

Minutes
Coastal Committee
College of Coastal Georgia
Southeast Georgia Conference Center
Altamaha/Satilla Rooms
One College Drive
Brunswick, GA 31520

January 31, 2014

Attending:

Committee Members

Phyllis Johnson, Chairman
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Duncan Johnson
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit
Dee Yancey
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Ray Lambert
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra
Bodine Sinyard
Brother Stewart
Philip Watt

Visitors

Megan Desrosiers, One Hundred Miles
Tate Holbrook, CCGA
Ashlee Ellis, Ducks Unlimited
Daniel Parshley, Glynn Environmental Coalition
David Stasek, College of Coastal Georgia
Keith Belcher, College of Coastal Georgia
Phillis George, College of Coastal Georgia
Duane Harris

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Spud Woodward
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Cathy Barnette
Taylor Brown
Doug Haymans
Pat Geer
Jan MacKinnon
Jeff Cown
Keith Bentley
Brad Gane
Karl Burgess

The January 31, 2014 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Chairman Rob Leebern.

Chairman Leebern called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director of the Coastal Resources Division.

Director Woodward recognized CRD staff members, Doug Haymans, Karl Burgess, Pat Geer, Jan MacKinnon and Brad Gane, who were in attendance.

Director Woodward stated the first item for the Board's consideration would be an action on the proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Director Woodward stated the Board was briefed on the proposed amendments at the December Board meeting. He further stated during the public notice period four comments were received by email. He added three of the comments were in support of the rule change and one was opposed.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Wilheit, seconded by Mr. Yancey and carried unanimously that the Committee recommend that the Board adopt the Resolution to approve the proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4, as presented.

Director Woodward called on Pat Geer, Chief of Marine Fisheries, who gave an informational presentation on the service learning partnership of the Coastal College of Georgia and the Department of Natural Resources.

Director Woodward presented the Board members with an autographed copy of "Catch the Excitement of Coastal Georgia" created by Jim Jenkins. He stated the book promotes the importance of Georgia's coast to grade school children. He further stated the book was funded by the Natural Resources Foundation.

Chairman Johnson thanked the staff of the Coastal Resources Division for their work during her time as Coastal Committee Chairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.