Minutes
Coastal Committee
Georgia Southern University
Engineering & Research Building
Room 3000
4012 Forest Drive
Statesboro, GA 30458

Tuesday, April 26, 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
Gary Vowell
Dee Yancey
Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

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**Board Members**
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Dwight Evans
Ray Lambert
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Bodine Sinyard

**Guests**
Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Agriculture Council
Dr. Ryan McNutt, Georgia Southern University
Dr. Matthew Compton, Georgia Southern University
M. Jared Wood, Georgia Southern University
Jason Metzger, GA EPD
The April 26, 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, for a briefing on proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Director Haymans stated the Secretary of Commerce recently approved Amendment 10 to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. He further stated the majority of implemented measures affect the commercial fishery in Federal waters, however, one measure affects the recreational sector by decreasing the vessel limit from 60 to 54 fish in Federal waters. He added the Federal regulations will become effective on May 2, 2022. He further added that to alleviate ambiguity for recreational anglers, Coastal Resources Division is proposing changing the daily creel and possession limit for Dolphin to mirror the changes in Federal waters.

Director Haymans stated that following the public comment period, the proposal will be presented to the Board for consideration and adoption at the June board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.