

**MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Friday, June 26, 2021, 10:00 AM**  
**Ft Johnson/Virtual – Hybrid Meeting**

**MAC Members Present:** P. Brown, P. Keener, B. Rose,

**Virtual:** C. Woods, R. Dukes

**MAC Members Absent:** D. Swygert, E. Holder, J. Massey

**DNR Staff:** Maier, Bell, Denson, Dyer, Kendrick, Bueno, Keppler, Perkinson, McDonough, PKS, M.E. Williams, Watson, Binz, Reichert, Darden, LaDue, Ballenger, Ingle

**Guests:** Chaplain Jeff Shealy (virtual)

**1. Call Meeting to Order – Vice Chairman Rose:**

Vice Chair Rose called the meeting to order at 10:03.

**2. Housekeeping- Tim Snoots:**

Tim reviewed the processes for those attending via Virtual Meeting.

**3. Invocation- Pastor Jeff Shealy:**

Pastor Shealy led the Invocation for the meeting.

**4. Pledge of Allegiance- Phil Maier:**

Deputy Director Maier led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**5. Approval of Minutes: Vice Chairman Rose:**

Vice- Chair Rose asked for a motion to approve the previous meeting minutes (March 2021) P. Keener made a motion to approve the minutes, P. Brown 2<sup>nd</sup>, motion carried unanimously.

**6. Introduction of Guests/Public Comments: Julie Binz:** N/A

**7. Reports:**

- Ben Dyar gave a presentation on SCDNR Oyster Management for sustainable shellfish grounds. In the past it has been more of a reactionary management strategy and MRD is now proposing new strategies to balance out the harvest pressure and recovery times on recreational grounds. It will be a multilayered approach like the Flounder management plan, engaging the public, commercial fishermen, and partners. He additionally informed the MAC on MRD's efforts in updating Regulations to make minor updates to more clearly define our general authority.
- Dr. Michael Kendrick gave a presentation on Black Gill in White Shrimp in South Carolina. Black Gill is not harmful to humans and doesn't seem to have an impact on the shrimp fishery populations.

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- Olivia Bueno gave an engaging overview of the Marine Division's Volunteer Outreach Saltwater Fishing Clinic program,.

**8. Deputy Director Comments – Phil Maier:**

D.D. Maier's comments included:

- Whimbrel migration discovery on Deveaux Bank – largest ever seen in the US.
- Recognizing and thanking Ed Holders 20+ years of service to the Marine Advisory Committee.
- Flounder Bill passing after 2 years of work by the Marine Division that will result in 50% reduction in catch.
- Budget update on much needed infrastructure at Waddell, and funding to replace the Lady Lisa.
- May Forrest property acquisition moving forward. Parks and Recreation will manage the property.

**9. Date, Place & Time of Next Meeting – Vice Chairman Rose:**

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee is Friday, Oct 1<sup>st</sup>.

**10. Adjourn – Vice Chairman Rose:**

Vice Chair Rose adjourned the meeting at 11:55.