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

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia
August 15, 2007**

**These minutes are draft and subject to approval by the Commissioners
during their next Business Session.**

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ATTENDANCE**Board Members**

George Lapointe, ME, (AA)
 Pat White, ME (GA), Chair
 Doug Grout, NH, proxy for John Nelson (AA)
 Rep. Dennis Abbott, NH (LA)
 Paul Diodati, MA (AA)
 William Adler, MA (GA)
 Vito Calomo, MA, proxy for Rep. Verga (LA)
 Mark Gibson, RI (AA)
 Eric Smith, CT (AA)
 Lance Stewart, CT (GA)
 Pat Augustine, NY (GA)
 Karen Chytalo, NY, proxy for G. Barnhart (AA)
 Brian Culhane, NY, proxy for Sen. Johnson (LA)
 Tom McCloy, NJ, proxy for David Chanda (AA)
 Erling Berg, NJ (GA)
 Frank Cozzo, PA, proxy for Rep. Schroder (LA)
 Leroy Young, PA, proxy for Douglas Austen (AA)
 Eugene Kray, PA (GA)

Roy Miller, DE, proxy for Patrick Emory (AA)
 Bernard Pankowski, DE, proxy for Sen. Venables (LA)
 Howard King, MD DNR (AA)
 Bruno Vasta, MD (GA)
 Russell Dize, MD, proxy for Sen. Colburn, (LA)
 Jack Travelstead, VA, proxy for Bowman (AA)
 Catherine Davenport, VA (GA)
 Kelly Place, VA, proxy for Sen. Chichester (LA)
 Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
 Damon Tatem, NC (GA)
 Jimmy Johnson, NC, proxy for Rep. Wainwright (LA)
 John Frampton, SC (AA)
 Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
 Robert Boyles, Jr., SC (LA)
 Spud Woodward, GA, proxy for Susan Shipman (AA)
 Gil McRae, FL (AA)
 April Price, FL (GA)

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

Ex-Officio Members**Staff**

Vince O'Shea
 Bob Beal

Tina Burger
 Laura Leach

Guests

The Business Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Presidential Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, August 15, 2007, and was called to order at 4:45 o'clock p.m. by Chairman George D. LaPointe.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN GEORGE D. LAPOINTE: We will move to a business meeting, and we have one agenda topic. We have got a number of agenda topics, but they will all be pretty easy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The business meeting agenda was in your briefing package, and the first thing is approval of the agenda. The only issue is the non-compliance finding. Are there other additions to the agenda? Is there any objection to its being approved?

Seeing none, the agenda topic is approval of the proceedings from May 10th, 2007. Moved by Pat Augustine; seconded by Bill Adler.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Is there objection to approval of the proceedings? Seeing none, they are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

We have a slot for public comment at the business session, if there are any public comments to go before the business session. Seeing none, we will go to the next agenda topic, which is review of the non-compliance recommendations. I will turn it over to Robert Boyles.

REVIEW OF NON-COMPLIANCE RECOMMENDATIONS

MR. ROBERT H. BOYLES, JR.: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. The ISFMP Policy Board today approved a motion, and so I would like to make it on behalf of the Interstate Fishery Management Program Policy Board: I move that the full commission find the state of Maine out of compliance effective September 24th, 2007, for not fully and effectively implementing and enforcing Amendment 2 and Technical Addendum I to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Herring.

The state of Maine has not implemented the spawning restrictions (Section 4.3.2) contained in the plan. The spawning restrictions are necessary to protect the spawning aggregations that are highly susceptible to fishing in order to ensure continued recruitment to the stock. In order to come back into compliance, the state of Maine must implement the spawning restrictions as detailed in Amendment 2 and Technical Addendum I.

We have a motion from the ISFMP Policy Board. Any discussion? All those in favor of the motion, raise your hand; all opposed; null; abstentions. The motion carries 13 for; zero against; zero nulls; two abstentions.

OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN LAPOINTE: Is there any other business to come before the business session?

ADJOURN

Seeing none, we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 4:50 o'clock p.m. August 15, 2007.)