

Gloucester Fisheries Commission

January 18, 2018

Gloucester City Hall 9 Dale Avenue
1st Floor Council Committee Room 7pm

Commission Members

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

Angela Sanfilippo
Paul Vitale
Scott Swicker
Dave Leveille
Joe Orlando

Call to order

Mark Ring motioned, Al Cottone seconded, and a quorum was presented at 7:01.

Approval of minutes

Dave Leveille motioned, and Scott Swicker seconded to approve the December 2017 minutes. All were in favor; the motion passed unanimously.

NOAA partial approval of Habitat Amendment

Director Al Cottone shared that the West Gulf of Maine went from “mortality” to “habitat”. Some areas in Nantucket are shifting designations.

Discussion of President Trump’s proposal to expand National Policy on offshore gas and oil exploration

- Christopher Sicuranza, Gloucester Director of Community and Constituent Services for the City of Gloucester, was present to facilitate the opposition to Trump’s bill
- 24 January public hearing was set
- A plan to write a collective letter of opposition was set.
- Dave Leveille recommended adding concerns about the ecosystem.
- Comments can be accepted online, through mail, and in person at the 24 January public meeting.

Angela Sanfilippo motioned to submit the letter, Joe Orlando seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2018 Boston Seafood Show (Input from shoreside facilities and fisherman)

Angela will attend and share her experience.

NOAA seeking to expand aquaculture opportunities nationally

New Bedford dedicated 8400 acres for aquaculture -- possibly to use shellfish to clean water. Al Cottone was part of a conference call on this topic. Discussion ensued.

Old business

Dead in the Water screenings ahead:

February 10, Cape Ann Museum at 11:00 and 2:00. Tickets are available online at Eventbrite.

April 4 Custom House, Newburyport

April 8 Waterville ME

April 9 Wells ME

April 10 Belfast ME

April 11 Stonington ME

New business

- Mark Ring suggested the Fisheries Commission reach out to Mike Pentony of the National Marine Fisheries to invite him to an upcoming meeting to get involved. Discussion ensued.
- On February 12, Angela will have a workshop in the office about financial planning and estate planning. All are welcome.

Oral communications

A report on the DF survey and people from the Science Center will be present to go over the trawl survey.

Motion to adjourn

Dave Leveille motioned to adjourn, Scott Memhard seconded, and the motion carried unanimously at 8:28pm.