

**Minutes  
Coastal Committee  
Fort McAllister State Park  
Group Shelter  
3894 Fort McAllister Road  
Richmond Hill, GA 31324**

**Tuesday, October 25, 2022  
9:00 a.m.**

**Committee Members**

Nancy Addison, Chair  
Rob Leebern, Vice Chair  
William Bagwell  
Randy Dellinger  
Joe Hatfield  
Duncan Johnson  
Tim Lowe  
Miki Thomaston  
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

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Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Lt. Brian Adams  
Brett Albanese  
Jon Ambrose  
Brad Ballard  
Tim Barrett  
Jason Carter  
Ellen Graham  
Major Bob Holley  
Thom Litts  
Londa Moates  
Clint Peacock

Richard Dunn, Director  
John Eunice  
Karen Hays

The October 25, 2022 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Ms. Nancy Addison, Chair of the Coastal Resources Committee.

Ms. Addison called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, to provide a briefing on the postponement of action on the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4 (Red Drum).

Mr. Haymans stated the Coastal Resources is postponing its request to approve the proposed amendment to decrease the Red Drum daily creel limit to three (3) and establish a vessel limit of (9) while prohibiting retention by guides and mates while on charter.

Mr. Haymans stated the Board was briefed at its August 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and a public comment period was opened on August 24 and closed on October 6. He further stated that responses were received via the online survey, U. S. Mail, in-person meetings, email, and form letters. He added that a couple of letters were received from elected officials and an independent on-line petition was started. He further added that by far, these represent the largest amount of public involvement of any CRD proposed rule change to date.

Mr. Haymans stated the Division will spend extra time to understand this number of comments before bringing the final recommendation to the Board. He further stated that at the moment there is 75% support for all three measures, but the Division feels it is important to check for duplicate responses and examine the opposing comments, as it had been noted many in opposition sought a more restrictive limit. He added that due to the legislative input, he believes it would be beneficial to ensure our elected officials understand the proposed amended rule prior to moving forward.

Mr. Haymans stated this concludes his briefing and he is happy to answer questions regarding the postponement of action.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.