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**Gloucester Fisheries Commission**  
**Minutes of January 17, 2019**  
Gloucester City Hall 9 Dale Ave.  
First Floor Conference Room, 7 p.m.

Al Cottone, Executive Director  
Mark Ring, Chair  
Scott Memhard, Vice Chair

**Commission Members**

Angela Sanfilippo  
Paul Vitale  
Scott Swicker  
Dave Leveille  
Joseph Orlando  
Michael Orlando

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm

**Attendees:** Al Cottone, Mark Ring, Dave Leveille, Scott Swicker, Angela Sanfilippo, Scott Memhard, Joe Orlando

**Approval of Minutes from December 20, 2018 moved to next meeting,**

**Report on Recent DMF Meeting Regarding Groundfish**

Mr. Ring recapped the recent meeting on groundfish. There was no opposition to the owner/operator issue. Some opposition to the April closure in Massachusetts state waters that the State wants to put into effect. April closure is to help manage the quotas from going over in 2017. Discussion about working on daily triple limits and the problem with counting and the disparity of daily allotments for Western George's Bank. There was a lot of disagreement at the DMF meeting. They also want to put a control date for permits of 2018. Mr. Cottone recapped that Dave Pierce stated that if something wasn't done the Council would mandate the state do something more drastic.

**Report on January 10, 2019 N.E. Aquarium Meeting concerning future Gas and Oil Seismic Testing**

Mr. Ring shared a summary of the N.E. Aquarium meeting. A few different groups were there like the Cape Cod Chamber, Save our Shores, MLA and Scott Kraus. A large presentation on oil spills and the effects of the seismic testing on whales. Not a lot came out of it and no interaction with the audience.

**Discussion on impacts of Government Closure on the Fishing Industry**

**Oral Communications**

Mr. Doug Christel shared that the regional administrator and only one or two people per group. It is bare bones, unlikely you'll get any questions about regulations or quotas. The employees are not optimistic that they are getting back anytime soon.

Will need at least a month or two to catch up with the quotas because pushing everything through from the holidays and then the shutdown. The mackerel quota re-building plan, amendment 8 for herring, and groundfish framework 58 was very close to being started before the shutdown. Electronic permit system went live just before the shutdown. Replacements and ownership changes are not happening. March 1<sup>st</sup> the squid permits changes, but not sure how it will roll out.

A number of the online systems have not been updated since 12/20/2018. They are submitting weekly Ace report and compiling it into one report. There is one person watching all the quotas and he is the herring and mackerel person. Daily reporting by sector for 90% of quota.

Doug Christel will be meeting with Morgan Bell to share what this shutdown is doing for the community.

### **Update on Boston Seafood Show March 17-19,2019**

Mr. Cottone shared that the booth location has changed, and it should have more traffic. It is still on a corner, at the end of the aisle, but it is on the business end of the aisle not on the wall. We will be featuring lobster and the stocks as the seafood of choice. Will invite the Governor and Lt. Governor, Mayor Walsh to see if they can come to the event.

Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at 3pm will be meeting to review the Seafood Show with the Fishing companies to see if they have any input.

### **Old Business**

Massachusetts committee for the social economic study on the lobster closure. Ms. Sanfilippo will represent GFWA and there will be representatives from other Massachusetts lobster groups.

### **New Business**

A Saving Seafood article came out today about a wanting to work with RODA.

There was supposed to be a symposium to educate the wind energy developers to get together on the ground people to talk about the effects face to face. Annie Hawkins is the head of RODA.

Discussion about coming ashore in Falmouth. Discussion about seeing the wind energy development coming to the Gulf of Maine may see it soon. Ipswich Bay is off the table for the time being.

Angela shared updates on receiving grants from State marketing program, for traceability and for better reception while out fishing and discussion about.

Discussion about talking with the Fish Monger and how to market direct. Has his own cutting house, employees 8 people and has a marketing person.

Jonathon Grabkowski from Northeast Science Center on his report coming out. Meeting on the 29th on where to disperse the report.

Mr. Ring has no information about the lobster grant that needs to go to City Council. Tom Balf is speaking at the hotel on Tuesday night about the blue economy. Chamber of Commerce is promoting it. Shared information about the lobster pot probes that will measure acidification.

Mr. Cottone went to the marine selfish initiative and represented Gloucester. The group brainstormed about selfish funding sources and they will have advisory panels and subcommittees. They are going to meet again in April.

When they do the dredging in the River they want to drop mud Southwest of the Groner. Sooky was upset, because it will be there in Fall when a lot of traps will be in the water.

Discussion about Sam Novello being added to the committee.

**Motion to Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swicker and seconded by Angela Sanfilippo. The motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

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**Gloucester Fisheries Commission**  
**January 17, 2019, 7:00pm**  
**Third Floor Conference Room**  
**9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA**

**AGENDA**

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Report on Recent DMF Meeting Regarding Groundfish
3. Report on Jan, 10,2019 N.E. Aquarium Meeting concerning future Gas and Oil Seismic Testing
4. Discussion on impacts of Government Closure on the Fishing Industry
5. Update on Boston Seafood Show March 17-19,2019
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Oral Communications
9. Motion to Adjourn