

Location:

November 18, 2020

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Zoom Virtual Meeting

Action Items:

1. RBC members that have yet to select an alternate need to provide an alternate from the same water use interest category.
2. RBC members to think about the mission statement proposed in the Edisto RBC meeting for finalization December 9.
3. RBC members to continue thinking about what might be included in an Edisto RBC Vision Statement and Goals for the next meeting.
4. RBC members are required to inform the Planning Team in advance of the RBC meeting if they will not be in attendance and if their alternate will be present.
5. Public Comments for call-ins at the RBC meeting are to be sent to Tom Walker tcwalke@clermson.edu

Meeting:

- Review of Meeting Objectives
- Approval of Agenda and October 21st Minutes and Summary Documents
- Public Comment Period
- Review of Coastal Aquatic Resources
- Review of Freshwater Aquatic Resources
- Review of Cultural Resources
- Review of Water Law
- RBC Mission and Vision Statement Discussion

Meeting Summary (November 18th)

The Edisto RBC Facilitator, John Boyer, called the November 18th meeting of the Edisto RBC to order at 9:00 AM. The seventh meeting of the Edisto RBC was held via Zoom virtual meetings due to Covid-19 meeting policies. Including the Edisto RBC members and planning team, there were 73 people present at this RBC meeting. The meeting began with John Boyer reviewing the meeting objectives: review of coastal aquatic resources, review of freshwater aquatic resources, review of cultural resources, review of water law, and RBC discussion on mission and vision statements. The Edisto RBC approved the RBC meeting agenda and the October 21st minutes (as edited) and summary. A public comment period was held with no comments received.

Joey Ballenger, PhD of SCDNR was the first presenter of the meeting and reviewed coastal aquatic resources. Joey presented on the lower Edisto river basin and DNR research using surveys to collect data

on fish. Since 1991, DNR surveys have documented over 100 different species of fish and approximately 450,000 different organisms.

Chris Thomason of SCDNR presented next on freshwater aquatic resources complementing the first presentation. This presentation focused on the freshwater fish of the Edisto River Basin. The presentation also included research efforts by SCDNR in the Edisto river basin.

Sean Taylor of SCDNR, presented next on South Carolina's cultural resources and history. Sean gave a brief introduction of SCDNR's archaeological research under the State Heritage Trust Program. One of the points of emphasis focused on shell rings and shell ring culture on Fig Island in Botany Bay and Pockoy Island.

Finally, Josh Eagle of USC presented some thoughts regarding water law in the Edisto River Basin. Josh's presentation was from a property law perspective as it related to environmental and natural resources. South Carolina has relatively little water law due to historically abundant water resources which could change if availability changes in the future.

The Edisto RBC then began working on crafting a mission statement and vision statement for the Council. John Boyer facilitated discussion and begin piecing together comments and suggestions into a draft mission statement. The mission statement should be finalized at the next meeting. The vision statement and goals may also be finalized at the next meeting depending on time and reaching consensus among members of the Edisto RBC.

RBC members, in preparation for the next RBC meeting, need to continue thinking through the mission statement, vision statement and goals.

The next meeting of the Edisto RBC will be held December 9th, 2020 on Zoom virtual meetings platform.

The meeting concluded at 12:05 PM.

Summary: Tom Walker

Approved: 12/9/2020