



Agenda Item: Introduction of New Committee Member (Jason Worthen, 5 Minutes)

Background:

Heidi Whitehead is the Executive Director for Texas Marine Mammal Stranding Network. She specializes in marine mammal conservation through research and rescue, and continues her lifelong passion for studying marine mammal stranding trends, behavior, and ecology. She has more than 21 years of professional experience in the marine mammal biology field and has led the non-profit organization towards its mission of marine mammal conservation for the past 18 years. She enjoys working with and inspiring Texas communities to learn more about how they can protect such a valued resource. She has been recognized for her passion and commitment to marine mammal conservation through the NOAA Environmental Hero Award program, and Exemplary Service Awards from the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Mrs. Whitehead is filling the open Volunteer Organization position on the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee.

Staff Recommendation: n/a

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