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**Gloucester Fisheries Commission  
Minutes of September 19, 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  
Sam Novello

**Present:** Al Cottone, Mark Ring, Sam Novello, Dave Leveille, Scott Swicker, Angela Sanfilippo, Paul Vitale, Mike Orlando

**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 August 15<sup>th</sup> as amended, Ms. Sanfilippo seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

**Upcoming Mass. Shellfish Initiative Meeting- Sept 23, 2019 7pm. DMF Emerson Ave**

The Commission discussed the Mass Shellfish Initiative meeting on Monday September 23 at 7pm. Discussion about the State grant to promote the shellfish industry and better ways to harvest and farm. Scott Soares is leading the initiative.

**Executive Directors Report**

The Commission discussed the October 2, 2019, Blue Economy Think Lab at Endicott College, led by Katie Kahl. Mr. Cottone will be attending.

The Commission briefly discussed updates on groundfish assessment.

Mr. Cottone and Ms. Sanfilippo recapped the House Committee Meeting held in Gloucester that week. The meeting discussed bill 369 and 370 regarding the DPA zone. The Commission discussed DPAs help keep fishing industries in ports and keeping infrastructure to handle fishing industry. Discussion about property available in the DPA.

**Upcoming NEFMC Meetings Sept 23 thru 26, Beauport Hotel Gloucester**

The Commission discussed that on Wednesday, the Council will address Amendment 23, the monitoring amendment. They will not have the final recommendation that night, but it is a good opportunity to share comments. They are pushing for 100% monitoring; it is estimated to last 14 months with the government funding. Discussion about fishermen

being potentially responsible for hiring and coverage and having enough observers for 100% coverage. The upcoming meeting will have a FCC panel, Trawl advisory panel, and groundfish committee meetings.

### **Seafood Day at State House- Oct 10, 2019**

Discussion about the upcoming Seafood Day at the State House. There will be more people participating. Gloucester Fisheries Commission and Gloucester Fresh has a table there with material to display. Fishermen are invited and encouraged to come. There will be a lot of food, Ms. Sanfilippo noted they will have oysters, monkfish soup, monkfish with onions, seafood macaroni and cheese, and seafood arancini.

### **Old Business**

Alkatel Sub. Cable- Mr. Ring noted the cable is coming from Europe to Lynn and they want to start testing at the end of the month for 11 days. The cable will come into Rockport, Gloucester, Beverly, Salem, Lynn, Marblehead and will start doing bottom survey work. They will work at night, 24 hours a day. The Commission discussed the need for permits to get the cable, but they don't need permits to do the survey work.

Chinese Lobster Tariffs- Discussed that the Lobster Tariff meeting had a really poor showing. Discussion about it being a dealer's issue, but it will be an issue at some point. The Chinese Lobster Tariffs have been on the news a lot. Discussion about the numbers being much lower than last year.

Vineyard Wind still does not have the permit but they did receive a new mitigation proposal from Vineyard Wind, they have included in the shoreside communities, but the amount stayed the same and they have until 2048 to pay it out. Discussion about reviewing the proposal and found a math mistake, the numbers didn't match. There is a DMF meeting tomorrow to review the proposal. Ms. Sanfilippo has been in touch with New Bedford Survival Fund and a representative for the recreational industry. Discussion that Massachusetts should get time and a half more than what Rhode Island received.

### **New Business**

Next Tuesday 9/24 at 5:00pm the Chamber is putting an event together on local food and need some of the Commission members there. It will be downstairs at Cruiseport. Ms. Sanfilippo will send the information to register.

Ms. Sanfilippo shared that the Government created the safety training program 10 years ago, and they have finally funded the program. They have applied for two grants and received both. First safety training this year will be in Cape May, NJ.

Ms. Sanfilippo noted the State of Massachusetts has created a license for community workers. We have been qualified and received a license. We have finally been recognized for the work.

Ms. Sanfilippo shared they had the Gloucester Fisherman's Wives statue waxed and have to have more work done next year. They have requested an estimate for the work and to look at the Man at the Wheel statue.

Ms. Sanfilippo trying to set up an event with Boston Medical Center. Ms. Sanfilippo met with the new Captain of the Coast Guard station, they will have an event on October 25<sup>th</sup> to meet the community and describe what they are doing.

The Commission discussed the Whale Take Reduction meetings. Right whale meetings are not moving forward, and Maine has backed out of the process. The Maine Lobstermen Association disagrees with the Take Reduction Team process. Discussion about individual lawsuits.

The Commission noted dredging of Annisquam was supposed to start October 1<sup>st</sup>. Discussion about the City having enough funding to start but have not seen movement around it.

Discussion about the science and waste of resources on rules and regulations.

**Motion to adjourn**

Ms. Sanfilippo made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Mr. Orlando seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57pm.