

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, February 9, 2018, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Center, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: J. Hill, S. Leasure, T. Hancock, F. Bergen, J. Reed, E. Willis, H. Johnson, J. Reed, C. Sanders

BY PHONE: S. Mungo, S. Holder, D. Sykes

GCAB Members Absent: C. Jennings, H. Edwards, B. Roof, B. Morris

DNR Staff Present: W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, R. Boyles, M. Ingle, K. Rudnay, W. Ladue

Guests: Ed Keelin, Suyin Schenk-George, M. Hutaff

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Chairman Leasure

C. Leasure asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (November 2017). **F. Bergen made the motion to approve the minutes as presented, H. Johnson 2nd; motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment:

TC members M. Hutaff and S. George expressed their opinion that the current guidelines are adequate for blue marlin.

Deputy Director's Comments: Robert Boyles

D. D. Boyles briefed the Board on the extent of the cold weather event that took place last month and its possible impacts to the sea trout and red drum fisheries. Additionally he noted the potential reduction in bag limit from 3 to 2 fish, no change in slot size, and vessel limit to six per boat for red drum. Lastly, he reviewed the regulatory management shift of cobia from SAFMC to the ASMFC.

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

Amy reviewed the TC meeting summary document. Which included the following: eligible tuna species, all release format for billfish, committee boats/ride-a-long, radio communication for billfish hook ups, check station/weigh stations, and establishment of individual tournament rules committees.

New Business: Wally Jenkins

- A. Budget: Reviewed the final 2017 fundraising and expenditures document and reviewed the 2018 proposed expenditures. Discussion ensued and **a motion was made to approve the 2018 Series Budget as presented by J. Hill, F. Bergen 2nd, motion passed unanimously.** Amy and Wally reviewed sponsorship pledges thus far.
- B. 2017 Draft Annual Report: Wally asked for volunteers to review and edit the report. S. Holder and Chairman Leasure volunteered to do so. **A motion was made by H. Johnson to approve the 2017 Annual Report after review by committee. T. Hancock 2nd, motion passed unanimously.**
- C. Nominations: **A motion was made by J. Hill and 2nd by H. Johnson to nominate Bob McClam and Justin Kohl to be appointed to the GCAB, term starting July 1, 2017. Motion passed unanimously.**
- D. 2018 Series Discussion/Possible Changes: Staff discussed possible changes for the 2018 Series based upon TC discussions. No action was taken and tournament

guidelines were finalized. A. Dukes will complete and distribute contacts to the five tournaments in the following weeks. Staff reviewed special 30th Anniversary promotional items and social media campaigns.

- E. Harry Hampton/Memorial Reef: W. Jenkins provided background information regarding the Harry Hampton Wildlife Funds request to increase the scholarship options for Wallace Pate; additionally he reviewed CCA's Building Conservation Trust program.
- F. Date and Time of Next Meeting: The next scheduled is Friday, September 7th at 10:00 am.

Adjournment: Chairman Leisure

Chairman Leisure adjourned the meeting at 12:22