

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

**January 28, 2022
9:00 a.m.**

Attendees:

Committee Members

Tim Lowe, Vice Chairman (Acting Chairman)
Nancy Addison
Nick Ayers
Joe Hatfield
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Rob Leebern
Bodine Sinyard
Gary Vowell
Dee Yancey, Board Chairman, Ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Randy Dellinger
Patrick Denney
Ray Lambert
Billy New

Guests

Duane Harris
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Jared DiVincent
Rena Ann Peck, Georgia River Network
Chris Bertrand, Satilla Riverkeeper
Dr. Bill Clark, Okefenokee Swamp Park
Ben Wall
Maggie Van Cantfort, Altamaha Riverkeeper
Tom Wheeler
Brooks Schoen, The Environmental Resources Network
Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner
Walter Rabon
Kyle Pearson
Cathy Barnette
Donald Kirkland
Thomas Barnard
Taylor Brown
Jeff Cown
Steve Friedman
Doug Haymans
Ted Will
Karl Burgess
Tyler Jones
Kathy Knowlton

Richard Dunn, Director
John Eunice
Jac Capp
Karen Hays
Chuck Mueller
Laura Williams

The January 28, 2022 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Dee Yancey, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Yancey called on Tim Lowe, Acting Chairman of the Coastal Committee, in the absence of Chair Miki Thomaston. Mr. Lowe called on Kathy Knowlton, Marine Fisheries, to present for final action the proposed amendments to the Rules of Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Ms. Knowlton stated the proposed amendments to the Rules of Saltwater Fishing Regulations will include definitions; seasons, daily creel and possession limits, and minimum and maximum size limits; and possession and landing specifications. She further stated these amendments would allow for landing billfish in Georgia so long as all applicable federal regulations regarding their harvest are adhered to. She added the amendments would be implemented on March 1, 2022.

A motion was made by Ms. Addison, seconded by Mr. Hatfield, and carried unanimously that the Committee recommends the Board approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.