

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
BUSINESS SESSION**

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1. **Approval of Agenda** by consent (Page 1).
2. **Move to remove the following language from Section 2.7 (p 43) of Amendment 3 to the FMP for Atlantic Herring:**  
“The summer restriction on Area 1A to fixed gear and purse seines is said to have led to a significant increase in the price of herring for bait, which has a potentially major impact on the lobster fishery. Notably midwater/pair trawlers are not allowed in Area 1A until October 1, implemented by NEFMC’s Amendment 1 to the Herring FMP.” (Page 1). Motion by Ritchie White; second by Jim Gilmore. Motion carries unanimously (Page 1).
3. **On behalf of the Atlantic Herring Section move the Commission approve Amendment 3 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan as amended today** (Page 1). Motion by Ritchie White. Motion carries unanimously.
4. **Move to approve the changes made to the Rules and Regulations as proposed and as presented at the ISFMP Policy Board** (Page 2). Motion by John Clark; second by Dennis Abbott. Motion passes unanimously (Page 2).
5. **Move to Adjourn** by consent (Page 2).

## **ATTENDANCE**

### **Board Members**

Terry Stockwell, ME, proxy for P. Keliher (AA)	Tom Moore, PA, proxy for Rep. Vereb (LA)
Steve Train, ME (GA)	Leroy Young, PA, proxy for J. Arway (AA)
Dennis Abbott, NH, proxy for Sen. Watters (LA)	Loren Lustig, PA (GA)
Doug Grout, NH (AA)	John Clark, DE, proxy for D. Saveikis (AA)
Ritchie White, NH (GA)	Roy Miller, DE (GA)
Bill Adler, MA (GA)	Craig Pugh, DE, proxy for Rep. Carson (LA)
David Pierce, MA (AA)	David Blazer, MD (AA)
Dan McKiernan, MA, Administrative proxy	Bill Goldsborough, MD (GA)
Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA)	Rob O'Reilly, VA, proxy for J. Bull (AA)
Jason McNamee, RI, proxy for J. Coit (AA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
David Borden, RI (GA)	Robert Boyles, SC (AA)
David Simpson, CT (AA)	Pat Geer, GA, proxy for Rep. Nimmer (LA)
Pat Augustine, NY, proxy for Sen. Boyle (LA)	Jim Estes, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)	Martin Gary, PRFC
Brandon Muffley, NJ, proxy for D. Chanda (AA)	Wilson Laney, USFWS
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Kelly Denit, NMFS
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Asm. Andrzejczak (LA)	

**(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)**

### **Ex-Officio Members**

#### **Staff**

Bob Beal	Katie Drew
Toni Kerns	Lisa Havel
Megan Ware	

#### **Guests**

The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Edison Ballroom of the Westin Hotel, Alexandria, Virginia, February 4, 2016, and was called to order at 2:35 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Douglas E. Grout.

**CALL TO ORDER  
APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CHAIRMAN DOUGLAS E. GROUT: We have an agenda here. Are there any changes to the agenda? Is there objection to the agenda? Seeing none; we'll approve it.

**APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

We have proceedings of the November, 2015 meeting in our documents. Are there any changes to those proceedings? Seeing none; are there any objections to approving the proceedings? The proceedings are approved unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Any public comment; seeing none we'll move into Item 4, which is Consider Final Approval of Amendment 3 to the Atlantic Herring FMP.

**CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF AMENDMENT  
3 TO THE ATLANTIC HERRING FMP**

MR. RITCHIE WHITE: I have two motions. The first motion is not from the Section but it is from myself, and this is to correct an oversight in the language in the amendment. It was discussed prior to the final vote about changing some wording in the Section, and we did not take a vote on that. I am making a motion to correct that and this is language that there was no opposition to removing from the plan.

That is the explanation. **I'll move to remove the following language from Section 2.7, Page 43 of Amendment 3 to the FMP for herring. "The summer restriction on Area 1A to fixed gear and purse seines, is said to have led to a significant increase in the price of herring for bait, which has a potentially major impact on the lobster fishery, notably mid-water pair**

**trawlers are not allowed in Area 1A until October 1, implemented by New England Fisheries Management Council's Amendment 1 to the herring FMP."** If I get a second I'll speak a little more.

CHAIRMAN GROUT: Jim Gilmore seconds it.

MR. WHITE: The concern here and the discussion was that there was no backup data to prove that the lack of mid-water trawl fishing was the reason for the increase in the bait price. Part of the reason was that the quota was dropped, and that the quota was caught on every year. With no data to back up that the mid-water trawl lack of their access to the fishery caused this, we ask that this be removed.

CHAIRMAN GROUT: Any discussion from the board?

MR. JOHN CLARK: I just noticed in the motion, Ritchie, they don't have Atlantic in there. It is obvious, but it is Atlantic herring.

MR. WHITE: Thank you for that correction. That should be added.

CHAIRMAN GROUT: **Any other discussion? Is there any opposition to this motion? The motion carries unanimously.**

MR. WHITE: **A second motion is on behalf of the Atlantic Herring Section. I move approval of Amendment 3 to the interstate fisheries management plan for Atlantic herring as amended today.**

CHAIRMAN GROUT: Again this is a motion from the Section, it doesn't need a second. Is there any discussion on this motion? **Seeing none; is there any objection to the motion? The motion carries unanimously.**

**CONSIDER AMENDING THE COMMISSION'S  
RULES AND REGULATIONS**

CHAIRMAN GROUT: The next item on the agenda is we had a discussion at the Policy Board about changing the compact and the guidance document.

**Now only the Full Commission can make changes to the rules and regulations as it is. We are going to need a motion to consider amending the rules and regulations as they were described during the guidance document discussion; anybody willing to make that motion? Motion made by John Clark and seconded by Dennis Abbott.**

Discussion on the motion; seeing none is there any objection to the motion? **The motion passes unanimously.**

**ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIRMAN GROUT: Are there any other businesses to come before the Business Session? Seeing none; I'll take a motion to adjourn. So moved, thank you very much thank you, for a good meeting week and we'll see you all in May.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 2:45 o'clock p.m. on February 4, 2016.)