Minutes Coastal Committee Georgia Southern University Engineering & Research Building Room 3000 4012 Forest Drive Statesboro, GA 30458

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members

Nancy Addison, Chair Rob Leebern, Vice Chair William Bagwell Randy Dellinger Joe Hatfield Duncan Johnson Tim Lowe Miki Thomaston Gary Vowell Dee Yancey Bill Jones, Board Chair, Ex-officio

Board Members

Nick Ayers Dwight Davis Patrick Denney Dwight Evans Ray Lambert Billy New Bodine Sinyard

<u>Guests</u>

Bryan Tolar, GA Urban Agriculture Council Dr. Ryan McNutt, Georgia Southern University Dr. Matthew Compton, Georgia Southern University M. Jared Wood, Georgia Southern University Jason Metzger, GA EPD

Staff Members

Mark Williams, Commissioner Walter Rabon Kyle Pearson Donald Kirkland Cathy Barnette Artica Gaston Alexandrea Solomon Thomas Barnard Jeff Cown Steve Friedman Ted Will Doug Haymans Tina Johannsen Antoinette Norfleet

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The April 26, 2022 meeting of the Coastal Resources Committee was called to order by Bill Jones, Chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Chairman Jones called on Ms. Nancy Addison, Chair of the Coastal Resources Committee.

Ms. Addison called on Doug Haymans, Director of the Coastal Resources Division, for a briefing on proposed amendments to the Rules of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Chapter 391-2-4.

Director Haymans stated the Secretary of Commerce recently approved Amendment 10 to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Dolphin Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. He further stated the majority of implemented measures affect the commercial fishery in Federal waters, however, one measure affects the recreational sector by decreasing the vessel limit from 60 to 54 fish in Federal waters. He added the Federal regulations will become effective on May 2, 2022. He further added that to alleviate ambiguity for recreational anglers, Coastal Resources Division is proposing changing the daily creel and possession limit for Dolphin to mirror the changes in Federal waters.

Director Haymans stated that following the public comment period, the proposal will be presented to the Board for consideration and adoption at the June board meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.