



Coastal Advisory Council  
May 2, 2018  
DNR Coastal Regional Headquarters, Brunswick  
Meeting Summary

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joe E. Slaughter and round table introductions were done. Jan Mackinnon announced two staff vacancies: the Grants Specialist and GIS Specialist positions.

**Old Business:**

Meeting Summary

There were no comments on the January 17<sup>th</sup> Winter 2018 meeting summary.

Committee Reports

*Communications Committee*

Charles McMillan reported for Stacia Hendricks on the Communications Committee. The Committee has developed a new mission statement and is looking to fill two vacancies in academic and local government.

*Maritime Committee*

Committee chair Charlie Phillips was not present and staff reported that the Committee had not met prior to this meeting.

*Legislative Committee*

Dorset Hurley is the new Chair of the Legislative Committee. Charles McMillan also joined as a new member of the Committee. Jan Mackinnon is serving as the temporary staff liaison until the Grants Specialist position is hired. The Legislative Committee also developed a new mission statement and provided a handout to the Council providing a synopsis of issues that the Committee would like to bring to the attention of the Council, as well as a calendar schedule of when Committee actions need to take place in order to be effective with the State's Legislative Session timeline.

Joe E. Slaughter requested that the Committee send out an e-mail to the full Council prior to the summer meeting to announce this new timeline and request input according to the Committee's schedule.

Clay Montague suggested a small edit to the mission statement to reflect focus of Committee.

**New Business:**

2018 DNR Legislative Session

Jill Andrews provided an update on the 2018 DNR legislative session:

- HB 275 (wake surfing legislation): Although this legislation passed out of both chambers, frequent changes in each step of the process prevented final passage. The final format of this bill mirrored HB 271 mentioned below.
- HB 271 (Shore Protection Act): This legislation also passed out of both Chambers but received changes through the process and did not receive final agreement. The final format of

this bill included language to legalize hunting over supplemental feed throughout the state, created a framework for a deer management assistance program, allowed for hunting with air weapons, and included DNR housekeeping language. If an effort moves forward where DNR can revisit language in 271, CRD will elevate the need to engage a scientific advisory panel.

- HB 792 (reauthorizes the Hazardous Waste Trust Fund for 1 year) passed out of both chambers and awaits signature from the Governor. The final format of this bill also included language to adjust tipping fee charges for municipal solid waste landfills.
- SB 451 (agricultural water withdrawal and metering legislation) passed out of both chambers and awaits signature from the Governor.

#### Other Legislation

- SB 332, which creates a Hunter Mentoring Program awaits signature from the Governor.
- HB 332, the Georgia Outdoor Stewardship Act (GOSA) and its accompanying Constitutional Amendments, awaits signature from the Governor. After the Governor signs, the amendment will go on the ballot this November. GOSA will dedicate a portion of the current sales and use tax collected on outdoor recreation equipment to support land conservation.

#### CZ Proposed National Budget Update

Jill Andrews discussed the proposed national CZM budget getting a \$5 million increase for budget year beginning October 1, 2018 which will go towards projects focusing on a Blue Economy. This approach will focus on balancing economic development with sustainability and look to ocean and coastal resources for data and resources to help address coastal issues.

#### Oil and Gas Exploration National Update

Jill Andrews presented to the Council that Georgia is still waiting for BOEMs 2019 lease plan to see how it may impact Georgia. Discussion continued on types of technology used and types of information available. It was recommended to use the GCAMP online mapping tool to view maps of offshore jurisdictional boundaries. GCAMP can be accessed here: <http://geospatial.gatech.edu/GCAMP/>. The CAC requested a speaker at a future meeting to discuss information availability, new technologies, etc.

#### Needs Assessment

Jan Mackinnon discussed the current Needs Assessment that is being conducted by UGA Carl Vinson Institute of Government to gather feedback and input on needs identified by GCMP stakeholder groups so the Program can accommodate these needs accordingly. A link to an online survey was sent out to all Council members and will be resent after this meeting. A request was made for all Council members to fill out the survey so the needs of their constituents can be captured.

#### Staff Updates

GCMP staff presented on program accomplishments and updates including updates from Shellfish/Water Quality, Healthy Beaches Program, Coastal Hazards, Green Growth, Wetlands, Compliance and Enforcement, and Marsh and Shore Management.

#### **Presentation**

The Community Rating System (CRS) 101- Shana Jones, Carl Vinson Institute of Government

#### **Coastal Incentive Grants/Theme Setting**

Jan Mackinnon discussed what is to be expected at the upcoming Annual Meeting, which is to be scheduled in July 2018. Assuming we have funding, the CIG process and timeline will remain the same as this past year. A quorum is necessary for the July meeting so the CAC can approve the themes.

### **GCMP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Updates**

The Georgia Coastal Management Program is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year! The GCMP would like to thank the CAC and all other partners for their continued support. Please be on the lookout for program updates and celebratory events scheduled throughout the year. The GCMP 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Film was played at the meeting and is also available on our website here: <https://coastalgadnr.org/CoastalManagement>

### **Other Announcements**

Beach Week is coming up June 27-29. GCMP staff will be on St. Simons Island at the Coast Guard station on June 27 and 29 from 10-4, and on Tybee Island on June 28 from 10-4 at North Beach Grill area.

### **Get to Know Your Programs**

Staff were available after the meeting to walk Council members through a more detailed look at some recent projects/program including Low Impact Development demonstration sites on campus (Bioswale, Native Garden and Rainwater Harvesting Projects), a UAV demonstration, and a demonstration of the CRD wetlands sampling and drop ring gear.