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Gloucester Fisheries Commission
Minutes of December 20, 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 7:10pm

Attendees: Mark Ring, Al Cottone, Dave Leveille, Mike Orlando, Sam Novello, Scott Swicker, Angela Sanfilippo

Approval of Minutes from November 15, 2018

First order of business was to review and approve the minutes from the November Commission meeting. After reviewing a motion was made to approve the minutes, the motion passed unanimously.

Executive Directors Report, Recent council meetings regarding Whiting and Surf Clam Regs. New Quotas for upcoming fishing year.

Executive Director, Albert Cottone recapped that Amendment 22 was rejected and it was not close. Discussion about Whiting caught under 20% in the last 5 years and Red Hake by-catch, specifically Southern Red Hake is in trouble. Discussed recommendation to document differences with side by side trawls. General discussion about whiting food products.

Mike Orlando summarized the surf clam issue, the decision was voted no, with no mitigation, and closed shoals. Discussion about Cape Wind is presenting the last environmental impact statement and filing a complaint with the Department of Commerce.

Discussion about Framework 58 updating the ground fish quota, everything went up 2-3%. However, they didn't update grey sole. There is a need for help with the quotas to get them back to 2010-11 levels. More data is needed for stock assessments. Discussion about lowering quota on fluke and how the trawl survey is flawed.

DMF. Upcoming meeting in January regarding owner operator only for state groundfish vessels. Fines have been increased.

The DMF will be holding a meeting in January in the Emerson Ave. office. The State will be having a hearing about mobile gear boats being owner operated in State waters. Discussion about the State doubling fines for violations.

Update on upcoming Seafood Show in March

The upcoming Seafood show will have similar format as last year. The show starts on St. Patrick's Day and ends on St. Joseph day. Discussion about promoting lobsters due to the grant,

yellow tails, and flatfish. A room has been secured for the luncheon on that Monday. General discussion about finding new markets for species that had good markets in the past. There is a plan to meet every other week up until the show to review logistics. Intershell confirmed they will be at the Massachusetts Ave, DMF event.

New Business

Discussion about the New England Aquarium with Attorney General, Maura Healy to file lawsuit against Department of Commerce for NMFS providing Seismic testing permits. 12-15 states have come together on this lawsuit. In 1988 we supported the first moratorium to stop drilling, 40 years ago. Discussion about how the South shore may lose fishing grounds to wind power.

Discussion about the notice in Saving Seafood, the Fish bill was not voted in, just accepted the part regarding recreational fishing.

Dialogue about Boston restaurants using logos of Alaska fresh seafood on their menu and not using Massachusetts caught seafood. Discussed using the grant next year on a Gloucester Fresh marketing program the grant criteria will determine how it can be spent. A letter of interest for the education grant, to train people to work the cutting room, the grant proposal was not accepted. The grant to promote lobster will go to City Council, more information on the grant is needed.

There will be an event for the documentary, Dead in the Water, in Minneapolis at the film festival, and a showing in Arkansas. Discussion about interviewing the top chef from Minneapolis to include in the movie. The Fish Guys, Fortune Fish, will help promote the documentary.

The preservation fund gave \$5,000 to the Fisherman's Wives for their food service.

Discussion about a report on the social-economic effect on the Gloucester Fleet. The report will be finalized after a January 14th meeting. This will be an update from the report done ten years ago.

Motion to Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela and seconded by Scott Swicker. The motion passed, and meeting adjourned at 7:54pm.

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Gloucester Fisheries Commission
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Third Floor Conference Room
9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA

AGENDA

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5. Update on upcoming Seafood Show in March
6. Old Business
7. New Business
8. Oral Communications
9. Motion to Adjourn