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

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town
Alexandria, Virginia
August 21, 2008**

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3. **Move on behalf of the Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board approval of the Interstate FMP for Atlantic Coastal Sharks.** Motion by Mr. Simpson; (Page 1); No second required (Committee Motion). Motion approved (Page 1).
4. **Adjourn by consent** (Page 1).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

George Lapointe, ME (AA)	Thomas O'Connell, MD (AA)
Pat White, ME (GA)	William Goldsborough,, MD (GA)
Sen. Dennis Damon, ME (LA)	Russell Dize, MD, proxy for Sen. Colburn (LA)
Douglas Grout (AA)	Steven Bowman, VA (AA)
Rep. Dennis Abbott, NH (LA)	Catherine Davenport, VA (GA)
Ritchie White, NH (GA)	Del. Lynwood Lewis, VA (LA)
Paul Diodati, MA (AA)	Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
William Adler, MA (GA)	Willard Cole, NC (GA)
Vito Calomo, MA, proxy for Rep. Verga (LA)	Jimmy Johnson, NC, proxy for Rep. Wainwright (LA)
Mark Gibson, RI (AA)	John Frampton, SC (AA)
James Gilmore, NY (AA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
David Simpson, CT (AA)	Robert Boyles, Jr., SC (LA)
Pat Augustine, NY (GA)	Spud Woodward, GA, proxy for S. Shipman (AA)
Brian Culhane, NY, proxy for Sen. Johnson (LA)	John Duren, GA (GA)
Tom McCloy, NJ, proxy for D. Chanda (AA)	William Sharp, FL, proxy for G. McRae (AA)
Erling Berg, NJ (GA)	William Orndorf, FL (GA)
Gilbert Ewing, NJ, proxy for Asm. Fisher (LA)	Bill Johnson, FL, proxy for Rep. Needleman (GA)
Doug Austen, PA (AA)	Chris Moore, NMFS
Eugene Kray, PA (GA)	A.C. Carpenter, PRFC
Frank Cozzo, PA, proxy for Rep. Schroeder (LA)	Jaime Geigier, USFWS
Roy Miller, DE, proxy for P. Emory (AA)	

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

Ex-Officio Members

Staff

Vince O'Shea
Bob Beal

Nichola Meserve

Guests

Jack Travelstead, VMRC,
Steve Meyers, NOAA
Arnold Leo, NY
Moe Nelson, NOAA
Jay Odell, The Nature Conservancy

Michelle Duval, NC DMF
Harold Mears, NMFS
Gordon Colvin, NMFS
Terry Stockwell, ME DMR
Dick Brame, CCA

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The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Presidential Ballroom of the Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town, Alexandria, Virginia, August 21, 2008, and was called to order at 3:50 o'clock p.m. by Chairman George D. Lapointe.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN GEORGE D. LAPOINTE: We are starting the business session so we can approve an FMP.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIRMAN GEORGE D. LAPOINTE: The agenda is on your briefing CD. We have a quorum. There is an agenda which has non-compliance recommendations, if any, and there are none.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN GEORGE D. LAPOINTE: Next is review and consider approval of FMPs, of which there are one. We also have approval of the proceedings from February 7th. Is there any opposition to their approval? Seeing none, they are accepted.

APPROVAL OF INTERSTATE FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR ATLANTIC COASTAL SHARKS

CHAIRMAN GEORGE D. LAPOINTE: We have a motion and it is: Move on behalf of the Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board approval of the Interstate FMP for Atlantic Coastal Sharks. Motion by Mr. Simpson. We don't need a second; it's a committee motion.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Is there any public comment on the motion? Seeing none, we'll go back to the board. Are you ready for a vote? Raise your hand if you approve; any opposition; any abstentions. It is a unanimous vote.

ADJOURN

This meeting is adjourned. Thank you very much.

(The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 o'clock p.m.,
August 21, 2008.)