



DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES MANAGEMENT

Escambia County Central Office Complex
3363 West Park Place
Pensacola, FL 32505

MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES

January 08 2018, 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Mark Moore	District 1 / Commissioner Bergosh
Cathy Watson	District 1 / Commissioner Bergosh
Clint Retherford	District 2 / Commissioner Underhill
Eilene Beard	District 3 / Commissioner May
Joe Denmon	District 3 / Commissioner May
David Dodson	District 4 / Commissioner Robinson
Kerry Freeland	District 4 / Commissioner Robinson
Walt Woodfin	District 5 / Commissioner Barry
Gabe Jackson	District 5 / Commissioner Barry
Ed Fish	County Administrator Brown

Staff Present

Robert Turpin	CED / Marine Resources Division Manager
Hannah Edwards	Marine Resources Division
Kyrene Yazzy	Marine Resources Division

Absent Excused

Sidney Clopton	District 2 / Commissioner Underhill
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Absent Unexcused

Visitors Present

Rick O'Connor	Florida Sea Grant
Susan Burtnett	US Army Corps of Engineers
Dan S. Hains	US Army Corps of Engineers
Shannon Jefferies	US Army Corps of Engineers
Melissa Gabriel	Pensacola News Journal

1. **Call Marine Advisory Committee Meeting to Order:** Called to order 5:41 pm
2. **Attendance:** Quorum present
3. **Approval of Minutes: Need to approve Nov and Dec 2017 Minutes**
4. **10836 Lillian Highway Public Boat Ramp:** MRD Update: FWC Grant Funding has been extended to 31 March 2018, to allow sufficient time for design finalization and permit applications.
5. **Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil Spill Restoration & Recovery:** MRD Update: Escambia County Purchasing Department is finalizing negotiations with artificial reef contractors for artificial reefs funded by Natural Resources Damages Assessment (NRDA).
6. **New Inshore Reefs at Pensacola Beach:** MRD Update: MRD has applied for additional NRDA funding and is searching for other funding sources to construct permitted artificial reef at Casino Beach.
7. **Proposed Boating Regulatory Areas in Bayou Garcon, Bayou Grande, Kees Bayou, Old River, and Innerarity Point Park:** MRD Update: MRD is developing proposals for submitting to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) for concurrence of county authority to establish vessel speed restrictions. Upon completion of due diligence, MRD will schedule public hearings of Board of County Commissioners.
8. **Lionfish Issues/Developments:** MRD Update: MRD met with FWC and others to plan the 2018 Lionfish Removal and Awareness Days (LRAD). FWC is changing event location to FloraBama Yacht Club for weekend of 19-20 May 2018.
9. **Navy Point Living Shoreline Project:** MRD Update: MRD crew has bagged oyster shells for upcoming oyster reef construction.
10. **Vessels anchored in Bayou Chico:** MRD Update: MRD is working with FWC and Escambia County Sheriff Marine Unit to resolve recent derelict vessel and determine legal status (per Florida Statutes) of existing vessels anchored in Bayou Chico.
11. **Old Business:**
 - a. **Comprehensive Waterway Management:** MRD Update: actions in Agenda item #10 (above) will be expanded to all waterways around Escambia County, and will apply to all county waterways access facilities and properties;
 - b. **FWC Oriskany PCB Monitoring Grant extension:** FWC has increased funding in existing Agreement to provide for additional expenses that may be required by US Environmental Protection Agency as a result of elevated PCB levels in several fish species, which prompted Florida Department of Health to include bank seabass and scamp in their Seafood Consumption Advisory. MRD is scheduling the 2018 Seafood Safety Symposium for 9 April 2018 in conjunction with Marine Advisory Committee meeting, and Oriskany fish sample collection will be conducted 10-12 April (exact date of sampling day is weather-dependent).

12. **New Business:**

a. **ARCADIS Project** in Gulf of Mexico off Ft. Pickens to locate and remove old ordnance (Susan Burtnett attending with additional information/presentation?).

b. **MAC 2018 Officers Nominations & Elections:** Chair: Kerry Freeland; Vice-Chair: Eilene Beard; Secretary: Clint Retherford

13. **Adjourn:** Gabe Jackson made the motion to adjourn. Mark Moore seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.