



Coastal Advisory Council  
November 8, 2017 at Midway EMC  
Meeting Summary

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe E. Slaughter. Jan Mackinnon introduced NOAA liaison Lindy Betzhold.

**Old Business:**

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

**New Business:**

Committee Reports

Dr. Barkovski reported out for the Maritime committee. He summarized that there had been conversations of the development of oyster aquaculture in Georgia. He said there had been discussions of a project and issues with growing methods. He thought that maybe the project could be developed into a CIG proposal. His lab is developing an approach and methods on *Vibrio vulnificus* looking at different growing methods in relation to *Vibrio*. Dorset Hurley asked if there would be collaboration with the UGA Marine Extension Shellfish lab and Dr. Barkovski said there would be.

Stacia Hendricks reported out for the Communications committee. Stacia reported that Jo Hickson had retired and would no longer be on the committee. The committee is currently working on their mission statement and she asked for volunteers to replace Jo Hickson on the committee.

Paul Wolff reported out for the Legislative committee. He reported that the Executive Committee had approved that a memorandum be sent to the Director of CRD from the CAC recommending the establishment of a list of scientific experts for consultation during the drafting of legislation related to the Georgia Coastal Management Program, specifically the Shore Protection Act. Mr. Wolff made a motion to approve the memorandum be sent to the CRD Director. Dr. Keferl seconded the motion. Discussion ensued on who the recommended panel candidates were. Ben Carswell recommended an editorial comment of "the" to "our" and then Dr. Montague recommended a change of "our" to "CAC" in one sentence in the second paragraph of the memorandum. It was asked if names could be added and how. Mr. Slaughter stated that the list is meant to be "living" with the ability to add as needed by sending a recommendation to the CRD Director. Mr. Slaughter asked if there was any further discussion. Hearing none, he called for a vote on the motion with the editorial change and the motion passed.

Mr. Wolff proceeded to discuss further the other items that were not approved by the Executive Committee at this time. Mr. Wolff discussed the idea of having an academic support panel and a Blue Ribbon Panel or Commission to provide ongoing advice at a higher level to state agencies such as CRD, EPD, and the Governor's office. It was asked what points the Executive Committee did not approve. Mr. Slaughter responded stating that these were good ideas but they needed something more vetted and fleshed out before putting before the Council for a vote. The Legislative Committee should identify the task for each of these groups. He went on to say there was no disagreement with the concept but

would need further details and second would be to have an actual recommendation to provide to the CRD Director. Mr. Hurley pointed out there would need to be a separation of conflict of interest of experts. Dr. Barkovski recommended to look broadly at scientists. Ms. Lambert recommended disclosure of conflicts of interest similar to what universities use. The Chairman moved onto the next agenda item.

#### Budget Updates

Jill Andrews, Chief of the Coastal & Ocean Management Section, announced that Doug Haymans will be the new Director of CRD starting November 16. She stated that the State level funding is flat meaning no enhancements and no cuts. There is potential for additional funds through Hurricane Irma recovery supplements. The License Reform will be bringing in more funding for habitat enhancement with some of it going to the shellfish laboratory. At the federal level the next fiscal year is probably ok but there is some speculation. The President's budget had zeroed out funding while the House had a range of 45%-70% of funding and the Senate had recommended between 70% and 100% of funding. Jill noted that the story of how CZM has assisted local governments still needs to be expressed to legislators. She informed the Council that there is a Coastal States Organization friends letter template if anyone wanted it. It was asked if the CAC could send a letter. Jill answered yes as long as it was not in conflict with the individual agencies. Jill also noted that federal funding is still not secure and things could change.

#### Committee Guidelines

Ashby Worley, vice chair, went over the Committee guidelines. She noted the Council does not have very many, if any guidelines in the by-laws. She wrote up some additional guidelines and previously sent those onto CRD and the Chair. She asked the Council for any comments concerning committee guidelines. The Chair asked if there is anything missing to please bring up. Mr. Carswell asked if the guidelines would be voted on. The Chair responded that the guidelines were not intended to be as formal as a by-law and they would be more procedural and less policy. There were some editorial recommendations provided to Mrs. Worley from the Council.

#### Presentations:

- Jan Mackinnon gave a presentation entitled "Defining Coastal Zone Management".
- Sonny Emmert gave a presentation on storm damage and assessment from Hurricane Irma.
- Stefanie Nagid provided a grants update letting everyone know the Cycle 21 Request for Pre-applications was sent out and they are due on December 1.

#### Announcements:

- Community of Practice meeting will be held on November 15
- MAREX/Sea Grant Oyster Roast is December 2
- Altama Day will be held on December 1 from noon to 6 pm
- Sand Fencing Volunteer installation on November 18, Tybee Island

There were no other announcements from the membership or staff and the meeting was adjourned.