

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES
114th Congress Disclosure Form
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Water, Power and Oceans Legislative hearing on:

H.R. 3094 (Rep. Garret Graves), To amend the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to transfer to States the authority to manage red snapper fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico.

“Gulf States Red Snapper Management Authority Act”

For Individuals:

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For Witnesses Representing Organizations:

Name: Gary Jarvis
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Name: Gary Jarvis
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For Nongovernment Witnesses ONLY:

1. Please attach/include current curriculum vitae or resume.
2. Please list any federal grants or contracts (including subgrants or subcontracts) related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the source and amount of each grant or contract.

N/A

3. Please list any contracts or payments originating with a foreign government related to the subject matter of the hearing that were received in the current year and previous two calendar years by you or the organization(s) you represent at this hearing, including the amount and country of origin of each contract or payment.

N/A

Capt. Gary Jarvis

SUMMARY

Captain Gary Jarvis is a veteran of the United State Air Force, a lifelong fisherman, a restaurateur and well-known advocate for a sustainable and accessible Gulf of Mexico fishery. He has an expansive 39 years of experience fishing the northern Gulf of Mexico, from Cape San Blas, FL to Freshwater bayou La. He is the owner and operator of one of only 178 federally dual permitted fishing businesses that fish in both the charter for-hire and commercial fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. Fishing experience also includes fishing in the South Atlantic from Ft Lauderdale to Key West, Cozumel Mexico, Pinas Bay Panama, Marsh Harbor, Bahamas. Present partner and owner in three restaurants in Destin, FL: JackaCuda's Seafood and Sushi, Brotula's Seafood House, and Steamer and Sun Set Bay Café Restaurants

EDUCATION

Troy State University

Major: Business
1976 – 1977

EXPERIENCE

Owner/Operator – F/V Backdown2, Charter for-hire and Commercial

January 1978 – Present (37 years 10 months), Destin, Fl

39 yr experience as both a charter and commercial fisherman. 100 ton uscg licensed Captain since 1980. Owner /operator of the charter boat Back Down 2 inc. since 1989. Over 1.6 million in fishing tournament winnings. Diawa fishing tackle mfg rep since 1985. I am active in fishery management issues both at the national level making numerous trips the D.C. Each year and at the local levels going to gulf council meetings and being involved in the management process. I am currently a member of 2 NMFS Advisory panels and 2 Ad Hoc panels. In 2010 I was invited by the White House to meet with President Obama , Sec Navy Malbiss and Florida Governor Charlie Christ to brief them on the status of Gulf of Mexico fisheries and businesses during the Deepwater Horizon Disaster.

Destin Charter Boat Association

President, board member

January 2014 – Present (1 year 10 months), Destin Florida

The Destin Charter Boat Association and responsible to represent the position and businesses of over 80 professional fishing companies that make up the Destin Florida fishing fleet.

Charter Fishermans Association

Co-founder and current board member

Former president

Charter Fisherman's Association based out of Corpus Christi, Texas. We represent over 500 professional fishing business owners and operators in all five Gulf coast states.

Field representative and fishing tackle development

Diawa USA

January 1985 – Present (30 years 10 months), Destin, Fl

Working relationships with regional tackle reps and tackle development with Diawa engineers producing quality saltwater fishing equipment for saltwater anglers mainly focussed on equipment to be used on fishing boats. See our fishing prowess @ www.backdown2.com

Shift supervisor

United States Air Force

June 1974 – July 1978 (4 years 2 months)

E-5 shift supervisor missile electronics specialist

GULF OF MEXICO FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL SERVICE

Ad Hoc Red Snapper Advisory Panel, 2009-2011

Data Collection Advisory Panel, 2009-2015

Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System Advisory Panel, 2009-2011

Reef Fish Advisory Panel, 2012-2014

King Mackerel Advisory Panel, 2012 – Present

Ad Hoc Red Snapper Charter for-hire, 2014 – Present

AWARDS

Best in Destin (Charter Captain), *Destin Magazine*, 2014

Best in Destin (Charter Captain), *Emerald Coast Magazine*, 2015

ORGANIZATIONS

- Destin Charter Boat Association
President & Member
- Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Alliance
- Charter Fisherman's Association
 - Founding Member and Past President
- Florida Keys commercial Fishermen's Association
- Southeastern Fishermen's Association
- Southern Offshore Fisherman's Association
- National Organization of Charter Boat Operators
- Save Our Sector
 - Fishery Management Spokesperson
- USA Hockey

MISCELLANEOUS

- Invited by the White House to Brief President Obama and Secretary Mabus on the Status of the Fishery in August 2010 after Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill
- Briefed Governor Christ (R-FL) Bi-Weekly During Deepwater Horizon Spill
- Gulf of Mexico IFQ Shareholder
- Co-Owner of three restaurants: JackaCuda's Seafood and Sushi, Brotula's Seafood House, and Steamer and SunSet Bay Café