



Coastal Advisory Council
May 4, 2016 at Darien CRC Office
Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting was called to order at 10:05am by Chairman Paul Wolff and the Council went through introductions. Mr. Wolff also introduced Jill Andrews and Jan Mackinnon in their new positions as Section Chief and Program Manager, respectively. Paul also introduced Charles McMillan, Ben Carswell, and Buddy Sullivan as the newly appointed voting members.

Old Business:

Meeting Summary

There were no comments or edits to the winter meeting summary.

New Business:

Program Updates

Stefanie Nagid provided an update and handout on the Cycle 19 Coastal Incentive Grant proposals that are being submitted in the DNR NOAA application on Friday, May 6, 2016. Ms. Nagid also provided handouts for the Cycle 20 Coastal Incentive Grant process changes and requested members review and digest the material for further discussion at the July meeting.

Kelly Hill provided staff updates for the Wetlands, Shellfish, Recreational Harvest Area Enhancements, Marsh and Shore Management, Compliance and Enforcement, Coastal Hazards, GIS, and Green Growth programs, as well as an update on the 2015 Coastal Georgia Ecosystem Report Card, which is available on the DNR CRD website.

Ms. Hill also provided an update on the Low-Impact Development Best Management Practices Inventory directed project, which is being included in the Cycle 19 DNR NOAA grant application for funding starting on October 1, 2016.

During discussion, it was mentioned that a floodplain manager from EPD or FEMA will be asked to present information at the July meeting to inform the Council on the updated flood maps, which can be found online at georgiadfirm.com.

Legislative Updates

Jill Andrews provided an update on legislative actions that passed and affect the coastal management zone. The marine conservation license plate bill passed. The petroleum pipeline moratorium bill passed. The coastal greenway resolution passed. The DNR hunting and fishing license reform did not pass. Discussion ensued regarding the pipeline moratorium bill and the hunting and fishing license bill. Ashby Nix Worley and Steve Willis asked for fact sheets about the hunting and fishing license bill in order to further discussion with the Legislative Committee.

Ms. Andrews also mentioned the need for long-term sustainability of the oyster hatchery in order to grow the shellfish industry in Georgia. Discussion ensued. Mr. Wolff suggested that an Ad Hoc

committee be formed to further discuss the issue and how the CAC can help support. An Ad Hoc committee was formed with Ashby Nix Worley, Charlie Phillips, Charles McMillan, Andrei Barkovskii, Christi Lambert, and Katy Smith.

Legislative Committee Update

Mr. Wolff and Steve Willis provided an update on the Legislative and Executive committee actions regarding the 2016 legislative session and the recommendation letter sent to Spud at the end of March. Much discussion ensued. Mr. Wolff suggested that the legislative issues be summarized by the Legislative Committee and then provided to the entire CAC membership for discussion at a quarterly meeting prior to the Executive Committee taking action. The group agreed with that suggestion.

There was a question about the standing committees, which Mr. Wolff provided a brief overview of them. Buddy Sullivan and Charles McMillan volunteered to be on the Outreach Committee. Stacia Hendricks stated that the oyster and hunting/fishing license issues would be good issues for the Outreach Committee to look into. Mr. Carswell requested that the contact sheet be updated with who is on what committee and Ms. Hendricks asked that the contact sheet be emailed to the entire membership.

Other Announcements:

Beach Week

Jennifer Kline provided information on where and when beach week was occurring this year (June 27-29th). Gene Keferl recommended that non-game should be contacted so they could provide outreach information regarding beach nesting birds to Beach Week attendees.

Ms. Kline also provided an overview of the 2016 DNR Climate Conference to be held on November 2-3rd on Jekyll Island. She asked that when the conference announcements come out that the CAC forward those to their constituents.

Mr. Wolff restated that the CAC homework was to review the upcoming CIG process documents for the summer meeting.

Ms. Andrews announced that David Kyler had information about the coal ash issue if anyone was interested.

Being as there was no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:38am.