



**COMMUNITY & ENVIRONMENT DEPARTMENT**

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

**Marine Advisory Committee**

**APPROVED  
RESUME OF MEETING MINUTES  
October 14, 2013, 5:30 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Cathy Watson		District 1/Commissioner Wilson Robertson
Sidney Clopton		District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Merrick Van Landingham	Vice Chair	District 2/Commissioner Gene Valentino
Eilene Beard		District 3/Commissioner Lumon May
David Dodson	Chair	District 4/Commissioner Robinson IV
Walt Woodfin	Secretary	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry
Ed Fish		County Interim Administrator George Touart

**Staff Present**

Robert Turpin	CED / Marine Resources Division Manager
Keith Wilkins	Director / NESD
Rick O'Connor	Escambia County Sea Grant Agent
Michael Rhodes	Parks and Recreation

**Absent Excused**

Dave Mucci	District 4/Commissioner Grover Robinson, IV
Gabe Jackson	District 5/Commissioner Steven Barry

**Absent Unexcused**

Earle Rader	District 1/Commissioner Robertson
Lynn Laird	District 3/Commissioner Lumon May

**Visitors Present**

Keith Johnson	Wetland Services
Jeremiah Meeks	ECSO

Wilson Robertson	E.B.C.C.
Morris Higgins	SeaRest.org
Michael Choron	All Jacked Up Charters
John Rivers	Mega-Bite Inshore Charters
Capt. Wes Rozier	Inshore Fishing Charters
Peggy Higdon Mathews	Resident
Matt Mooneyham	E.C .Public Works
Sandra Slay	E.C. Envir. Code Enforcement
Dennis Rogers	Resident
Patrick M Roberts	E.C.S.O.
Brian Munhollan	E.C.S.O.
Pat Roberts	E.C.S.O.
Connie Lasher	Cardno
Ann Robertson	Resident
Harry Etheridge	Resident
Andy Ross	Niuhi Dive Charters
Chris Phillips	Fishing Charters

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.
2. **Attendance:** Quorum Present
3. **Minutes Approval:** Motion to approve the September Meeting Minutes was made by Eilene Beard. Merrick Van Landingham seconded the Motion. All voted in favor. No one opposed.
4. **Casino Artificial Reef Site Permit:** Awaiting Army Corps permit.
5. **Bay Snorkeling Reef 'Historic Shipwreck Replica':** Seeking large anchor and funding for subsequent development.
6. **Perdido Gulf Snorkeling Reef Construction:** Contractor finishing upgrades to new reef deployment vessel. Reef will be constructed as soon as he is ready and weather is suitable.
7. **Escambia County Southeast Artificial Reef Site:** Awaiting Army Corps permit.
8. **Mahogany Mill Public Boat Ramp Construction:** Construction underway.
9. **Perdido River Public Boat Ramp Design/Engineering/Permitting:**
  - Commissioner Wilson Robertson spoke to express his support for diverse uses of two additional parcels acquired at the current Perdido Ramp Project. The commissioner also commented that it has been suggested that RV and/or camping lots be placed on the additional parcels.
  - PERDIDO RIVER CONCEPT DRAWINGS- MAC & PUBLIC INPUT: 30% Plans were provided to MAC for feedback.
  - Captain Wes Rozier commented, to recommend filling the pond and using for additional parking.
  - Keith Johnson stated that we are currently limited to 1000 SqFt of dock by permit.

- Dave Dodson recommended designating parking spots for emergency vehicles.
- Merrick Van Landingham made a motion for the Committee's approval of the concept design per the 30% plans. Walt Woodfin seconded the motion. All voted in favor. No one opposed.

**10. Hurst Hammock Paddlecraft Access Launch Design & Permitting:** Funding required.

**11. 10836 Lillian Highway Analysis:** Property has been acquired.

**12. Natural Resources Damage Assessment - Oil spill Restoration & Recovery:** State will only allow deployment of prefabricated artificial reef modules.

**13. Bayou Chico Navigation Hazard:** Another email was sent to Coast Guard; no response.

**14. Proposal from owner of M/V Titanic for artificial reef:** still available; MAC discussion. No identified funding source.

**15. Proposal of ex-military submarine for artificial reef:** still available; MAC discussion. No identified funding source.

**16. Escambia River derelict vessels and associated debris:** contractor experimenting with methodologies in preparation for suitable river water level.

**17. Waterways Access Management:** continued public input and MAC discussion; additional public input, discussion and deliberation at 18 November 2013 MAC meeting. Additional information from Escambia County Code Enforcement, Escambia County Parks Department, and Escambia County Sheriff Marine Unit.

- Sandy Slay (Code Enforcement) stated that E.C. Code Enforcement has jurisdiction over anything on the property (land)
- Michael Choron (All Jacked Up Charters) runs charters out of Galvez and had made numerous calls concerning the recent derelict vessel with either no or slow response.
- Brian Munhollan (E.C.S.O.) and Pat Roberts (E.C.S.O.) stated that the E.C.S.O. will handle derelict vessel if a county code were enacted as law.
- Michael Rhodes (Parks and Recreation) maintains all 120+ parks. Normal maintenance is performed on schedule. All safety concerns are worked reactive on an as need basis. Parks and Recreation relies on the public to notify them of urgent issues.
- Gene Kay (Resident) lives next to Galvez Landing. He expressed concerns over there being only one security light at the ramp, people hanging out at the ramp all hours of the night, people using the ramp parking to park for other purposes and that the recently installed dock deflectors are causing a change in the shoreline erosion patterns.
- Captain Wes Rozier (Inshore Fishing Charter) expressed his concerns outlined in the attachments at the end of these minutes.
- Pat Kay (Resident) stated that people drive on the sand at Galvez causing erosion, she would like to keep the shrubbery, one-way traffic would be an improvement for safety and is concerned with the drinking and possible drug use in the parking lot.
- Robert Turpin (CED / Marine Resources Division Manager) commented on the possibility parking and landscaping improvements at Galvez over the winter and would support public input for collecting fees for usage of all ramps. He also commented that

all Escambia County vessel registrations only amount to \$80K a year for maintenance of all public ramps, Escambia County waterways signage, derelict vessels and etc...

**18. Old Business:** None

**19. New Business:**

- SB50- PROCEDURAL CHANGES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: MAC will comply with requirements for public comment prior to future actions.
- Morris Huggins (Sea Rest) spoke to the committee. His company designs and builds memorial reef modules. They would like to build a veterans memorial reef in Pensacola Bay, possibly in the vicinity of the Veterans Memorial Park. The modules will be donated if the project is possible. His web site is: [searest.org](http://searest.org)

**20. Adjourn:** Merrick Van Landingham made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sidney Clopton seconded the motion. All voted in favor. No one opposed.

## WES ROZIER NOTES:

1. PUBLIC BOAT LAUNCH, THIS IS FOR ALL USERS JUST NOT ONE USER GROUP.
  - A. GOVERNMENT USE—FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY, SHERIFF, FIREDEPARTMENT, FWC, GULF POWER AND ECUA
  - B. SWIMMERS
  - C. PICNICKERS.
  - D. PONTOON RENTALS—BRINGS TOURIST DOLLARS TO THE COUNTY
  - E. RECREATIONAL BOATERS.
    - 1 CRUISERS
    - 2 CAMPERS/BEACH GOERS
    - 3 FISHERMEN
  - F. KAYAKERS
    - 1 FISHERMEN
    - 2 CRUISERS
    - 3 CAMPERS/BEACH GOERS
  - G. COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN—NIGHT TIME USAGE EARLY MORNING USAGE
  - H. FISHING GUIDES—AVERAGE FISHING GUIDE BRINGS TO THE COUNTY \$600,000.00 LEFT LAUNCH BY 1130AM
  - I. HUB STACEY
2. USAGE
  - A. MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY DURING SUMMER MONTHS 25%
  - B. FRIDAY DURING SUMMER MONTHS 85% STARTING IN THE AFTERNOON
  - C. SATURDAY SUNDAY AND HOLIDAY DURING SUMMER MONTHS 100%  
HEAVY USAGE FROM 11AM TO 3 PM
3. HAVE LAW CHECK ONLY ON FRIDAY AFTERNOONS, SATURDAYS, SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS
4. HAVE A WEBSITE EXPLAINING DAYS AND TIMES OF HEAVY USAGE WITH ALTERNATE BOAT LAUNCHES TO VISIT AND A VIDEO CAMERA YOU CAN ACCESS FOR REAL TIME.
5. HAVE A RULES BOARD AT DOCK
6. \$50.00 PERMIT TO LAUNCH OR SOME KIND OF ADDITIONAL TAX THAT GOES TO BUYING MORE PROPERTY FOR PARKING

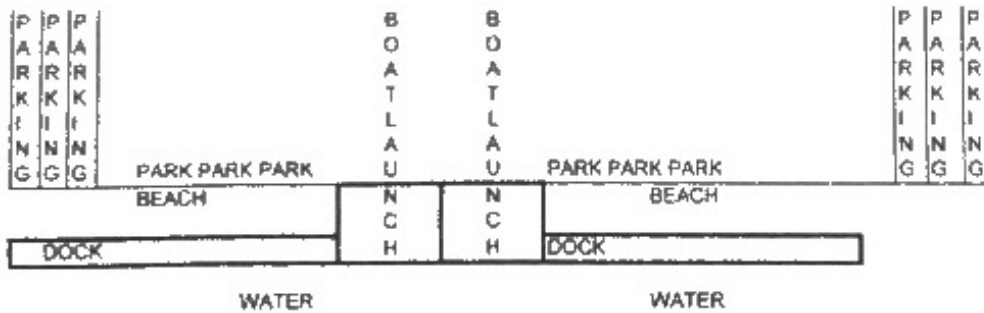
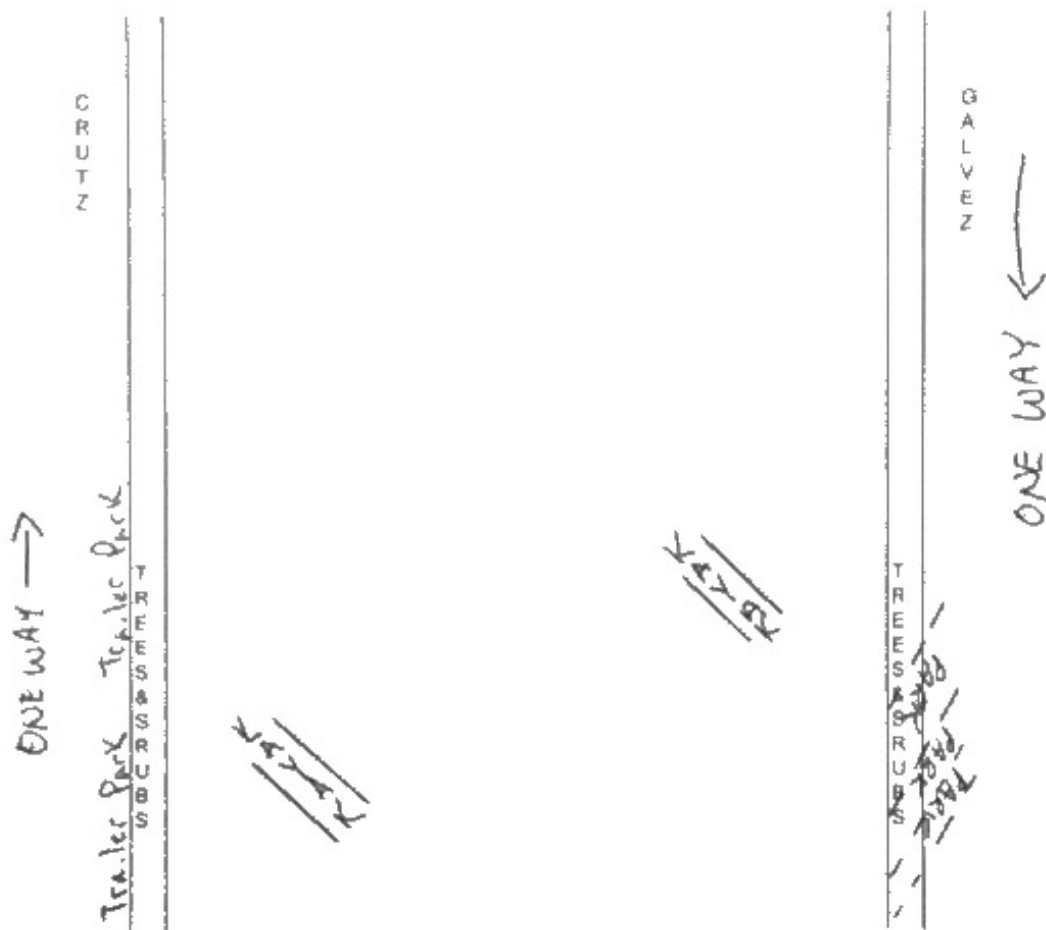
WHAT EVER I DO WILL IT MAKE ANY SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE?

IF I JUST HAD THE USERS FOLLOWING RULES WOULD THAT SIGNIFICANTLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

SHOULD THIS BE FIRST COME FIRST USE?

CAN TOURIST USE BOAT LAUNCH?

# HUB STACEY



WGS ROZIER: GALVEZ