

## Minutes

### Coastal Committee

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

June 28, 2011

#### Attending:

##### Committee Members

Phyllis Johnson, Chairman  
Mabel Jenkins, Vice Chairman  
Duncan Johnson  
Aaron McWhorter  
Loyce Turner  
Jim Walters  
Philip Wilheit  
Earl Barrs, Board Chairman, ex-officio

##### Board Members

Dennis Billew  
Warren Budd  
Bill Carruth  
Joe Hatfield  
Walter Hudson  
Ray Lambert  
Philip Watt  
Steven Woodruff

##### Visitors

Ronny Just, Georgia Power Company  
Kurt Ebersbach, Green Law  
Andy Fleming, Friends of Georgia State Parks  
Glenn Flake, Friends of Georgia State Parks, Chattahoochee Bend  
Karl Ledford, Georgia Transmission  
Dale Kemmerick, Retired  
Walter Jones, Morris News Service  
Bettie Sleeth, Home Builders Association of Georgia  
Aaron Mitchell, Georgia Power  
John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance  
Kelly Jordan, Arabia Mountain Heritage Area Alliance  
Will Wingate, Georgia Conservancy  
Maggie Lee, Freelance Reporter  
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power  
Kathryn Keisler, Green Law

##### Staff Members

Mark Williams  
Allen Barnes  
Todd Holbrook  
Homer Bryson  
Spud Woodward  
Becky Kelley  
Dan Forster  
Dave Crass  
Emily Hitchcock  
Kyle Pearson  
Steve Friedman  
Doug Haymans  
Jim Ussery  
Doralyn Kirkland  
Mark Smith  
Jac Capp  
Paul Nelson  
John Bowers  
Lauren Curry  
Wally Woods  
Ben Stowers  
David Clark  
John Biagi  
Sally Winchester  
Connie Buck  
Tim Banks  
Elizabeth Starkey  
Lon Revall  
Eric VanDeGenachte  
Sherry Crew-Jay  
Cathy Barnette  
Mary Ann Evans  
Hellen Harris

The June 28, 2011 meeting of the Coastal Committee was called to order by Board Chairman Earl Barrs.

Chairman Barrs called on Phyllis Johnson, Chairman of the Coastal Committee, who called on Spud Woodward, Director, Coastal Resources Division (CRD).

Director Woodward stated that, at the October 2010 meeting, the Board had requested an update on the 2011 commercial fishery for shad and called on Doug Haymans, Policy Advisor at CRD.

Mr. Haymans handed out a letter from Charles J. Russo Jr., who had spoken to the Board at the October 2010 meeting. He stated that the letter explains Mr. Russo's ongoing concerns about closing the Ogeechee River to commercial shad fishing.

Mr. Haymans presented a PowerPoint regarding the 2011 commercial fishery for shad in Georgia. His presentation included information about Georgia's fishery for American shad, shad fishery management, the approved amendment to Rule 391-2-4-.02, population status and exploitation rates of American shad in the Altamaha River, reported harvest and fishing efforts in the Altamaha, Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers; and shad population monitoring in Georgia Rivers open to commercial harvest. (PowerPoint attached hereto and made a part hereof)

Director Woodward gave an update on the 2011 food shrimp season opening, CRD's attendance at a meeting on coastal and marine spatial planning, and Georgia Power's donation of utility pole anchors for the artificial reef project.

Mrs. Johnson stated that she would like to thank Director Woodward for the updates as well as Mr. Haymans for the presentation on the shad fishery. She further stated that she would like to have another update on the shad fishery after the conclusion of the 2012 season.

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.