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Gloucester Fisheries Commission
Minutes of November 15, 2018
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 7:10 pm.

Attendees: Mark Ring, Al Cottone, Scott Swicker, Mike Orlando, Paul Vitale, Dave Leveille, Sam Novello.

Approval of Minutes from September 20, 2018

First order of business was to review and approve the minutes from the September Commission meeting. After reviewing a motion was made by Scott Swicker and seconded by Paul Vitale to accept the minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Recap of Seafood Day at State House

The Commission discussed the recent Seafood Day at the State House. Those that attended agreed it was a great success. Next year's event may be held at different date to accommodate Legislators and Fishermen's schedules.

The Commission discussed the upcoming Seafood Show in March and the new Mass. Ave. Pavilion that will showcase local and other Mass. Seafood Companies Intershell and Cape Seafoods are already included.

Report on Recent DMF Meeting regarding State Regulations

The Commission talked of a recent meeting with DMF regarding the state boundary line (1881). It appears that not much will change north of Boston. concerns were raised also that the Ipswich Bay Whiting season needs to open earlier than this past year to access the Whiting that are in the Bay earlier than in past years. Dan Makiernan stated he will pass this on to Dr. Pearce.

Discussion on recent meeting with Congressman Moulton regarding Tariffs on Seafood.

Discussion was held regarding meeting with Congressman Moulton in regard to Chinese tariffs having negative impacts on the lobster industry and could spill over to other seafoods. Mark Ring and Al Cottone attended the meeting. Moulton stated with this administration in place there is little leverage, but he will stay on top of the situation.

New Business

The subject of the upcoming Whiting meeting in Newport R.I. on Dec 4 was discussed . The Fishery Commission has already filed paperwork stating their position and Gloucester will be well represented at the meeting.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Scott Swicker and seconded by Mike Orlando. The motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.