



Gloucester Fisheries Commission

Minutes of August 16, 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 7:00pm

Present: Al Cottone, Mark Ring, Angela Sanfilippo, Scott Swicker, Dave Leveille, Michael Orlando

Absent: Paul Vitale

Approval of Minutes from July 19, 2018 and March 2018

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

Update on Gloucester Fresh Program

Discussion about the press around new Gloucester Fresh members Beauport Hotel, Captain Carlos and Machaca, Lobsta Land. Latitude 43 would like to join the Gloucester Fresh program. It was discussed that as soon as new members are approved, they will receive the sticker, without having to wait. Discussion about another potential member. Michael Orlando will send the interested party material on Gloucester Fresh provided by Mark Ring.

Angela Sanfilippo motioned to approve Latitude 43 restaurant to become a member of Gloucester Fresh, Dave Leveille seconded, and it was approved by the majority of commission members present.

Angela Sanfilippo shared a recap of the Boston Seafood festival. General discussion about at the Boston Seafood Festival, the Fisherman Wives' served 1500 fishcakes, it was very successful. There was a large demand for the fishcakes and sold out fast. About 9,000 people attended the festival. There was a blessing of the Ocean in all denominations, with the fire boats. Angela suggested next year they read the poem *They*

hat Go Down in Ships and a Fisherman's wife poem. The process of making and selling fishcakes worked really well and will continue to do it for the Open Door food pantry.

Received a \$110,000 grant from the city, but it is restrictive, it cannot be used for anything temporary. Discussion regarding China tariffs and the effects on the lobster industry. Discussion about talking about the Massachusetts lobstermen's loss, not just Maine. Discussion about the task force for north of Cape Cod closure for right whales.

Discussion about the state funding received and thanks to the Massachusetts Senators and Representative, Margaret Ann Ferrante who helped make it possible.

Update from Waterways Board /Harbormasters Office.

Discussion about not having lobster pots and gear on the bottom near the entrance of the Annisquam river, due to the dredging project.

General discussion about upcoming Schooner Festival, and whale watch vessel location, it will be a busy next few weeks, and potentially dangerous with the upcoming traffic.

Executive Director's Misc.

Executive Director, Al Cottone, held general discussion about the Seaport Economic Council meeting. The meeting went really well, and the Lt. Governor was very receptive and excited.

The data from experimental whiting, at the October meeting will be presented to the council and the council will vote on it. Discussion about supporting the opening of the Ipswich Bay whiting season based on historical data that the whiting show-up in June. Discussion about being proactive.

General discussion about monitors and potential reimbursement from 2017. Discussion about allocating the reimbursement for future years. Discussion about how much coverage they will receive, and that coverage is negotiated with the non-groundfish boats, including trips on skate, dogfish and whiting.

Discussion about taking Ipswich Bay out of the gas and wind terminal development.

Old Business

Discussion about the upcoming Fisherman's Memorial, Saturday at 5pm. Gloucester Times reached out to see who was running the memorial service, Joe Parisi and Joe Novello will be managing it. Angela is working on having someone clean the Fisherman's Wives Statue. General discussion about also cleaning the Fisherman's statue. Appreciate someone leaving flowers at the statue from the weddings at Beauport Hotel.

Discussion about the success of the Blue Fin Blowout.

Oral Communications

Discussion about lack of fishermen in Gloucester.

Discussed getting funding to train young fishermen, Angela Sanfilippo spoke with Senator Tarr about applying for a grant through the department of labor.

Motion to Adjourn

Angela Sanfilippo motioned to adjourn, Scott Swicker seconded, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm