



Coastal Advisory Council
November 9, 2016 DNR Coastal Regional Headquarters
Susan Shipman Environmental Learning Center
Meeting Summary

Welcome and Introductions:

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe E. Slaughter and the Council went through introductions. Chairman Slaughter challenged the members to focus on the CAC's mission and objectives as outlined in the by-laws with an open minded approach.

Old Business:

Meeting Summary

There were no comments or edits to the Fall 2016 meeting summary.

New Business:

Membership was discussed and the lack of local government participation. The Council would like to see the membership increase its diversity.

Committee Reports:

Shellfish Committee: Charlie Phillips reported out on behalf of the Shellfish Committee. The Committee met on August 23 to discuss DNR and UGA's interest in promoting the Shellfish Industry. Outcomes of the meeting were to develop a written documentation of DNR, UGA, and Department of Ag's priorities and to organize a meeting with the Shellfish Association to discuss the priorities. UGA produced a glossy document (i.e. the Blueprint) in partnership with DNR and the Dept. of Ag. UGA distributed the Blueprint to legislators and staff at an October function at MAREX/Skidaway. Charlie expressed some concern that the Shellfish Association may not be in support of the Blueprint goals. The meeting with the Association will be scheduled prior to the next CAC meeting to make sure that the Association has an opportunity to comment on the document. Dominic Guadagnoli, DNR Shellfish Manager, and Jan Mackinnon helped to answer questions from the Department's perspective.

Maritime Committee update

This Committee will be merged with the Shellfish Committee. No additional report given.

Communications Committee:

Stacia Hendricks reported as the committee chair that there had not been a committee meeting, but that there is a desire to provide assistance for Shellfish Program, License Reform and the Coastal GA Greenway project if needed. This could be done through a one page fact sheet or a letter of support to the appropriate people.

Legislative Update:

There was no legislative committee report-out.

Proposed Rule for Private and Recreational Docks was presented by staff, Karl Burgess. The proposed rules of Georgia Department of Natural Resources Coastal Resources Division: Chapter 391-2-1 for Private Recreational Docks. These new rules are being promulgated under the authority of the Official Code of Georgia, Annotated Title 12, Sections 12-2-4 and 12-3-32. Chapter 391-2-1 is being created to codify the standards and conditions for issuance of a revocable license authorizing construction, maintenance, or modification of private recreational docks located over state-owned tidal water bottoms and to provide penalties for non-compliance with these standards and conditions. The proposed standards and conditions are consistent with those currently required in a general permit for private recreational docks located over state-owned tidal water bottoms as issued to the State of Georgia by the United States Army Corps of Engineers pursuant to the Rivers and Harbors Act.

Staff Presentation:

Kelly Hill and Sonny Emmert presented on the Georgia Coastal and Marine Planning project. The goal of the project was to conserve natural, cultural and economic resources in Georgia's offshore environment through planning and coordination by:

- Facilitating management of coastal and ocean resources.
- Coordinating with federal regulatory agencies.
- Providing access to consistent data regarding location of coastal and ocean resources and uses.

Current state regulations do not adequately address Georgia's ocean resources and uses. The goal of this strategy was to identify gaps in data, management, and policy. The Program, through this Strategy, planned to create or revise regulations to clarify existing authorities for the use and management of ocean resources within the scope of the state's jurisdiction. The strategy also initiated the first steps of a coastal and marine spatial plan by mapping, to the extent possible, existing resources and uses of coastal and ocean resources off the coast of Georgia. The outcomes of this strategy strengthened the state's enforceable policies and provided for a clear process and understanding of the resources subject to permitting, licensing, and Federal Consistency.

Announcements:

There was a copy of the Climate Conference Program given to all CAC members. Jennifer Kline, GCMP staff, gave an update on what the role and responsibilities of CRD is in the aftermath of Hurricane Matthew.

All other announcements were submitted to the CAC through e-mail distribution, including the Climate Conference update, the CIG timeline, and an update on the current Directed Project. In addition, upcoming workshop information was included.