



## **Gloucester Fisheries Commission**

**Minutes of July 19, 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 called to order at 7:07pm

**Present:** Al Cottone, Mark Ring, Scott Swicker, Joseph Orlando, Michael Orlando, Paul Vitale, Dave Leveille, Angela Sanfilippo

### **Approval of Minutes from June 21, 2018**

Angela Sanfilippo motioned to accept the minutes, Scott Swicker seconded, the minutes were approved by a majority of commission members present.

### **Oral Communications**

Rick Kohn new owner of Cape Pond Ice gave public comment about the plans for the new plant. Rick Kohn plans to reequip and re-provision the plant within guidelines of EPA, waterfront use by supporting economic use and use the money for new ice plant equipment for 1/10 of the capacity it is now and add capacity in chunks. Will be trying to permit the 15,000 square feet on the waterfront side for a restaurant, bringing in fresh catch at the dock and processing, add a fish market, and possibly Ryan & Wood Distillery or a bar/brewery. The ice plant will be located in the middle of the building for both boat and street access. The block tanks would be torn out and turn into indoor parking (50 spaces). Ice is critical for the fishing industry and will need to support it with other economic support. There will be three floors at 5,000 sq. ft. each for restaurants or tourist industry. Chapter 91 license will take a lot of time and support. Discussion about Chapter 91 and public access to waterfront, potential need for sidewalks, and a water taxi stop. Commission members have gone on record that they will support anything that keeps the ice and will grow with the fishing fleet. The plan is to start to build it to 6,000 sq feet. with 40 tons of ice/day with 80 tons of storage. The new ice systems would be put in new while old is still working, with some down time. The building will stay as is;

however, the outside steel wall will have a lot of windows. There is expectation that permitting will take 9 months.

### **Executive Directors Report Whiting Meeting Skate Quota Increase**

Executive Director, Al Cottone, gave report on meeting with the DMF about the experimental whiting dates of July 1-15<sup>th</sup>. Without the haddock it is below the 5% threshold, with the haddock it is over. Discussion about presenting to the council and possibility of opening it. Testifying at the council was stressed. Discussion about pounds of haddock brought in over the last two years. The whiting council meeting reviewed 5 proposals and determined there are going to be four boats in Gloucester that will qualify.

Discussed concerns about it being a Southern problem and they are lumping all the areas into one fishery.

There was a discussion about organizing and going to every council meeting and the importance of if the groundfish returns and start hiring, there should access to it. The commission compared it to the shrimp industry in Maine.

### **H.R. 200 bill**

Attention was brought to H.R. 200, that was passed by the House and now being addressed by the Senate. The commission discussed that community considerations have been watered down in the house version.

Chair, Mark Ring, presented Sam Parisi's letter to the commission requesting a letter of support for H.R. 200. The commission discussed if they wanted to write a letter of support. Paul Vitale Motioned to take no action, Michael Orlando seconded, Joseph Orlando opposed, the motion to take no action was approved by a majority of commission members present.

### **China Tariffs regarding Lobster Industry**

The commission discussed the effect of China Tariffs on the lobster industry. Michael Orlando confirmed that the tariffs took immediate effect and they stopped shipping to China immediately. Discussion continued about another round of tariffs will have another immediate effect on the industry and Elizabeth Warren's, suggestion to look for more markets.

It was noted that there is a supply of Monkfish but decreased demand and Iceland is playing a larger part in shipping monkfish.

There was a discussion about getting politicians to know what's happening and for media coverage to get the ball rolling. The commission discussed ideas to separate the fish and get it to alternative markets, like Gloucester Fresh, to create a bidding war. The

commission discussed a need for a cutting house in Gloucester and a bigger brand for Gloucester Fresh.

### **Old Business Cenotaph Update, Fishermen Memorial Sat. Aug 18**

Executive Director, Al Cottone made multiple calls to the foundry in RI, but they have not returned phone calls or emails. Discussion about fundraising if there is not enough money in the GAP account to add the names or clean the statues.

Angela suggested a fundraiser to clean both statues. Angela will work on it and get back to the commission. The Fisherman's memorial is August 18<sup>th</sup> and the commission discussed having members present.

### **New Business:**

Angela Sanfilippo presented new business regarding the Boston Seafood Festival on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, the city of Gloucester will not be in attendance, but Gloucester Fisherman's wives will be there with fishcakes. Angela can provide passes for fisherman who want to attend.

The commission noted October 2<sup>nd</sup>, Seafood Day at the State House as an important date. Discussed the Fisheries Commission being there to present Gloucester Fresh and take a photo with the Governor. MLA will be attending Seafood Day and canceled Lobster Day.

### **Gloucester Fresh update:**

The commission discussed the addition of new Gloucester Fresh restaurant members; Captain Carlos, Machaca, and the Beauport Hotel.

The commission discussed the app development and implementing product identification. The app will allow customers to see who caught their fish and every tote of fish will have a barcode.

### **Motion to Adjourn**

Dave Leveille motioned to adjourn, Paul Vitale seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 8:26pm

**Mark Ring**

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**From:** "Sam Parisi" <samparisi42@gmail.com>  
**To:** <Mark.Ring3@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 18, 2018 4:30 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Thursday meeting .

On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 4:19 PM, Sam Parisi <[samparisi42@gmail.com](mailto:samparisi42@gmail.com)> wrote:

> Hi are you going to the meeting tomorrow night? if so give me a call  
> 978 491 7722 .I can not go but sent a letter recommending a bill  
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> On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 3:47 PM, Sam Parisi <[samparisi42@gmail.com](mailto:samparisi42@gmail.com)> wrote:

>> Hi good to see you the other night .I sent this to Al and hope it is  
>> read at the meeting .I have done a lot of research on this bill .And  
>> there is a lot of surport .Keeping you informed .  
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>> On Wed, Jul 18, 2018 at 3:45 PM, Sam Parisi <[samparisi42@gmail.com](mailto:samparisi42@gmail.com)> wrote:

>>> To the members of the Commission ,unfortunately ,I will not be present  
>>> .I would like to go on record of requesting the commission to surport  
>>> Bill HR 200 by Congressman Young .This bill has passed the house and  
>>> will move to the senete .This bill will help our fisherman .I am  
>>> asking the commission to send a letter to senator Markey and Warren  
>>> requesting they vote in favor .After reading all forty nine pages of  
>>> the bill ,it is clear that other sceince will be acknowledge by the  
>>> New England Management Council and NOAA before restrictions are  
>>> determined .It also will give our local New England Council more  
>>> leverage .And it will also give sport fisherman equal rights .Please  
>>> put this letter in to your minutes of your meeting .Thank You Sam  
>>> Parisi

SAM Parisi Letter