And we are working -- in case you've got
5 any questions, we are working on MS Creel, and MS
6 Creel is going wide open with this, so hopefully,
7 we'll get the data to be able to alleviate this
8 problem in the future.

9 Bonnet Carré, you want to give us one,
10 Traci, on the Bonnet Carré update?

11 TRACI FLOYD:

12 Good morning. I have no change in the
13 numbers for the reporting periods since last
14 month, so we're waiting for that ruling from NOAA
15 on how far back we can go to start the processor's
16 grant portion.

17 JOE SPRAGGINS:

18 And we did file for the 2020?

19 TRACI FLOYD:

20 We did. Within the last week, we
21 submitted that proposal to NOAA.

22 JOE SPRAGGINS:

23 And that would be for commercial? Is it
24 shrimp and oysters only?

25 TRACI FLOYD:

1 Shrimp and oysters, on-bottom oysters
2 and it will be -- our plan is a direct payout for
3 that 2.9 million, but a lesser amount going to
4 cultch plants.

5 JOE SPRAGGINS:

6 Yeah. Okay. So that's -- and that's
7 for the year 2020, now, not 2019, you know. What
8 that -- as we tried to explain that. This --
9 Bonnet Carré, was for 2019 only, and we can only
10 pay for that year. We can't pay for your losses
11 the year after that or the year before that. We
12 can only pay for your losses in the year 2019 up
13 to a certain point, and this will be for 2020. We
14 were able to get 3 million more for 2020, and so
15 we'll be able to pay for the losses in 2020 that
16 carried over.

17 Isn't that right, Traci?

18 TRACI FLOYD:

19 That's correct. And that's only for
20 those two fisheries, but we will certainly try to
21 help those folks.

22 JOE SPRAGGINS:

23 Okay. But once again, we're the only
24 state that pays the fishermen, so at least we are
25 getting something to them.

1 Any questions?

2 (No response.)

3 JOE SPRAGGINS:

4 Thank you, Traci.

5 TRACI FLOYD:

6 Thank you.

7 JOE SPRAGGINS:

8 All right. The last thing I've got here
9 before we get -- we've got a couple of other
10 little things, but the derelict vessels, 157 of
11 them have been reported, 116 removed; 41 of them
12 are pending removal, and out of those 41, four of
13 them have already received court orders, so we're
14 doing a good job of that. And Roy and Steven are
15 doing a fantastic job working that out.

16 We -- out of the Gulf of Mexico, we are
17 probably 50 percent better than anybody because
18 when you talk to Texas and you talk to Louisiana
19 and you talk to Florida and you talk to Alabama,
20 they're nowhere near the numbers being removed
21 that we've got. So we've got a great team doing
22 it. It's fantastic. We love to -- we thank the
23 federal government for giving us the grant and --
24 it's 1.6 million so that helps us do that, but
25 we're doing great with it. We thank y'all.

1 Any questions on that? If not, we'll go
2 to the actions updates.

3 STEVEN ECKERT:

4 Morning, Commissioners, Director.

5 Regarding our actions updates, discussed
6 at the May 2024 meeting, the Commission
7 recommended and the Director approved the
8 following motions: Motion to recommend the
9 proposed changes to Title 22, Part 1 to conform
10 with the requirements of Senate Bill 2648 and
11 House Bill 1007 be sent to the Secretary of
12 State's office for notice of intent.

13 There was also a motion to recommend the
14 final adoption of the changes to Title 22, Part 3,
15 Chapter 7 of the recreational bag, possession and
16 size limit for the red snapper.

17 And then finally, there was a motion to
18 recommend the following state water -- state
19 saltwater finfish record for all tackle, the red
20 grouper, being 27 pounds, 32 ounces -- .32 ounces
21 for Darin Grant.

22 And that is the actions update from the
23 prior meeting.

24 JOE SPRAGGINS:

25 Do we need a motion for that? Is there

1 a motion they need to make?

2 STEVEN ECKERT:

3 Not for that, no, Your Honor. No, sir.

4 JOE SPRAGGINS:

5 Okay. All right. Well, that's -- other
6 than that, that's all I have, Chairman. Thank you
7 very much.

8 RONNIE DANIELS:

9 Thank you, Joe.

10 All right. Next up, commissioners'
11 report. Any of our commissioners have anything to
12 report today?

13 CAM ROBERDS:

14 No, sir.

15 RONNIE DANIELS:

16 All right. Moving right along. Chief.

17 KYLE WILKERSON:

18 Good morning.

19 Before I get started, I would like to
20 say that I personally knew Donnie Riggs. That's
21 Patrick's uncle. You know, he went away -- he
22 went to see the Lord and this world is a little
23 darker place because he is gone. Please give my
24 condolences.

25 All right. So getting to the report

1 itself, we checked 2,488 vessels during the month
2 of May. I would say probably three-quarters of
3 those are going to be Memorial Day weekend, as it
4 is extremely busy. It was a little windy that
5 weekend.

6 We checked -- I would say our compliance
7 rate on checking snapper vessels was
8 14.25 percent. We were -- we wrote warning
9 citations for the recreational off -- offshore
10 landing permit. That's the new permit that we're
11 not going to write citations till next February.
12 I told the guys, let's ease up on them. We only
13 came across nine of them out of the ones we
14 checked. As of date -- as of to date, right now,
15 we're at 8.5 percent compliance rate on the
16 snapper checks.

17 Other than that, the report is pretty
18 self-explanatory, but I will field any questions.
19 JOE SPRAGGINS:

20 Now, you're only giving them a courtesy
21 warning for that?

22 KYLE WILKERSON:

23 Yes, sir. We only do a courtesy warning
24 due to the fact we can document it and keep
25 numbers on them.

1 JOE SPRAGGINS:

2 And we're at -- what percentage are we
3 doing on snapper check?

4 KYLE WILKERSON:

5 As of to date, 8.5.

6 JOE SPRAGGINS:

7 And how much compliance?

8 KYLE WILKERSON:

9 We're looking at -- we wrote two no
10 Tails and Scales citations through the weekend,
11 Memorial Day weekend, but as of right now, I
12 haven't checked the numbers, but they're pretty
13 low so everybody is compliant.

14 JOE SPRAGGINS:

15 In the high 90s?

16 KYLE WILKERSON:

17 Yes, sir.

18 RONNIE DANIELS:

19 That's good. Y'all got a busy summer
20 coming up.

21 KYLE WILKERSON:

22 Yes, sir. We're loading up for July.

23 RONNIE DANIELS:

24 Thank you.

25 KYLE WILKERSON:

1 Thank you, sir.

2 RONNIE DANIELS:

3 Moving on down. Next, we have
4 Ms. Charmaine, public affairs.

5 CHARMAINE SCHMERMUND:

6 Good morning. The Mississippi
7 Department of Marine Resources had 36 media
8 mentions since the May MACMR meeting. News items
9 included MDMR accepting proposals for GOMESA
10 projects, red snapper and shrimp season openings
11 and derelict vessels being removed along the
12 Mississippi Gulf Coast.

13 The Office of Marine Patrol took part in
14 Career Day at Beach Elementary in Pascagoula on
15 May 22nd, the summer reading program at Woolmarket
16 library on June 13th and a visit to Rainbow
17 Daycare on June 17th.

18 The agency's cooking team, the
19 Mississippi Seafood program and agency volunteers
20 participated in the Billfish Classic's captains'
21 reception on June 5th at the Golden Nugget where
22 boiled shrimp and fried fish filets were cooked
23 and served to over 500 guests in attendance.

24 We also provided a promotional booth
25 where we talked with attendees about -- and

1 distributed informational pieces and promotional
2 materials. That's it.

3 RONNIE DANIELS:

4 Thank you, Charmaine.

5 All right. So next up, we're going to
6 have Jason Rider, Marine Fisheries.

7 JASON RIDER:

8 Good morning, Commissioners. Jason
9 Rider.

10 Today we're going to discuss the final
11 adoption for Title 22, Part 1, rules and
12 regulations for molluscan shellfish related
13 activities to conform with the requirements of
14 Senate Bill 2648 and House Bill 1007.

15 A lot of this information is the same
16 information as last month, so I will summarize it.
17 If y'all have any questions, let me know, but it
18 will be summarized.

19 So the background, at the May 21st, 2024
20 Commission meeting, the Advisory Commission
21 recommended to the Executive Director that the
22 changes to Title 22, Part 1 be sent to the
23 Secretary of State's office for notice of intent.

24 The changes -- the summary of the
25 changes, we amended the requirements for the

1 tagging of shellfish in accordance to House Bill
2 1007, added and adjusted language to Chapter 10
3 according to Senate Bill 2648, added definitions
4 pertaining to Senate Bill 2648 and amended the
5 requirements for on-bottom molluscan shellfish
6 leases according to Senate Bill 2648.

7 In Chapter 2, we updated some
8 definitions. We added "adverse pollution
9 conditions" and "certification" or "certify."

10 Additionally, we updated some language.
11 We removed some language in our permits, and then
12 added some language that states: "Renewal of
13 these permits is required on an annual basis with
14 the expiration occurring on April 30th of each
15 year." Again, this complies with our standard
16 licensing timeline, so we just wanted to get
17 everything standardized.

18 Continuing with definitions, we added
19 "container, cultivation" and "most probable
20 number."

21 "Propagation" was added. "Relay" was
22 added and "trip ticket" was added to the
23 definitions in Chapter 2.

24 In Chapter 3, we did update some
25 language in there. We added "if applicable" to

1 check stations. And the oyster hotline, we stated
2 "or other means of notifications." This just
3 allows us to notify people through social media
4 and text messages or other variety of ways.

5 In Chapter 4, we removed some language
6 and added some language regarding how the vessels
7 will be checked out at the landing locations.

8 Chapter 5, we did update this
9 substantially to comply with private leaseholders
10 being able to print and produce their own tags.
11 It has to be in accordance with the agency -- with
12 the agency's guidelines, but in here, we did
13 designate how they should be printed, the size and
14 the standardization of all those tags.

15 Again, in Chapter 5, we just indicated
16 some information that includes the harvester's
17 identification number assigned by authority, the
18 harvest date, harvest area, type of shellfish,
19 quantity of shellfish and then the statement that
20 the model ordinance requires.

21 Additionally, we put that the tags
22 should be -- should -- "must be landed at an
23 approved dock with the tags attached prior to
24 shipment and tags shall be filled out."

25 And then the last one on this -- in this

1 chapter was we said that the fasteners could be on
2 the outside of the sack.

3 In Chapter 8, we added some language
4 regarding approved cultch material and then we
5 deleted "generally accepted cultch materials" and
6 added "approved cultch material" in there.

7 And Chapter 10, this is regarding the
8 molluscan shellfish leases. We did make some
9 adjustments to this. We removed the four corners
10 statement and then added "if the lease
11 configuration does not have definitive corners,
12 the boundaries must be marked in a manner that
13 clearly identifies the lease area." We did delete
14 "D."

15 Continuing with Chapter 10, we added
16 some language regarding private aids to navigation
17 for off-bottom molluscan shellfish. It just
18 requires them to notify the Army Corps of
19 Engineers.

20 For the lease application in Chapter 10,
21 again, we deleted some language from the previous
22 years, "applications are available at the DMR
23 office." And then we updated it. "Applications
24 will be available at the MDMR office and on its
25 website." And then the applicants must be a firm,

1 corporation or shall be organized under the laws
2 and the state of Mississippi, registered with the
3 Secretary of State's office and owned by a
4 resident of Mississippi -- of the State of
5 Mississippi, excuse me.

6 Number 6, we deleted some language just
7 to clean up and standardize things.

8 Continuing with Number 7, this is where
9 we deleted language to comply with the new Senate
10 Bill for -- in 2024. We eliminated some things.
11 And then, again, with the lease application review
12 process, we eliminated some language that was
13 outdated at this time, and we wanted to -- we
14 added the "qualifications established in
15 Mississippi Code 49-15-27," which was updated in
16 2024.

17 And continuing with edits to Chapter 10,
18 we have those there. Lease conditions, again,
19 updated some language, deleted some language. We
20 did remove "before or after July 1st of each
21 year." The leases are for 15 years. Each
22 application is a minimum for one acre, but must
23 not exceed 2,500 acres. And then deleted Number 9
24 and 10. And Number 11, we changed from 100 feet
25 to 50 yards, and that's the area between the

1 leases.

2 Chapter 10, we deleted Number 5 and
3 Number 7 regarding event of default and reporting
4 activities. Again, continuing with deletions and
5 update.

6 So at this point, the notice of the
7 proposed regulation was published in the *Sun*
8 *Herald* on May 26th, 2024. The notice of the
9 proposed regulation was also posted on the MDMR
10 website on May 23rd, 2024. No public comments
11 were received to date.

12 And at this time, the staff's
13 recommendation is for the Executive --
14 recommendation to the Executive Director that the
15 proposed changes to Title 22, Part 1 be sent to
16 the Secretary of State's office for final
17 adoption.

18 Does anyone have any questions?

19 (No questions.)

20 RONNIE DANIELS:

21 Doesn't sound like it. That's a lot of
22 cleaning up.

23 JASON RIDER:

24 Yes, we did. We had some work to do,
25 so...

1 RONNIE DANIELS:

2 All right. Do we have a motion to
3 approve the staff's recommendations?

4 JASON OSBORNE:

5 So moved.

6 RONNIE DANIELS:

7 I'll second it.

8 All in favor?

9 (Unanimous vote.)

10 RONNIE DANIELS:

11 All right. Thank you, Jason.

12 JASON RIDER:

13 Thank you.

14 JOE SPRAGGINS:

15 Hey, real quick, Jason. This will go in
16 effect as soon as --

17 JASON RIDER:

18 It's 30 days from filing. So if we file
19 it today, it will 30 days from today.

20 JOE SPRAGGINS:

21 So by next meeting, it will be in
22 effect?

23 JASON RIDER:

24 Yes, sir.

25 JOE SPRAGGINS:

1 Thank you.

2 RONNIE DANIELS:

3 All right. Trevor Moncrief, we've got
4 some new records.

5 TREVOR MONCRIEF:

6 We've got a couple of them.

7 All right. Commissioners --

8 JOE SPRAGGINS:

9 Not a billfish, though.

10 TREVOR MONCRIEF:

11 -- so we had an all tackle record. The
12 first one is golden tilefish. Old record was
13 20 pounds, 11.68 ounces. The new record is
14 23 pounds, 3.2 ounces. The angler is Mr. Nathan
15 Bosarge. There is the picture of the fish, and
16 there is Mr. Bosarge with the fish. That picture
17 is a little bit nicer than the one on the board.

18 We also have a permit that came in.
19 It's another all tackle. That was a spear. Our
20 old record was 11 pounds, .76 ounces. That new
21 record is 11 pounds, 11.2 ounces, and it's
22 Mr. Mark Kleinpeter. There is the picture of the
23 fish, and there is Mark with the fish.

24 And all we need is a motion to adopt the
25 new state records.

1 RONNIE DANIELS:

2 Nice.

3 Any questions?

4 (No response.)

5 RONNIE DANIELS:

6 I'll make a motion to adopt the state
7 records.

8 JASON OSBORNE:

9 Second.

10 RONNIE DANIELS:

11 All in favor?

12 (Unanimous vote.)

13 RONNIE DANIELS:

14 Thank you, Trevor.

15 All right. Do we have any other
16 business?

17 JOE SPRAGGINS:

18 We do have one quick thing, if I can.

19 Last -- around Memorial Day weekend, we had an --

20 Omega had a fish spill out there, and I want to
21 just tell them thank y'all for what you did. I

22 tell you what, they had fish spill south of the

23 islands out there, but there was a lot of concerns

24 that it was going into the islands and get into

25 anything else and some menhaden fish.

1 And -- but they was out there. They was
2 flying it. They were working it. They was on top
3 of it, and I just want to thank y'all. Thank you
4 for what you did there because you did a great
5 job. You know, you can't help when you have a
6 mistake, you know. It's things that happen, but
7 the way that y'all responded to it really meant a
8 lot to the Gulf Coast.

9 And there was a lot of people, like,
10 well, we're going to have fish washing up on the
11 bank, we're going to have this, but it did not
12 happen. Patrick was all over it. We were working
13 it, and Marine Patrol. But because of y'all,
14 y'all were able to work it. And you had airplanes
15 in the air. You had boats out there. You were
16 ready to do anything, so that just tells you what
17 kind of response we get from them if they do have
18 an issue. So I just wanted to bring that -- make
19 that public, about we thank you for it. Okay?

20 One other thing, Crystal's actions was
21 an auction. In other words, my eyeballs didn't
22 read it right. And so the May 22nd auction
23 closed. That's what she was trying to tell me.
24 And that auction, we raised a little over
25 \$170,000, so that's pretty good. It was Crystal's

1 auction, not action.

2 RONNIE DANIELS:

3 All right. Did we have any public
4 comments turned in?

5 JOE SPRAGGINS:

6 No, I don't think so.

7 Any public comments?

8 TJ MORAN:

9 No.

10 RONNIE DANIELS:

11 All right. Well, that was short and
12 sweet. Do we have a motion to adjourn?

13 CAM ROBERDS:

14 I make a motion to adjourn.

15 JASON OSBORNE:

16 Second.

17 RONNIE DANIELS:

18 First, second.

19 Everybody have a great week. Meeting
20 adjourned.

21 (Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m.)

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