

# BEaR Group of Mississippi

April 21, 2009 Meeting – 1:00 to 4:15 p.m.  
Sharkey-Issaquena Community Library Fine Arts Room  
Rolling Fork, MS

- 1:00 Welcome and Call to Order, Introductions – Kevin Nelms, BEaR President
- 1:10 Mississippi Bears – Brad Young, Mississippi Department of Wildlife Fisheries and Parks (MDWFP) Bear Biologist
- 1:40 BBCC Report – Paul Davidson, BBCC Executive Director
- 1:50 Update on Bears in Neighboring States – Shauna Ginger, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Bear Biologist
- 2:00 Addressing Recovery Criteria for the Louisiana Black Bear - Jared Laufenberg, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries, University of Tennessee
- 2:15 Update on Critical Habitat Designation for Louisiana Black Bear – Debbie Fuller, USFWS Endangered Species Program Coordinator, Louisiana Black Bear Lead Biologist
- 2:30 Mississippi Black Bear Study: What We Have and Where We are Going – Stephanie Simek, Graduate Research Assistant, Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, Mississippi State University
- 3:15 Break
- 3:25 Administrative
- Approval of previous minutes and membership report – Becky Rosamond, BEaR Secretary and USFWS Refuge Biologist
  - Financial report – Stephanie Hodnett, BEaR Treasurer and CPA
- 3:35 Project Progress
- Black Bear SAFE CRP – Kevin Nelms
  - Entergy Grant – Becky Rosamond
  - Aerial Telemetry Project – Brad Young
- 3:45 Great Delta Bear Affair 2008 Update – Meg Cooper, GDBA Coordinator and BEaR Board Member and Melissa Darden, GDBA Committee and BEaR Board Member
- 3:55 Old Business – Kevin Nelms
- Action items from previous BEaR meeting
- 4:00 New Business – Kevin Nelms
- Election of new Vice-President
  - GDBA 2009
  - Administration Project
  - Others
- 4:15 Concluding Remarks – Kevin Nelms

