

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, November 17, 2017, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: S. Leasure, F. Bergen, C. Jennings, T. Hancock, J. Hill, E. Willis (DNR Board Liaison), D. Sykes, J. Reed, S. Mungo, S. Holder (via Phone)

GCAB Members Absent: B. Morris, H. Johnson, H. Edwards, B. Roof

DNR Staff Present: R. Boyles, W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, M. Ingle, K. Spry, W. Bubbly

Guests: M. Hutaff, B. Garmony, R. Freeman, D. Carter, B. Bell

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Chairman Leasure

Chairman Leasure called the meeting to order. He asked if there were any changes to be made to the previous meeting (September 2017) minutes. **F. Bergen made a motion to approve as presented, T. Hancock 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: Chairman Leasure

N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D.D. Boyles asked the Board to keep the Morris family in their prayers for the health of Buck Morris. A mini Season for Red Snapper is moving in the right direction. The ASMFC approved an Interstate Management Plan for Cobia which would unify management in State Waters. He noted that the Marine Division's Open House held in October garnered 2,000 attendees. Lastly, he reported that 10 Federal Boating and Infrastructure Grants awarded were nationwide, and 3 were awarded in South Carolina (Harborage at Ashley Marina, Melrose Landing in Beaufort, and Georgetown Landing Marina) totaling 1.8 million.

Billfish Satellite Tag Presentation: Dr. Wally Bubbly

Dr. Bubbly provided an overview of the Billfish Satellite Tag data collections that he presented previously at the American Fisheries Society Meeting, travel funded by the Series. Series participants were instrumental in tagging many of the fish.

Tournament Committee Report: B. Garmony

- 2017 Review & Wrap Up: He provided a 2017 review and opened discussion for future series changes: **Safety** - staff will continue efforts to educate participants about required vessel safety, documentation, permits, and licenses. Information will be distributed through the Series newsletter and email blasts. **Committee Boats**- Discussion ensued regarding using a democratic system to ensure Committee Boats are selected equally. AB suggested asking for volunteers to serve as Committee Boats, after which names will be drawn out of a hat. Staff will explore options for IGFA Observers and assist in identifying ride along individuals. AB requested feedback at the February TC meeting. **Marina Limitations**- Limitations exist and the Tournaments are doing the best they can. **Weather**-No changes will be made **Tuna** – Staff received comments that all Tuna species should be eligible during Tournaments, specifically Skipjack. AB requested a final recommendation from the TC at their February meeting.
- 2018 Proposed Schedule: The schedule was reviewed including a requested date change for the Edisto Tournament. Representation from Edisto the reason for the requested date change. Representation from Megadock expressed their

concerns about the Edisto Tournament being the week following their tournament. Discussion ensued between the TC member present and the AB Board. Steve Mungo made a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss contractual issues. J. Hill 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. The AB retired to Executive Session.

T. Hancock made a motion to come out of Executive Session. C. Jennings 2nd. Motion carried unanimously. No action was taken.

S. Mungo made a motion to grant permission to change their schedule date July 18-21st, 2018. F. Bergen 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

J. Hill made a motion to approve the 2018 Schedule as proposed. F. Bergen 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2019 Proposed tournament Schedule – The Schedule was presented to the AB.

Old Business: Amy Dukes

- SC Memorial Reef – Staff provided an update on the November deployment of the Highway 41 Bridge. Gratitude to the AB was expressed for their fundraising and financial dedication to the completion of this project. Staff outlined possible future projects including the Highway 21 Bridge.
- Harry Hampton Scholarship Options – Tabled until February AB meeting.

New Business: Wally Jenkins

- Nominations and Approval for Vice Chairman Vacancy- T. Hancock made a motion to nominate Steven Mungo for the V. Chair position. F. Bergen 2nd, motion passed unanimously.
- Approval of the 2018 Tournament Schedule and Review of the 2019 Tournament Schedule, addressed above under TC Report.
- Final Revenue (Fundraising) Breakdown – Staff reviewed the spread sheet which outlined all fundraising efforts.
- 2017 Revenue and Expenditures through September- Staff reviewed the spreadsheet outlining actual expenditures vs. proposed expenditures. The final 2017 spreadsheet will be reviewed at the February 2018 AB meeting.
- 2018 Series Planning and Discussions- **Possible Rules Changes/Committee Boat Selections:** V. Chairman Garmony and Staff will discuss possible changes at the February TC meeting and report back the AB at their February meeting.
- Date, and Time of Next Meeting: The next scheduled meeting of the GCAB is Friday, February 9th, 2018 at 10:00 am at Fort Johnson.

Other Business: Amy Dukes

N/A

Adjournment: Chairman Leasure

Chairman Leasure asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Sykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. F. Bergen 2nd. Meeting adjourned 12:30 pm.