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

Marine Advisory Committee

APPROVED
RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES
July 07, 2013, 5:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Earle Rader		District 1/Commissioner Robertson
Cathy Watson		District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
Sidney Clopton		District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Merrick Van Landingham	Vice Chair	District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Dave Mucci		District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV
Walt Woodfin	Secretary	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Gabe Jackson		District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Ed Fish		County Interim Administrator George Touart

Staff Present

Robert Turpin		CED/ Marine Resources Division Manager
Rick O'Connor		Sea Grant Agent for Escambia County

Absent Excused

David Dodson	Chair	District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV
Eilene Beard		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May

Absent Unexcused

Lynn Laird		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
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Visitors Present

Candy Hansard		Emerald Coast Reef Association Inc.
William Myrick		Resident and Former EMAC Member

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order at 5:50 pm by Merrick Van Landingham standing in for David Dodson.
2. Attendance Quorum Present
3. Minutes- Approval Motion to approval the June minutes with clarifications was made by Earl Radar and seconded by Cathy Watson. All in favor none opposed.
4. Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit. MRD awaiting Army Corps permit.
5. Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Ballast Rock". MRD monitoring dive planned for July 2013.
6. Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef Solicitation & Construction. Escambia County Purchasing to issue Purchase Order to Walter Marine in July for construction.
7. Escambia County Southeast Artificial Reef Site. Applications submitted; awaiting Army Corps of Engineers permit.
8. Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction. Construction underway.
9. Perdido River Public Boat Ramp Design/Engineering/Permitting. Firm selected for Design, Engineering & Permitting. FDEP developing Scope of Work & negotiating contract. Expected contract to be issued in July 2013.
10. Hurst Hammock Paddlecraft Access Launch Design & Permitting. ACOE permitting underway.
11. Juanita Williams Paddlecraft Access Launch. Construction completed?
12. 10836 Lillian Highway Analysis/Due Diligence. BCC Recommendation approved contract at 10 June 2013 meeting. Closing date in July 2013.
13. Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil spill Restoration & Recovery. Florida has issued public notice for Phase 2 Projects for Public Comment.
14. Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard. No response to second MRD inquiry.
15. Proposal from owner of M/V Titanic for artificial reef. (Presented to MAC at May 2013 meeting) Emailed additional information to MAC for consideration & input. To be discussed further at the August meeting.
16. Proposal of ex-military submarine for artificial reef. (Presented to MAC at May 2013 meeting) Emailed additional information to MAC for consideration & input. To be discussed further at the August meeting.
17. Request for Vessel Restriction Area in Big Lagoon. Forwarded FWC email to MAC regarding request for vessel restriction in Big Lagoon.
18. Old Business: Escambia River derelict vessels & associated debris: Notice to Proceed issued for work to begin as of 8 July 2013, to be completed within 180 days of work.

19. New Business: Patti Memorial Reef. 175' x 40' x16' reef to be deployed in Nearshore East Reef Site approx. 200 feet south of Mayor Lane Gilchrist reef. Expected deployment in early July 2013.

MAC unanimously approved sending Resolution to BCC for Proclamation of appreciation (2 copies) using language from previous MAC Resolutions with additional statement(s) regarding celebration of Escambia County's rich maritime heritage and traditions in the form of steel replicas of local landmarks and icons.

Mrs. Candy Hansard (P.O. Box 273 Niceville, Fl 32579) gave a presentation regarding Okaloosa County efforts to control lionfish off Okaloosa County: 1. Brochure 2 Workshops 3.

20. Adjourn Motion to adjourn was made by Earl Radar and seconded by Dave Mucci. All in favor none opposed. Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.