

Minutes
Coastal Committee
2 Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive, S.E.
Suite 1252 East Tower
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May 20, 2013

Attending:

Committee Members

Phyllis Johnson, Chairman
Mark Smith, Vice Chairman
Nancy Addison
William Bagwell
Duncan Johnson
Bill Jones
Aaron McWhorter
Philip Wilheit
Rob Leebern, Board Chairman, ex-officio

Board Members

Dwight Davis
Walter Hudson
Mark Mobley
Mike Phelps
Paul Shailendra

Visitors

John Eberhart, Georgia Earth Alliance
Leon Watkins, K&M Landfill
Michael Pisciotta, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Debbie Phillips, Georgia Agribusiness Council
Harold Reheis, Joe Tanner & Associates
Chris Manganiello, Georgia River Network
Scott Tanner, Joe Tanner & Associates
Doug Fulle, Oglethorpe Power
Todd Holbrook, Georgia Wildlife Federation
Larry McSwain
David Waller

Staff Members

Mark Williams
Jud Turner
Homer Bryson
Dave Crass
Dan Forster
Becky Kelley
Eddie Henderson
Steve Friedman
Kyle Pearson
Lauren Curry
Zachary Harris
Cathy Barnette
Doralyn Kirkland
Doug Haymans
Jac Capp
John Bowers
Jeff Weaver
John Biagi
Mary Walker
Wally Woods
Michael Chadwell
Chris Faulkner
Hellen Harris
Kim Feagler

The May 20, 2013 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 Doug Haymans, Assistant Director of the Coastal Resources Division, to give an update on the 2013 Shad Fishing Season.

Mr. Haymans stated in 2010 the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission reported shad populations were at an all-time low, due to overfishing and habitat loss. He further stated the Commission passed an amendment that required CRD to prove sustainability in the shad population.

Mr. Haymans stated that to comply with this amendment, CRD has reduced the commercial fishing areas on the Altamaha River, Savannah River, and Ogeechee River. He further stated that since taking this action, data shows the population of shad remains high on the Altamaha River. He added CRD does not currently have this level of information of the Savannah and Ogeechee Rivers.

Chairman Johnson called on Mr. Haymans to give a division update.

Mr. Haymans gave an update on the South Atlantic Fisheries Management Council involving the restocking and protection of the Black Sea Bass.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.