

**Minutes**  
**Coastal Committee**  
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.  
Suite 1252 East Tower  
Atlanta, GA 30334

**December 1, 2009**

**Attending:**

Committee Members

Tom Wheeler, Chairman  
Bill Archer  
Dennis Billew  
Gene Bishop  
Jenny Lynn Bradley  
Mabel Jenkins  
Phyllis Johnson  
Loyce Turner  
Jim Walters  
Bill Carruth, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Earl Barrs  
Warren Budd  
Dwight Davis  
Joe Hatfield  
Walter Hudson  
Ray Lambert  
Jim Tysinger  
Philip Watt

Visitors

Reginald Brown, University of Georgia  
Andrew Schock, The Conservation Fund  
Andy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Tommy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition  
Greg Jones, Georgia Industry Environmental Coalition  
Jim Stokes, Sustainable Solutions of Georgia  
Phil Zinsmeister, Sierra Club

Staff Members

Chris Clark  
Allen Barnes  
Paul Burkhalter  
Todd Holbrook  
Spud Woodward  
Dan Forster  
Becky Kelley  
Marlin Gottschalk  
Dave Crass  
Steve Friedman  
Terry West  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Emily Hitchcock  
Lauren Curry  
Mike Spencer  
Megan Gray  
Walter Rabon  
Becky Marshall  
Wally Woods  
Doug Haymans  
Paul Meders  
Connie Buck  
Jeff Weaver  
Paul Nelson  
Homer Bryson  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

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Bryan Tolar, Georgia Agribusiness Council

Thomas Farmer, The Nature Conservancy

Shana Udvardy, Georgia conservancy

Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy

Lindsay Averett, Oglethorpe Power

John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance

Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia

Ronny Just, Georgia Power

Gary Black, Georgia Agribusiness Council

The December 1, 2009 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Bill Carruth. Chairman Carruth called on Tom Wheeler, Chairman of the Coastal Committee.

Mr. Wheeler called on Spud Woodward, Director of Coastal Resources Division (CRD), for a briefing on proposed amendments to the Coastal Marshlands Protection Regulations, Annual Marina Lease Rate Adjustments, Chapter 391-2-3-.04.

Mr. Woodward stated that the Committee and Board had been briefed in September regarding the draft Rule and that one minor change was being proposed as a result of a public hearing in Brunswick on October 29. He further stated that the proposed revision to the Rule is to use the Consumer Price Index – All Urban Consumers, Less Food and Energy, as recommended, rather than using the January index. He added that CRD will use the December index, published each January, as the basis for calculating the rate adjustment.

Mr. Woodward stated that the use of the December index is because the law specifies, in part, “the committee shall in each calendar year thereafter adjust the amount of the annual rental fee per acre to reflect the effect of annual inflation or deflation for the immediately preceding calendar year.” He further stated that the December index reflects the Consumer Price Index at the end of the calendar year.

Mr. Woodward stated that this was a briefing only and that no action would be required at this time. He further stated that the proposed amendments would go out for public comment in December and added that he would bring the proposed amendments to the Committee and Board at the January meeting for action.

Mr. Woodward briefed the Committee on shell fish safety particularly in regard to raw oyster consumption, the Red Snapper issue, the latest subway car deployment, and the renovation of the DNR Coastal Regional Headquarters.

Mr. Woodward briefed the Committee regarding CRD’s organizational structure under his leadership.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.