

Minutes

Coastal Committee

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, S.E.
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October 27, 2015

Attending:

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chairman
Bill Jones, Vice Chairman
Duncan Johnson, Jr.
Phyllis Johnson
Mike Phelps
Bodine Sinyard
Philip Wilheit
Ray Lambert, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

William Bagwell
Dwight Davis
Dwight Evans
Rob Leebern
Aaron McWhorter
Paul Shailendra
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt (Via Conference Call)

Visitors

Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Jonathan Harding, Georgia Agribusiness Council
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power Corporation
Leah Dixon, Georgia Conservancy
Ronny Just, Georgia Power
David Word, Joe Tanner & Associates
Chris Wells, Office of Planning and Budget

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Walter Rabon
Dan Forster
Dave Crass
Eddie Henderson
Becky Kelley
Spud Woodward
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Zachary Harris
Mary Kathryn Yearta
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Mary Walker
John Bowers
Doralyn Kirkland
Karen Hays
Jac Capp
Jeff Cown
Jeff Weaver
Terry West
Brad Gane
Doug Haymans
Jon Ambrose
Erin Ruoff
Jennifer Welte

The October 27, 2015 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Ray Lambert, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Lambert called on Nancy Addison, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Committee, to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Shore Protection, Chapter 391-2-2.

Director Woodward stated the purpose of the proposed amendments is to modify Rules 391-2-2-.03 to reflect current access points established by the Department, to modify persons eligible for receiving beach driving authorizations, and to clarify that authorizations are island specific.

Director Woodward stated the Committee was briefed on this item in August. He further stated 13 comments were received during the public comment period.

Director Woodward stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Sinyard, seconded by Mr. Johnson and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Shore Protection, Chapter 391-2-2, as presented.

Chairman Addison called on Director Woodward to present the proposed amendments to the Rules for Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Director Woodward stated the purpose of the proposed amendment is to change the minimum size for spotted seatrout from 13 inches, total length to 14 inches, total length.

Director Woodward stated the Committee was briefed on this item in August. He further stated two public hearings were held in September and a written comment period was open until October 2, 2015. He added during the public comment period that 230 persons provided public comment, with 72% of the comments supporting the proposed rule amendment.

Director Woodward stated he would request the Committee recommend that the Board approve the item as presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Sinyard and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules for Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4, as presented.

Chairman Addison stated the final item for consideration would be the reappointment of Rick Gardener for the Coastal Marshland Protection Committee (CMPC) and Shore Protection Committee (SPC). She further stated the resume of Mr. Gardner would be given to each Board Member. She added

no action would be needed from the Committee at this time and the item would be voted on in the full Board meeting the following day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.