

**SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series Advisory Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Thursday, February 3, 2022**  
**Administration Building Conference Room (3<sup>rd</sup> Floor)/Virtual**  
**Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC**

**GCAB Members Present:** J. Kohl, B. Gressette, D. Jennings, H. McAlhany

**GCAB Members by Virtual:** S. Mungo, F. Bergen, J. Hill, J. Reed, B. McClam, T. Gredick, C. Sanders, W. Frierson, B. Garmony, S. Holder, C. Oxner

**GCAB Members Absent:** J. Ives

**DNR Staff Present:** A. Dukes, B. Keppler, E. Gooding, W. Ladue, M. Ingle, P. Cawley

**Guests:** J. Goller, A. Taylor, D. Black, M. Schuler, B. Anderson

**Call Meeting to Order – Vice Chairman Bergen:**

Vice Chairman Bergen called the meeting to order. He asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 2021 meeting.

J. Hill made a motion to approve the November 4, 2021 minutes. B. Gressette 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously.

**Public Comment:**

Jim Goller and Alvin Taylor from the Harry Hampton Board of Directors invited the Board to the Wildlife Extravaganza on March 24<sup>th</sup> in Columbia and requested Governor's Cup donations for live and silent auctions as well as table sponsorships. They thanked the Board for their generous support for past events and hoped to see them there.

**D.D. Comments – B. Keppler:**

- Proposed regulations for retention, size and bag limits for Red Snapper in State Waters were reviewed.
- Dr. Tanya Darden was named Director of the Marine Resources Research Institute.
- Master Planning effort has begun for the adjacent May Forest property.

**Tournament Committee Report – A. Dukes:**

- Amy updated that the Bohicket Marina may not be able to host an event in 2022 due to on-going infrastructure upgrades to the Marina. Mick Schuler provided additional information affirming that the Marina would not be ready for this season. Staff specifically requested a written request of a bye from Bohicket Marina. AB members voiced concerns of only having three events and requested Staff further investigate if an additional tournament could be added to the summer schedule pending review of Series bylaws.
- Individual Tournament Directors are in favor of consistent language in individual tournament rules to address the use of sonars restricting use to match fishing lines in the water times (8:30- 3:00).
- Staff continue to coordinate with NWS on pending changes to small craft advisories. Delormes will be used this upcoming summer to relay catch and release information on the Gov Cup Website and social media platforms.
- There will be a check station provided at each of the tournaments for bill fish release verification.

### **Old Business- E. Gooding:**

Elizabeth provided an update on fundraising efforts; she went on to highlight the need for a pre-deployment happy hour event in February early March. S. Holder suggested auctioning off memorabilia from the Coastal Venture at each of the Tournaments this summer.

### **New Business: A. Dukes:**

- Budget: Amy reviewed the final 2021 expenditures. She then reviewed the proposed 2022 expenditures including the proposal from The Buckskin Billfish proposal for photography and social media presence for the Series  
B. Gressette made a motion to approve the 2022 Series expenditures including the full proposal from The Buckskin Billfish and adding an additional \$1000 in support of the Memorial Reef happy hour event. D. Jennings 2<sup>nd</sup>: motion carried unanimously.  
Amy provided an update on continued fundraising efforts for 2022 and noted that the 2021 thank you letters to sponsors, and the last newsletter will be completed by Staff this month.
- 2021 Draft Annual Report: Staff is still working to complete. AB members S. Holder and F. Bergen offered to review the document.  
B. Gressette made a motion to approve the 2021 final report as presented after review by the AB members. J. Kohl 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.
- 2022 Series Discussion: Amy stated the Fishing Guidelines are not changing. Contracts are being finalized by DNR Legal Staff and will be sent out after review.

### **Other Business: ALL**

- Date & Time of Next Meeting: Thursday August 30, 2022 at 10:00 am.
- Amy encouraged the Board to attend the Hampton Wildlife Extravaganza and to let her know if anyone has any auction items to donate.
- The Awards Reception will be held Friday September 30<sup>th</sup> at Founders Hall.

### **Adjournment: Vice Chairman Bergen:**

Vice Chairman Bergen called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. D. Jennings made the motion to adjourn; B. Gressette 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 11:29 am.