

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting
Friday, September 13, 2019, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room (3rd Floor)
Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present: F. Bergen, H. Johnson, D. Sykes, J. Kohl, B. McClam

GCAB Members by Phone: B. Roof, J. Hill, C. Oxner, N. Pulliam, J. Reed, TC Chairman
Bobby Garmony

GCAB Members Absent: S. Mungo, C. Jennings, H. Edwards, S. Holder, C. Sanders, J.
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DNR Staff Present: W. Jenkins, A. Dukes, M. Ingle, W. Ladue, K. Rudnay, P. Maier,
C. Rhodes

Guests: D. Isom

Call Meeting to Order & Approval of Minutes: Vice-Chairman Bergen:

Vice-Chairman Bergen called the meeting to order and asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (Feb 2019). **J. Kohl made a motion to approve the minutes as presented; H. Johnson 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

Deputy Director's Comments: Phil Maier

Acting Deputy Director Maier briefed the Board on several items:

- Hurricane Dorian had minimal impact on the Marine Resources Division
- Robert Boyles will continue to be Interim Director of the Agency until a new Director is named. Projected time frame is early 2020.
- The management of Cobia is shifting from Federal to State management.
- Recent stock assessment shows that Southern Flounder stock is depleted and may require management changes in the future.

Old Business: Amy Dukes

Wally Jenkins reported that the Inaugural Harry Hampton Wildlife Gala had a net profit of \$35,000. He thanked the Board for the generous support of the event. Additionally, he briefed the Board on the status of the potential HWY 21 Bridge Project. The project is on-going but is still quite a ways out from completion.

Tournament Committee Report: A. Dukes

Amy Dukes gave a review of the August Tournament Committee meeting and outlined action items to be addresses under New Business agenda item. The next TC meeting is Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

New Business: ALL

A. Approval of 2019 Series Winners:

J. Kohl made a motion to approve the 2019 Series winners as presented: B. McClam 2nd. Motion carried unanimously.

Additionally, TC recommendations for 2019 special recognition awards were discussed:

A motion was made by D. Sykes to name Stan Hurteau the 2019 recipient of the Carroll A. Campbell award. J. Kohl 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by H. Johnson to award Thomas Garmony the 2019 Mate of the Year Award. J. Hill 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

B. 2020 Tournament Schedule:

The 2020 Series Schedule was presented. A motion was made by J. Hill to approve the Series Schedule for 2020 as presented. D. Sykes 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

Megadock requested the Board grant them another bye for the 2020 Series. Discussion ensued. D. Sykes made a motion to allow Megadock a bye for the 2020 Series. J. Kohl 2nd; motion carried unanimously.

C. Awards Reception Overview:

Staff encouraged GCAB members to attend the upcoming awards reception at Founder's Hall.

D. 2020 Possible Rule Changes:

Staff presented TC recommendations for changes to the fishing guidelines. The Board will revisit these recommendations at the November meeting.

Other Business: ALL

DNR Board Chairman Norman Pulliam (by phone) thanked the Board and Staff for all their hard work during the 2019 Series.

The next scheduled meeting for the GCAB is Friday, November 15th.

Adjournment: Vice-Chairman Bergen:

D. Sykes made a motion to adjourn the meeting. J. Kohl 2nd; meeting adjourned at 11:20 am.