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**Gloucester Fisheries Commission**  
**Minutes of January 16, 2020**  
Gloucester City Hall 9 Dale Ave.  
Third 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  
Sam Novello

**Members Present:** Al Cottone, Mark Ring, Dave Leveille, Joseph Orlando, Mike Orlando, Angela Sanfilippo

**Call to Order**

Mr. Ring called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm

**Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Leveille made a motion to approve the minutes from December 19, 2019 with discussed revisions, Mr. Joseph Orlando seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

**Update on At Sea Monitoring Funding.**

Discussion about funding for at sea monitors, totaling roughly \$10.2 million. Amendment 23 will not be implemented by May 1<sup>st</sup> as they have not completed the environmental impact statement. The industry has not used the \$10.2 million from last year but the remainder will be carried over to 2020. Discussion about not having enough observers to fulfill the 30%.

Discussion about Blue Harvest in favor with 100% monitoring with all their vessels.

Mr. Cottone will send a comment to the Council on Amendment 23 and the Commission will draft a separate letter to the congressional delegates. Mr. Cottone will not send the letter until the final coverage is chosen.

**Report on Alcatel Survey Work and Annisquam Dredge Project.**

Mr. Ring shared the Annisquam project is moving along, they have a two week extension with the hard substrate and the high winds delaying the project.

The Alcatel Survey received a permit to work 24/7 for the cable that is coming from France in a few years. The permit is for archeological surveys. It will last about 3 weeks: they will make 17 sonar passes in the corridor.

### **Update on Boston Seafood Show March 15 to 17, 2020.**

There is a meeting on Friday January 17, 2020 at 11am with the seafood companies to discuss plans for the show. The plan to feature haddock.

### **Old Business. Tariffs.**

Mr. Ring noted that another tariff bill was signed with China yesterday, but he doesn't have enough details yet.

Discussion about Northeastern University Marine Science Center in Nahant dumping water. They want to double the size of the facility and dump the wastewater into the sound. The MLA will be issuing comments.

Ms. Sanfilippo noted there will be upcoming CPR training and stability tests and another MREP in Woods Hole.

Ms. Sanfilippo noted that the health insurance will end on January 23, and it will need to be submitted and paid by that date for coverage to start on February 1st. She noted the fishing industry is getting well covered. The health connector has a plan for business, Ms. Sanfilippo will work on learning more and potentially host a workshop.

### **New Business**

Mr. Ring introduced Janessa from the UMass research center. She is working on a Seaport Economic Council grant.

Mr. Cottone went to a workshop on how climate change is affecting fisheries. Andy Pershing and Lisa Kerr, GMRI, lead the workshop. Discussed how climate change is not affecting abundance but changing the way they behave and not seeing fish in warmer water that they would expect to see.

### **Oral Communications.**

Susanne Altenburger, shared part II of the December article in *Messing About in Boats*, and a report with the full text. Discussion about the code from 1994, that there should be a chance to adapt.

### **Motion to Adjourn.**

Mr. Joe Orlando made a motion to adjourn at 7:37pm, Ms. Sanfilippo seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.