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ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
BUSINESS SESSION**

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3. **Move to adjourn** by consent (Page 2).

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Pat Kelihier, ME (AA)	Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Sen. Andrzejczak
Sen. David Miramant, ME (LA)	Andy Shiels, PA, proxy for T. Schaeffer (AA)
Doug Grout, NH (AA)	Loren Lustig, PA (GA)
Ritchie White, NH (GA)	Stewart Michels, DE, proxy for D. Saveikis (AA)
Dennis Abbott, NH, proxy for Sen. Watters (LA)	Roy Miller, DE (GA)
David Pierce, MA (AA)	Craig Pugh, DE, proxy for Rep. Carson (LA)
Dan McKiernan, MA, Administrative proxy	Mike Luisi, MD, Administrative proxy
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)	Russell Dize, MD (GA)
Sarah Ferrara, MA, proxy for Rep. Peake (LA)	Phil Langley, MD, proxy for Del. Stein (LA)
Jason McNamee, RI (AA)	Rob O'Reilly, VA, proxy for S. Bowman (AA)
David Borden, RI (GA)	Steve Murphey, NC (AA)
Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA)	Jerry Mannen, NC (GA)
Justin Davis, CT (AA)	Robert Boyles, SC (AA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)	Mel Bell, SC, Administrative proxy
Sen. Craig Miner, CT (LA)	Doug Haymans, GA (AA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)	Spud Woodward, GA (GA)
Maureen Davidson, NY, Administrative proxy	Erika Burgess, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Emerson Hasbrouck, NY (GA)	Sen. Thad Altman, FL (LA)
John McMurray, NY, proxy for Sen. Kaminsky (LA)	Marty Gary, PRFC
Joe Cimino, NJ (AA)	Alesia Read, NMFS
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Sherry White, USFWS

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

Ex-Officio Members

Staff

Robert Beal	Jessica Kuesel
Toni Kerns	Tina Berger
Caitlin Starks	

Guests

Bob Ballou, RI DEM	Charles Lynch, NOAA
Casey Brennan, NOAA	Conor McManus, RI DEM
Lynn Fegley, MD DNR	Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Pat Geer, VMRC	Stew Michels, DE DFW
Emily Gilbert, NMFS	Michael Pentony, NMFS
Jon Hare, NOAA	Alan Risenhoover, NMFS
Wilson Laney, NCSU	John Sweka, USFWS
George Lapointe, Hallowell, ME	Megan Ware, ME DMR
Arnold Leo, E. Hampton, NY	Chris Wright, NMFS
Mike Luisi, MD DNR	

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The Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Jefferson Ballroom of the Westin Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia; Wednesday, August 7, 2019, and was called to order at 10:30 o'clock a.m. by Chairman James J. Gilmore.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN JAMES J. GILMORE: All right let's jump right in, it should be pretty quick. We just really have one action item. Very quickly, welcome back to the Business Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: There is an agenda in your briefing document, approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: We have proceedings from the May 2019 meeting. Are there any changes to the proceedings? Seeing none we will adopt those by unanimous consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Is there any public comment? This is like that commercial when the firemen like run the country or whatever and say, we want no new taxes, everybody okay good, all right let's go have lunch. No public comment.

CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ATLANTIC COBIA AMENDMENT 1

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: We're going to consider approval of the Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1, which is a final action, so this will require a roll call vote, unless we have unanimous support for it. Toni, are we going to do anything on this or just go into it? Toni is just going to give us a brief background on it and then we'll go for a motion. Toni.

MS. TONI KERNS: The South Atlantic Board discussed Amendment 1 to the Interstate

Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Cobia Migratory Group. This FMP is the first FMP in which the Commission has sole authority over the Atlantic migratory group of Atlantic cobia.

It transitioned from the South Atlantic Council to the Commission. It includes regulations for the commercial and recreational fishery, *de minimis* categories, as well as how to set specifications over time. The Board Chair can come to the table and read a motion for us perhaps. Pat Geer is in the back of the room. I didn't realize you were here, Pat. Mike can put a motion on the table, but we are looking for approval of the Amendment.

MR. PATRICK GEER: I'm sorry; I didn't know I had to be up here for this. Are we ready to read the motion? **On behalf of the South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board, move to approve Amendment 1 to the Cobia Interstate Fishery Management Plan, with an implementation date of July 1, 2020.**

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Thanks, Pat, that is a motion by the Board so we do not need a second for this. Is there any discussion on the motion? Dennis Abbott.

MR. ABBOTT: Why is the implementation a year from now, knowing nothing about cobia?

MS. KERNS: It was to allow for the states that have to go through legislative process to make sure that they had sufficient time to have all of the measures completed.

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Other discussion on the motion. Mel Bell.

MR. BELL: Being one of those states, I mean that is the absolute soonest that we would even have a shot at putting something in place that we would need to put in place. That's why we're in July, 2020, '21 would give us two years to take a shot at it, but 2020 we are willing to try that.

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CHAIRMAN GILMORE: Thanks Mel, I wasn't going to single South Carolina out, so thanks for falling on your sword. **Are there any other comments on this? Okay is there any objection to the motion? Seeing none, we will adopt it by unanimous consent.** Thanks, Pat.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN GILMORE: The only other item we had was a noncompliance. There is no noncompliance, so without further infection we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meetings adjourned at 10:22 o'clock a.m. on August 7, 2019)
