

**St. Marys River Management Committee**  
P.O. Box 251 Folkston, Georgia 31537

**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 6, 2007**

The St. Marys River Management Committee (SMRMC or committee) held its regularly scheduled meeting on August 6, 2007, at the Nassau County Building, Callahan, Fla. Committee members and visitors in attendance are listed on a separate sheet. A quorum of members was not present.

**Call to Order**

Committee co-chairman Jim Wildes called the meeting to order at 7:09 P.M. The Treasurer's report was not available.

**Presentation on Coastal Nonpoint Source (NPS) Program (Jeannie Butler)**

Jeannie Butler, Georgia DNR, Coastal NPS Program was introduced by Bruce Foisy and gave a very interesting presentation on the Federal-State NPS Program. She gave the historical background, citing Federal creation of Coastal Zone Management in 1972 and Reauthorization Amendments in 1990, which said that NPS is a major threat to our waterways. The program is administered federally by the EPA and NOAA, and on a state basis by DNR. The Coastal Georgia Program involves the 11 coastal counties, and GA is now "conditionally approved." The goal is prevention, rather than cleanup; and legislative, voluntary, educational and financial incentives are all tools available to carry out the goals.

Co-Chairmen Wildes and Woehrl and member Chip Campbell informed the committee that a meeting to address member appearances before the commissions of the four counties will be held this month.

Rick Walsh said he will try to attend the grand opening of the North Shore development on the river near Browntown this Saturday, and will take low impact development information, furnished by Ms. Butler, to the developers. Committee members discussed the problem of getting this information into the hands of developers prior to breaking ground, rather than after the fact.

Jim Wildes informed that he had been contacted by Jim Bailey, regarding the formation of a St. Marys Riverkeeper program. Chip Campbell said he will try to get Gordon Rogers (Satilla Riverkeeper) to give a program to the Committee at the September meeting.

Wildes informed the Committee that a sturgeon repopulation program will be held at White Oak on August 29.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 P.M.