

Minutes
Coastal Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S. E.
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June 23, 2010

Attending:

Committee Members

Bill Archer, Chairman
Earl Barrs
Mabel Jenkins
Phyllis Johnson
Loyce Turner
Jim Walters
Steven Woodruff
Jenny Lynn Bradley, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dennis Billew
Warren Budd
Bill Carruth
Dwight Davis
Joe Hatfield
Walter Hudson
Ray Lambert
Philip Watt

Visitors

Representative Bob Lane
Pat Harris, Assistant to Representative Bob Lane
Ben Harris, Georgia Power Company
Jennifer Whitmire, Georgia Power Company
Steve Ewald, Georgia Power Company
Maggie Lee, Freelance Reporter
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia
Corey Babb, Metro North Georgia Water Planning Dev.
Abit Massey, Georgia Poultry Federation
Aaron Estis, The Estis Group

Staff Members

Chris Clark
Allen Barnes
Spud Woodward
Dave Crass
Becky Kelley
Marlin Gottschalk
Dan Forster
Emily Hitchcock
Kyle Pearson
Paul Burkhalter
Todd Holbrook
Steve Friedman
John Bowers
John Biagi
Lauren Curry
Homer Bryson
Brittany Flood
Paul Nelson
Mark Whitney
John Martin
Suzanne Burnes
Cathy Holtzclaw
Rusty Garrison
Doralyn Kirkland
Linda Patrick
Sarah Dearman
Antoinette Norfleet
Mary Ann Evans

The June 23, 2010 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Jenny Lynn Bradley. Chairman Bradley called on Bill Archer, Chairman of the Coastal Committee.

Mr. Archer called on Spud Woodward, Director of Coastal Resources Division (CRD), to present a briefing on the proposed amendments to Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4, Shad and River Herring.

Director Woodward stated that CRD, in coordination with the Wildlife Resources Division (WRD) proposed amendments to the Saltwater Fishing Regulations to ensure the State of Georgia's compliance with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Shad and River Herring. He further stated that the proposed amendments will also reduce the incidental catch of shortnose sturgeon, a fish species listed as endangered under the Federal Endangered Species Act, in the commercial fishery for shad.

Director Woodward stated that the proposed amendments would be sent out for public comment and that comments must be received no later than July 30. He further stated that the proposed amendments would be presented for action at the August Board meeting.

Director Woodward updated the Committee and Board on the catch and release program for older Spotted Sea Trout, the Red Snapper issue, and stated that he had provided Board members with a memo containing Coastal Committee action items for the remainder of the year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.