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2. YOU MUST SIGN UP TO SPEAK. SIGN-UP SHEETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE ROOM.
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4. BOTH SIDES ON AN ISSUE WILL BE GRANTED UNIFORM/MAXIMUM TIME TO SPEAK.
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AGENDA

Marine Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting - June 14, 2021 - 5:30 PM

Escambia County Central Office Complex

3363 West Park Place Pensacola, FL 32505

1. Call Marine Advisory Committee Meeting to Order
2. Attendance
3. Approval of Minutes (and Minutes from Previous MAC Meetings, as applicable)
4. Old Business / Information Updates (New Information Underlined) For information regarding Escambia County Marine Resources Division Major Projects, please see <https://myescambia.com/marineresources>
 - I. Pensacola Bay Living Shoreline Project
MRD Update: consultants have provided 60% Plans. (see also Escambia County Engineering Project Page: <https://myescambia.com/open-government/projects/project-details/nas-pensacola-bay-living-shoreline-project>). Natural Resources Management (Matt Posner) will provide an update at the June MAC meeting.
 - II. Proposed Boating Regulatory Areas at Innerarity Point Park
MRD Update: FWC conceptually approved the Vessel Exclusion Zone for the Innerarity Point Park Swimming Area, but denied the Motorboat Exclusion Zone for the Paddlecraft Launch. Escambia County Attorney's Office is developing an alternative that FWC will approve.
 - III. Comprehensive Water Way Management
MRD Update: MRD is continuing to gather information and working with Escambia County Attorney's Office to develop Draft Ordinance for MAC review and public input. The Draft

Ordinance will then be presented to the Escambia County Board of County Commissioners (BCC). This is a long-term project and public/MAC input is welcome.

- IV. Optional Vessel Registration Fee (OVRF) – FL Statute 328.66
MRD Update: MRD will bring to BCC with direction from Natural Resources Management Director's approval upon MRD recommendation that sufficient public input has been received via MAC meetings. To date, very little public comment has been received, with little opportunity to inform and educate stakeholders of the necessity of the increase. MRD prefers to address any concerns and hold public discussion at MAC prior to requesting a Public Hearing. MRD has requested Escambia County Attorney analysis of "boating-related projects" projects (per Florida Statutes) to be considered for funding with OVRF funds: construction and maintenance at new/existing boat ramps; maintenance dredging at boat ramps; boating safety; waterways signage; enforcement; design/engineering/permitting for new/existing boat ramps; internet cameras at boat ramps; artificial reefs, etc.). Upon approval, Escambia County Community and Media Relations Department will issue a Press Release to solicit public input at future MAC meetings.
- V. Pensacola Bay Fishing Bridge Damage
MRD Update: The Fishing Bridge has been declared a total loss, and Escambia County will determine and utilize the best mechanism to obtain compensation. The scope of work for demolition of the structure will include artificial reefing.

5. Action Items

- I. Diving Safety Symposium – 9 August 2021
MRD will work with MAC to assist in coordination of Symposia, within the constraints of facility capacity and other COVID-19 safety measures.

Topics:

1. Introduction/Welcome
2. Prevention (Training, Equipment, Practice)
3. Emergency Response In/On the Water
4. Emergency Response via Professional Medical Staff
5. Contact Information
6. Lionfish
7. First Aid, etc.
8. CMR Resources?
9. Experienced injured
10. Actual diving scenarios
11. D.A.N.
12. Site Specifics: Oriskany; Antares; Mass/Pickens; Bridge Rubble
13. Fishing-Diving Conflicts (Rules of the Road; Fla. Dive Flag Law)

II. Seafood Safety Symposium – 13 September 2021

MRD will work with MAC to assist in coordination of Symposia, within the constraints of facility capacity and other COVID-19 safety measures. (See MRD's Seafood Safety webpage <https://myescambia.com/our-services/natural-resources-management/marine-resources/seafood-safety>)

Topics:

1. Capture/Purchase (Handling/Storage) ICE!!
2. Preparation
3. Consumption (Advisories)
4. HAB; Ciguatera; Vibrio; Anthropogenic (Mercury; PCBs)
5. Speakers: UF/Fla. Sea Grant/Extension; FDOH

6. New Business

I. For Discussion:

Pensacola Shipyard Marine Complex (approximately 76 acres) is for sale at an asking price of approximately \$46M. MRD has recommended a conceptual County-City joint venture to preserve critical "Working Waterfront" property with associated marine-related services in Escambia County.

7. Public Forum

8. Adjourn