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CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ^{called} Will the commission ~~business meeting please come to order. The executive director will call the roll.~~ ^{and the} ~~was called.~~

MR. DUNNIGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From the state of Connecticut, Mr. Beckwith?

MR. BECKWITH: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Gunther?

MR. STEWART: Here, Lance Stewart.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Lance Stewart for Senator [✓] Gunther.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Collomore?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: State of Delaware, Mr. Manus?

MR. [✓] MANUS: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Schroeder?

MR. [✓] LESSER: For Representative [✓] Schroeder, Charlie Lesser.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Dr. Targett?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: State of Florida?

MR. [✓] CONKLIN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Conklin. Representative [✓] Crady?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Newberger?

1 (No response elicited.)
2 MR. DUNNIGAN: Georgia, Ms. Shipman?
3 MS. SHIPMAN: Here.
4 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Carter?
5 MS. SHIPMAN: He's in the legislature. It's
6 in session.
7 MR. DUNNIGAN: And Mr. Balkcom?
8 (No response elicited.)
9 MR. DUNNIGAN: And the state of Maine,
10 Commissioner Alden?
11 MR. FLAGG: Mr. Flagg for Ms. Alden.
12 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Townsend?
13 (No response elicited.)
14 MR. DUNNIGAN: Dr. Zglobicki?
15 MR. ZGLOBICKI: Here.
16 MR. DUNNIGAN: Maryland, Mr. Jensen?
17 MR. JENSEN: Here.
18 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Gunns?
19 MR. SIMNS: Larry Simns representing Delegate
20 Gunns.
21 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Meers?
22 (No response elicited.)
23 MR. DUNNIGAN: Massachusetts, Mr. Coates?
24 MR. COATES: Here.
25 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Verga, Mr. "Representative

1 Now" Verga?

2 MR. NELSON: He's out doing his thing.

3 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: New Hampshire, Mr. Nelson?

4 MR. NELSON: Here.

5 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Douglass?

6 (No response elicited.)

7 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Driscoll?

8 MR. DRISCOLL: Here.

9 MR. DUNNIGAN: New Jersey, Mr. McDowell?

10 MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Freeman for Mr. McDowell.

11 MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Bassano?

12 (No response elicited.)

13 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Fote?

14 MR. FOTE: Here.

15 MR. DUNNIGAN: New York, Mr. Colvin?

16 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Here.

17 MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Johnson?

18 (No response elicited.)

19 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Cantwell?

20 MR. CANTWELL: Here.

21 MR. DUNNIGAN: North Carolina, Mr. Spitsbergen?

22 MR. SPITSBERGEN: Here.

23 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Redwine?

24 MR. SPITSBERGEN: In legislative session.

25 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Lucas.

1 MR. GAY: Jodie Gay for Mr. Lucas.

2 MR. DUNNIGAN: Pennsylvania, Mr. Colangelo?

3 MR. SNYDER: Mr. Snyder for Mr. Colangelo.

4 MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Coy?

5 (No response elicited.)

6 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Green?

7 (No response elicited.)

8 MR. DUNNIGAN: Rhode Island, Mr. Borden?

9 MR. STOLGITIS: John Stolgitis, Rhode Island.

10 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Allen?

11 (No response elicited.)

12 MR. DUNNIGAN: South Carolina, Dr. Sandifer?

13 (No response elicited.)

14 MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Drummond?

15 (No response elicited.)

16 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Cupka?

17 MR. CUPKA: Here.

18 MR. DUNNIGAN: From Virginia, Mr. Pruitt?

19 MR. PRUITT: Here.

20 MR. DUNNIGAN: Delegate Morgan?

21 (No response elicited.)

22 MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Kellam?

23 (No response elicited.)

24 MR. DUNNIGAN: ^{Said that} ~~Mr. Chairman,~~ all of the

25 states' members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

1 Commission are represented today and you have a quorum.

2 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ^{Said that} ~~Thank you.~~ There are two
3 agenda items ~~presently~~ before us as a result of actions taken
4 by our various boards, ~~prior to this meeting.~~ The first is the
5 adoption of Amendment 5, the striped bass plan; and the second
6 will be a report for the report on the New Jersey compliance
7 question. ^{Mr. Colvin asked for} ~~Are there other~~ additions or changes to the agenda.
8 ~~as I've just explained it?~~

9 (No response elicited.)

10 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Seeing none, we'll proceed~~
11 ~~to the report of the striped bass management board. Mr. Coates.~~
12 ~~STRIPED BASS MANAGEMENT BOARD REPORT~~

13 MR. COATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On
14 behalf of the policy board, ~~I'm please to move~~ adoption of
15 Amendment 5 to the Atlantic striped bass plan by the full
16 commission. ~~In offering this motion, I would like to~~
17 ^{Mr. Coates} acknowledge the efforts of the striped bass board, the
18 technical committee chaired by Vic Crecco, the plan development
19 team chaired by John Field who is also our staff adviser, the
20 advisory panel chaired by Damon Tatem, and all the other folks
21 who participated in this effort.

22 ^{He added that he was} I'm also honored to announce that this plan is
23 dedicated to David Deuel, a good friend of interjurisdictional
24 management and to most of us.

25 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Is there a second to the~~
~~motion?~~

Motion seconded by

1 MR. STOLGITIS: Second.

2 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Seconded by Mr. Stolgitis.~~

3 Discussion on the motion?

4 (No response elicited.)

5 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Do the state delegations
6 need time to caucus?

7 (No response elicited.)

8 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: *as well for* ~~If there is no comment from~~
9 ~~the commission, is there comment~~ from the public?

10 MR. RUSSELL: ~~(Indicated.)~~

11 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Mr. Russell.~~

12 MR. RUSSELL: *D.241 said that he* I would just like to say one
13 thing more. Of course, I still wish *at the heart* you had gone back to a
14 more conservative approach, but *his comments were* ~~this is~~ more in terms of how
15 this is presented to the public in the future.

16 I probably know as much about this as just
17 about any sportswriter out there or outdoor writer. But I
18 think you should indeed draw up some kind of press release
19 explaining -- *the adoption of Amendment 5.* because let me say what happens. This morning I
20 talk to Byron Young who took me aside, ~~thankfully~~, and then I
21 talked to Phil and Pete Jensen and some other folks, and there
22 were a number of things that, frankly, based on the science
23 yesterday that I just didn't get.

24 And ~~I think~~, for example, the whole idea of
25 F, fishing mortality, how does that translate to the public in

1 terms of the number of fish that are available and the number
 2 of fish that will be killed; the whole commercial/recreational
 3 allocation issue in terms of the numbers of fish that are
 4 actually taken by sports fishermen compared to commercial
 5 fishermen; the fact that in the 1970's, as Phil pointed out to
 6 me, the fishery was primarily on smaller fish, I think all
 7 these are things that in good conscience I would suggest that
 8 you present to the public, to outdoor writers and the
 9 fishermen, because otherwise you're going to run into a
 10 perception problem that may not be necessary. ~~So I just offer~~
 11 ~~that.~~ *With no further comment stated that*

12 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Thank you, Dick. Any~~
 13 ~~further comment on the motion?~~ Voting will be by states in a
 14 roll call ballot. ~~Do the states need any further time? Are~~
 15 ~~you ready for the question?~~

16 (No response elicited.)

17 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~I'll ask the executive~~
 18 director to call the ballot.

19 MR. DUNNIGAN: On the question of approval of
 20 Amendment 5 to the striped bass fishery management plan,
 21 Connecticut?

22 MR. BECKWITH: Abstain.

23 MR. DUNNIGAN: Delaware?

24 MR. MANUS: Delaware votes yes.

25 MR. DUNNIGAN: Florida?

1 MR. CONKLIN: Yes.
2 MR. DUNNIGAN: Georgia?
3 MS. SHIPMAN: Yes.
4 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Maine?
5 MR. FLAGG: Abstain.
6 MR. DUNNIGAN: Maryland?
7 MR. SIMNS: Maryland votes yes.
8 MR. DUNNIGAN: Massachusetts?
9 MR. COATES: Yes.
10 MR. DUNNIGAN: New Hampshire?
11 MR. NELSON: Abstain.
12 MR. DUNNIGAN: New Jersey?
13 MR. FREEMAN: Yes.
14 MR. DUNNIGAN: New York?
15 MR. CANTWELL: Yes.
16 MR. DUNNIGAN: North Carolina?
17 MR. SPITSBERGEN: Yes.
18 MR. DUNNIGAN: Pennsylvania?
19 MR. SNYDER: Yes.
20 MR. DUNNIGAN: Rhode Island?
21 MR. STOLGITIS: Yes.
22 MR. DUNNIGAN: South Carolina?
23 MR. CUPKA: Yes.
24 MR. DUNNIGAN: Virginia?
25 MR. PRUITT: Yes.

1 MR. DUNNIGAN: ^{announced that} ~~Mr. Chairman~~, the votes are 12
2 yeases and 3 abstentions.

3 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ^{said that} ~~Thank you~~. The motion
4 carries ^{and} The commission has approved Amendment 5.

5 We'll now turn once again to the able efforts
6 of our striped bass board and what will now become a plan
7 review team to implement this important management program that
8 has been the cornerstone of the Commission's mission and its
9 success. Is there anything further to be said on the issue of
10 striped bass this morning -- this afternoon?

11 (No response elicited.)

12 NEW JERSEY COMPLIANCE CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seeing nothing, the last
13 agenda item I believe will be my report to the commission on
14 the status of New Jersey compliance. I'll abbreviate my
15 comments since they've been made in somewhat greater detail at
16 the ISFMP policy board meeting.

17 The state of New Jersey has formally notified
18 the commission that it has adopted regulations effective
19 February 6th to return to compliance with the commission's
20 sturgeon, bluefish and weakfish fishery management plans
21 consistent with the standards and procedures. I have reviewed
22 their representations in consultation with staff and find that
23 it is my determination that those regulations place New Jersey
24 in compliance and intend consistent with our standards and
25 procedures to so notify the secretary within the week. ^{Per Colvin's request} ~~make~~

~~Nothing was asked about this during~~

1 there any questions or comments on that report?

2 (No response elicited.)

3 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seeing none, is there any
4 further business to come before the commission today?

5 (No response elicited.)

6 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: ~~Is there~~ ^{any} is there a motion for
7 adjournment?

8 MS. SHIPMAN: So moved.

9 MR. SPITSBERGEN: Second.

10 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seconded. All in favor?

11 THE PANEL: Aye.

12 CHAIRMAN COLVIN: We stand adjourned.

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with no additional business,

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The meeting was adjourned

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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF NORFOLK, to-wit:

I, Victoria L. DeBerry, do hereby certify
that the foregoing pages are a true and accurate transcript
of the proceedings had at the time and place mentioned.

This 20th day of March, 1995.

Victoria L. DeBerry
Court Reporter

My Commission expires October 31, 1996.