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ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Pat Keliher, ME (AA)	Andy Shiels, PA, proxy for J. Arway (AA)
Steve Train, ME (GA)	John Clark, DE, proxy for D. Saveikis (AA)
Cheri Patterson, NH, proxy for D. Grout (AA)	Craig Pugh, DE, proxy for Rep. Carson (LA)
G. Ritchie White, NH (GA)	Roy Miller, DE (GA)
Dennis Abbott, NH, proxy for Sen. Watters (LA)	Rachel Dean, MD (GA)
Sarah Ferrara, MA, proxy for Rep. Peake (LA)	Dave Blazer, MD (AA)
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)	Allison Colden, MD, proxy for Del. Stein (LA)
Nichola Meserve, MA, proxy for D. Pierce (AA)	Rob O'Reilly, VA, proxy for J. Bull (AA)
Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA)	Cathy Davenport, VA (GA)
Robert Ballou, RI, proxy for J. Coit (AA)	Michelle Duval, NC, proxy for B. Davis (AA)
David Borden, RI (GA)	David Bush, NC, proxy for Rep. Steinburg (LA)
Colleen Giannini, CT, proxy for M. Alexander (AA)	W. Douglas Brady, NC (GA)
Sen. Craig Miner, CT (LA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)	Robert Boyles, Jr., SC (AA)
Emerson Hasbrouck, NY (GA)	Spud Woodward, GA (AA)
John McMurray, NY, proxy for Sen. Boyle (LA)	Jim Estes, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Asm. Andrzejczak (LA)	Martin Gary, PRFC
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Derek Orner, NMFS
Russ Allen, NJ, proxy for L. Herrightly (AA)	Mike Millard, USFWS
Loren Lustig, PA (GA)	

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

Ex-Officio Members

Jason McNamee, Technical Committee Chair

Jeff Kaelin, Advisory Panel Chair

Staff

Bob Beal
Toni Kerns
Katie Drew

Shanna Madsen
Megan Ware
Max Appelman

Guests

Fred Akers, Newtonville, NJ
Julie Akers, Newtonville, NJ
Lew Armistead, Hollywood, MD
Dana Austin, CBF
Amiele Barakey, CBF
Blair Blanchette, CBF
John Bello, VA SSA
F.L. Benson, Lanexa, VA
Sarah Boynton, CBF

Kathryn Bush, CBF
Kim Cable, CBF
Benson Chiles, Chiles Consulting
Robt Crockett, Richmond, VA
Colin Crozier, CBF
Jeff Deem, VMRC
Monty Deihl, Omega Protein
Katherine Denel, PEW Trusts
Mark Driscoll, Richmond, VA

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Butch Eason, Chesapeake, VA
A.J. Erskine, Lottsburg, VA
Lynn Fegley, MD DNR
Christine Fletcher, PEW
Manley Fuller, FL Wildlife Fed
Shaun Gehan, Omega Protein
Rebecca Gagnon, Norfolk, VA
Joseph Gordon, PEW
Ken Hastings, Mason Springs
Marin Hawk, MSC
D. Heinemann, Marine Mammal
Peter Himchak, Omega Protein
Ken Hinman, Wild Oceans
Rich Hittenger, RI Saltwater Anglers
Richard Holewinski, CCA MD
Jerry Hughes, Chesapeake, VA
Jason Hoffman, *Undercurrent News*
Deane Horowitz, CBEC
John Jaackst, Severn, MD
Chris Johnson, CBF
Robert Jones, VSSA
Ron Ketter, Easton, MD
Robert Kersey, MD NRP
Jimmy Kellum, Kellum Maritime
Howard King, Queenstown, MD
Aaron Kornbluth, PEW
Ben Landry, Omega Protein
George Lapointe, Omega Protein, ME
Ken Lewis, CCA ME
Ed Liccione, CCA MD
Bill Lucey, LI Soundkeeper

Paul Erdman, Menhaden Defenders
Rudy Lukavovic, CBEC
Janet Mackey, Easton, MD
William Martin, CCA MD
John Matson, Hampton, VA
Drew Minkiewicz, KDW
David Mussina, Mystic River W
Thomas Miller, FORVA
Chris Moore, CBF
Henry Neville, Ashland, VA
Christiana Perry CBEC
Ken Pinkard, UFCW Local 400
Jamie Pollack, PEW NY
Drew Robinson, CBF
Elizabeth Ronson, CBF
Robert Ruck, Sr., CCA MD
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Jonathan Stone, Save the Bay, RI
Thomas Strachle, Westminster, MD
Stan Sutliff, Hampton Roads, VA
Cameron Taggart, PEW
Jeff Taylor, Mayforth Group
Jack Travelstead, CCA
Donna Waddell, UFCW Local 400
Marvin Wells, Dundale, MD
Mike Wills, VA Beach, VA
Michael Wissel, CCA MD
Liz Worsham, Heathville, VA
Tom Zolper, CBF

The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in BWI Airport Marriott, Linthicum Heights, Maryland, Tuesday, November 14, 2017, and was called to order around 3:00 o'clock p.m. by Chairman James J. Gilmore.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN JAMES J. GILMORE: Don't anyone leave. We're going to do this in twelve minutes; and it's actually quicker now, because Dennis Abbott stole all my fun for thanking Bob. But I would just like to add my voice to that. I think Bob did a terrific job. There are YouTube videos on how to run ASMFC meetings now that feature Bob. If you want to see them, he's done a great job, so thanks, Bob.

Okay, Business Session, we have a few items. Before, just to add a couple of words very quickly. I think we made sausage once again. The last couple of days everybody got something, everybody lost something. I think that is pretty much our process. We have probably a long way to go; and some people last night I know at the bar, felt that they didn't get what they wanted.

Trust me, from the Commission, from the leadership on down, we are very committed to getting ecosystem-based reference points and moving this forward. That is not going to be a ten-year process if anybody thinks that. We will work hard at making this the first plan that has ecosystem-based management.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: That being said, we'll first go for the approval of the agenda. We only have a couple items on here. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none; we'll adopt those by consensus.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Secondly; Public Comment, wow the public is stampeding out of the room. I didn't get any sign ups, and unless there are any hands up.

Nope, no public comment so let's go to first, something you may remember.

CONSIDER THE FINAL APPROVAL OF THE ATLANTIC MENHADEN AMENDMENT 3

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Consider the final approval of the Atlantic Menhaden Amendment Final Action. I'm assuming we're going to have to do a roll call vote on this, since it's a final action? Oh, sorry, and that motion has to be made on behalf of the Chairman of the Board.

MR. BOB BALLOU: On behalf of the Menhaden Board; I move to recommend to the Commission the approval of Amendment 3 to the Menhaden Interstate Fishery Management Plan as amended today.

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: I don't believe a second is required; because that was made on behalf of the Board. Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none; I believe we're going to have to do a roll call vote on this. Let's just go from Maine on south.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ROBERT E. BEAL: I will call the roll. Maine.

MR. PATRICK C. KELIHER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New Hampshire.

MS. CHERI PATTERSON: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Massachusetts.

MS. NICHOLA MESERVE: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Rhode Island.

MR. ERIC REID: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Connecticut.

MS. COLLEEN GIANINI: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New York.

MR. EMERSON C. HASBROUCK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New Jersey.

MR. RUSS ALLEN: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Pennsylvania.

MR. ANDY SHIELS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Delaware.

MR. JOHN CLARK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Maryland.

MR. DAVID BLAZER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Virginia.

MR. KYLE SCHICK: No.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: North Carolina.

DR. MICHELLE DUVAL: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: South Carolina.

MR. ROBERT H. BOYLES, JR.: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Georgia.

MR. A.G. "SPUD" WOODWARD: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Florida.

MR. JIM ESTES: Yes.

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: **Motion passes; 14 in favor, 1 opposition.** Our next order of business is to **consider final approval of the Cobia Fishery Management Plan**; and it's a final action also. Jim Estes, I believe is Chairman. Jim, if you could give us a motion.

MR. JIM ESTES: Would you like to hear the long story, Mr. Chairman, or would you like me to just read the motion?

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: I think reading the motion would be the pleasure of the Board at this point; but I'll take objections if someone wants to hear the long story.

MR. ESTES: On behalf of the South Atlantic Board; I move the Commission approve the Cobia Interstate Fishery Management Plan.

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Okay, we're going to do a roll call. First off is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none; we'll have to take a roll call vote on this, so Bob take it away. We'll go from the south to the north.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: The interested states to the less interested states, maybe? Florida.

MR. ESTES: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Georgia.

MR. WOODWARD: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: South Carolina.

MR. BOYLES: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: North Carolina.

DR. DUVAL: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Virginia.

MR. SCHICK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Maryland.

MR. BLAZER: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Delaware.

MR. CLARK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Pennsylvania.

MR. ANDY SHIELS: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New Jersey.

MR. ALLEN: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New York.

MR. HASBROUCK: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Connecticut.

MS. GIANINI: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Rhode Island.

MR. REID: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: Massachusetts.

MS. MESERVE: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: New Hampshire.

MR. ABBOTT: Yes.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR BEAL: And Maine.

MR. KELIHER: Assuming this includes our allocation; yes.

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: It's unanimous, including Colleen wants to know what a cobia is from the look on her face. Thank you all for that. **That motion is approved unanimously.**

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Is there any other business to come before the Business Session? Seeing none; we are adjourned, and you are dismissed to go home early. It's only 3:13: Thank you everyone, we'll see you in February.

(Whereupon the meeting recessed at 3:13 on November 14, 2017.)