

SC Governor's Cup Billfishing Series
Advisory Board of Directors
Friday, August 29, 2025, 10:00 AM
Administration Building Conference Room
Marine Resources Division, Charleston, SC

GCAB Members Present:

B. Gressette, D. Jennings, D. Menefee, F. Bergen, H. McAlhaney, H. Turner, M. Herring, R. Rodelsperger, T. Gredick, W. Frierson, B. Keppler (ex officio), J. Reese (ex officio)

DNR Staff Present:

A. Dukes, E. Gooding, E. Wait, S. Bates, W. LaDue, B. Dyar

Other:

B. Harrison

Call Meeting to Order – Chairman Gressette:

- Chairman Gressette called the meeting to order. A. Dukes provided a roll call. Chairman Gressette asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 17 and March 12, 2025. **W. Frierson made a motion to approve the two previous minutes. T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

Public Comment: N/A

D.D. Comments – B. Keppler:

- B. Keppler welcomed B. Harrison as the new Executive Director for the Hampton Wildlife Fund. She also congratulated the AB on a successful 2025 season.

Tournament Committee Report – B. Garmany/ E. Gooding:

- E. Gooding provided an overview of TC meeting discussions (8/15/2025).
- Relayed that the TC reported a successful 2025 season. This included well-received and improved rule changes that were implemented this year.
- Confirmed that the TC approved the 2025 Series winners for AB ratification. The TC provided a recommendation for Mate of the Year (Griffin Moxley, *Man Cave*) and nominations for the Carroll A. Campbell Award (Robert H. Boyles, Jr. and Robert S. Garmany).
- Provided the TC finalized and approved 2026 schedule for recommendation to the AB.
- Relayed the discussion of the weather rule and provided the TC approved language for recommendation to the AB.

New Business – All:

- The AB reviewed and approved the 2025 Series Winners. **D. Jennings made a motion to approve the 2025 Series Winners. W. Frierson 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **F. Bergen made a motion that the majority of the secret ballot will be recipient of the Carroll A. Campbell Award. M. Herring 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- **F. Bergen made a motion to nominate Griffin Moxley from the *Man Cave* as the 2025 Mate of the Year. T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- S. Bates provided an overview of the upcoming Series awards reception.
- The AB discussed AB reappointments for 2026. **D. Jennings made a motion to reappoint R. Rodelsperger to the AB for a second term, effective January 1, 2026. T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The AB discussed AB Chairman nominations for 2026. **B. Gressette nominated W. Frierson as AB Chairman, effective January 1, 2026. F. Bergen 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The AB discussed AB Chairman nominations for 2026. **B. Gressette nominated F. Bergen as AB Vice Chairman, effective January 1, 2026. T. Gredick 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The AB reviewed and approved the 2026 Tournament Schedule. **W. Frierson made a motion to approve the 2026 Tournament Schedule. H. McAlhany 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**
- The AB reviewed the weather rule decision timeline provided by Series staff. The AB discussed and edited the weather rule in the 2026 Tournament Contracts. **W. Frierson made a motion to approve the changes to the 2026 Tournament Contract and send forward to the DNR Board for ratification. The motion was amended to allow edits by SCDNR legal counsel. F. Bergen 2nd. Motion passed unanimously.**

- The AB discussed potential need for changes to 2026 Fishing Guidelines. None suggested.

Other Business – All:

- The AB reviewed the 2026 sponsorship information and discussed gaining additional sponsorships for 2026.
- The AB discussed the future three vacancies on the AB in January 2026.

Date, Place and Time of Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Advisory Board is scheduled for Friday, November 14, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.

Adjournment: Chairman Gressette adjourned the meeting at 12:11 p.m.