

Minutes
Coastal Committee
A.W. Jones Heritage Center
610 Beachview Drive
St. Simons Island, GA 31522

January 26, 2018

Attending:

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chair
Rob Leebern, Vice Chair
Bill Jones
Aaron McWhorter
Bodine Sinyard
Miki Thomaston
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey
Duncan Johnson, Jr., Board Chairman, Ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert – Via Conference Call
Mike Phelps
Philip Watt

Guests

Ronnie Just, Georgia Power
Tom Rood, CCA-GA
Beth Blalock, Gilbert Harrell Sumerford & Martin
Chris Woodward, Sport Fishing Magazine
Roy & Ann Ditmer, Save German Village
Stuart Stevenson, Save German Village
Wayne Dasher, Department of Corrections
Wayne Tate
John Duren, Coastal Conservation Association
David Kyler, Center for a Sustainable Coast
Ragen Marsh, Troutman Sanders
Edward Wexler, Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve
Katherine Bayer, Save German Village
Julian Smith, Sidney Lanier Environmental Advocacy Team
Hannah Smith, Sidney Lanier Environmental Advocacy Team
Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Terry West
Kyle Pearson
Melanie Johnson
Wes Robinson
Cathy Barnette
Dave Crass
Rusty Garrison
Doug Haymans
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Steve Friedman
Richard Dunn, Director
Lauren Curry
Jeff Cown
Sydney Brogden
Jon Ambrose
Karl Burgess
Bill Donohue
Jeff Weaver
Thomas Barnard
Jill Andrews
Greg Balkom
Bobby Bond
Beth Tasciotti
Paul Medders
Buck Bennett
JT Bennett
Dominic Guadagnoli
Pat Geer
Jill Andrews
Linda Willis

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Gloria Burns, Save German Village
Ingrid Metz, Save German Village
Ed Meadows, St. Simons Island Planning Commission
Chris Thompson, Save German Village
Ad Poppell, McIntosh County
Patrick Zoucks, McIntosh County
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Mark Berry, Georgia Power
Bill Hodges, Hodges Harbin Newberry & Tribble

The January 26, 2018 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Chairman Johnson.

Chairman Johnson called on Nancy Addison, Chairman of the Coastal Committee.

Ms. Addison called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, to present a briefing on Cobia.

Director Haymans stated his briefing would be about proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4 regarding cobia fish. He stated that there was a public comment period on the amendments that went through the month of December and that notices were sent out to over 19,000 individuals as well as media sources throughout the areas affected by the proposed amendments. He added that the Coastal Resources Division did not receive any comments.

A motion was made by Ms. Thomaston, seconded by Mr. Leebern, and carried unanimously that the committee recommend the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Ms. Addison called on Professor Julian Smith to speak on the proposed CMPC/SPC (Coastal Marshland Protection Committee/Shore Protection Committee) member appointment of Mr. Chad Barrow.

Professor Julian Smith stated the professions of CMPC/SPC Board Members and commented on the nomination of Mr. Barrow to the Board.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Yancey, and carried unanimously that the Coastal Committee recommend the Board approve the appointment of Mr. Chad Barrow to a four-year term on the Coastal Marshland Protection Committee/Shore Protection Committee, retroactively effective January 1, 2018.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.