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AGENDA

Marine Advisory Committee

Regular Meeting - September 13, 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. Seafood Safety Symposium
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 1. Welcome and Introduction(s)
 2. Capture/Purchase (Handling/Storage): Rick O'Connor, Florida Sea Grant
 3. Preparation
 4. Consumption (Advisories)
 5. HAB; Ciguatera; Vibrio: Dr. Alison Robertson, Dauphin Island Sea Lab
 6. Open Forum Discussion - Questions and Answer
 7. Closing Statement
 - b. Websites
 1. Seafood Safety: <https://myescambia.com/our-services/natural-resources-management/marine-resources/seafood-safety>
 2. Consumption Advisories: <http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/prevention/healthy-weight/nutrition/seafood-consumption/fish-advisories-page.html>
 3. Local Oyster Information: <https://www.nature.org/en-us/newsroom/florida-pensacola-east-bay-oyster-habitat-restoration/>

5. Action Items

6. Old Business

a.

a. 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>).

b. Comprehensive Water Way Management

MRD Update: MRD is continuing to gather information and working with Escambia County Attorney's Office to develop a 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.

c. Optional Vessel Registration Fee (OVRF) – FL Statute 328.66

MRD Update: MRD will bring to the 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.

7. New Business

8. Public Forum

9. Adjourn

For information regarding major projects under the Escambia County Marine Resources Division, use the following link: <https://myescambia.com/marineresources>