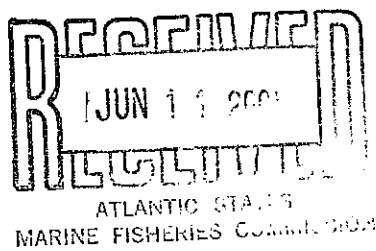


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The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Presidential Room of the Quality Hotel and Conference Center, Arlington, Virginia, April 26, 2001, and was called to order at 10:07 o'clock, a.m., by Chairman Susan Shipman.

CHAIRMAN SUSAN SHIPMAN: We will convene the Business Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. I'll ask the Executive Director to call the roll.

(Whereupon, the roll call was taken by Executive Director John H. Dunnigan.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN H. DUNNIGAN: Madam Chair, 13 of the 15 states of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission are represented around the table and you have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you very much, Jack.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: I would like to note that one state has three commissioners at the table and that's the state of North Carolina.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: The state of North Carolina, we might get you a prize. You are indeed a prize to all of us, Melvin. Thank you very much.

The next item we have and the only item of business we have before the Commission is the approval of Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden. I'm going to call on the new Chairman of the Menhaden Board to bring this before us for adoption.

MR. DAVID V.D. BORDEN: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Menhaden Board met on Tuesday, had a relatively brief meeting, discussed the document, made a very small number of what I consider very minor technical changes and approved Amendment 1 for recommendation to this Board.

So, on behalf of the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board, I move that the Commission adopt Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Menhaden FMP as recommended by the Board.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you, David. We have a motion of the Board. It does not require a second since it's coming forward from a management board. Is there discussion on the motion? Bill Adler.

MR. WILLIAM A. ADLER: This is just a point of order, I think. Are we now moving Menhaden, like a plan, directly to the Business Meeting and skipping the ISFMP Policy Board? Is that how it's working now?

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Yes. When we revised the Charter, the last changes you made -- I want to say in Connecticut -- we now, since the Management Board is, in essence, the same body as the Policy Board, we are doing the approvals at the Management Board; and if they are an amendment which requires an affirmation by the Commission, it comes straight to the Commission.

The Policy Board is still involved in compliance issues, of course. Okay, other discussion on the motion? I believe we take a roll call on this, Jack. Okay, we'll take a roll call on approval of Amendment 1 to the Menhaden Plan.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. Maine.

MAINE: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: New Hampshire.

NEW HAMPSHIRE: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Massachusetts.

MASSACHUSETTS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Rhode Island.

RHODE ISLAND: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Connecticut.

CONNECTICUT: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: New York.

NEW YORK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: New Jersey.

NEW JERSEY: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Pennsylvania.

PENNSYLVANIA: (No response)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Delaware.

DELAWARE: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Maryland.

MARYLAND: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Virginia.

VIRGINIA: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: North Carolina.

NORTH CAROLINA: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: South Carolina.

SOUTH CAROLINA: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Georgia.

GEORGIA: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Florida.

FLORIDA: (No response)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Madam Chair, there are 13 votes in favor and none opposed.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you, Mr. Dunnigan. Amendment 1 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Menhaden passes unanimously.

I just want to again thank staff for the tremendous hard work they've done on this plan over the past two years.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: There is a very relieved Dr. Desfosse over at the next table.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Is there any other business to come before the Commission? Seeing none, the Commission is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 o'clock a.m., April 26, 2001.)

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