

**PROCEEDINGS
of the
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
BUSINESS SESSION**

February 23, 2006

**DoubleTree Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia**

Approved October 26, 2006

ATTENDANCE

Board Members

George Lapointe, Maine DMR	Howard King, Maryland DNR
Dennis Damon, ME Legislative Comm.	Bruno Vasta, Maryland Gov. Apte.
John Nelson, New Hampshire F&G	Jack Travelstead, Virginia MRC
Ritchie White, New Hampshire Gov. Apte.	Kelly Place, proxy for John Chichester, VA
Peter Whelan, proxy for Dennis Abbott, NH	Preston Pate, North Carolina, DMF
Paul Diodati, Massachusetts DMF	Damon Tatem, North Carolina Gov. Apte.
Bill Alder, Massachusetts Gov. Apte.	Jimmy Johnson, Proxy for William Wainwright, NC
Vito Calomo, Proxy for Anthony Verga, MA	Mel Bell Proxy for John Frampton, SC
Eric Smith, Connecticut DMR	Malcolm Rhodes, South Carolina Gov. Apte.
Lance Stewart, Connecticut Gov. Apte.	Robert Boyles, Jr. South Carolina Leg. Comm.
Pat Augustine, New York Gov. Apte.	Spud Woodward, Proxy for Susan Shipman, GA
Tom McCloy, New Jersey DFG&W	John Duren, Georgia Gov. Apte.
Erling Berg, New Jersey Gov. Apte.	Gil McRae, Florida Marine Research Institute
Leroy Young, Proxy for Douglas Austen, PA	April Price, Florida Gov. Apte.
Eugene Kray, proxy for Curt Shroder, PA	Wilson Laney, USFWS
Frank Cozzo, Proxy for Curt Shroder, PA	Tom Meyer, NMFS
Roy Miller, Delaware Div. of Fish and Wildlife	
Bernard Pankowski, proxy for Robert Venables	

ASMFC Staff

Ruth Christiansen	Lydia Munger
Bob Beal	Brad Spear
Tina Berger	Nancy Wallace
Vince O'Shea	Mike Howard
Julie Nygard	Toni Kerns
Vince O'Shea	

Guests

John Carmichael, SEDAR	Matt Cieri, Maine DMR
Jeff Kaelin, Omega Protein	Bennie Williams, USFWS
Terry Stockwell, Maine DMR	Rick Robbins, Chesapeake Bay Packing

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Summary of Motions
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No Motions Made

The meeting of the Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Washington Ballroom of the DoubleTree Crystal City, Arlington, Virginia, on Thursday, February 23, 2006, and was called to order at 3:28 o'clock, p.m., by Chairman Preston Pate, Jr.

-- Welcome; Introductions --

CHAIRMAN PRESTON PATE, JR.: Without objection I'd like to adjourn the Policy Board and move right into the Business Session which should go very expediently.

-- Approval of Agenda --

Any recommendations for changes to the agenda? **If not we will approve that.**

-- Approval of Proceedings from November 3, 2005 Meeting --

Minutes from the last meeting. Any changes to that? **Without objection consider those approved.**

-- Public Comment --

Any comments from the public? Seeing none, we'll move to the next item which is noncompliance recommendations. There weren't any. Agenda Item Number 6 is the recognition and approval of Amendment 2 to the Herring Fisheries Management Plan. Eric Smith is going to make that presentation.

-- Update on Status of Amendment 2 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan --

MR. ERIC SMITH: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. As chairman of the Atlantic Herring Section -- a very recent chairman after the long, hard work of Lew Flagg who then took a powder on us and we all congratulate him for that -- I chaired the last meeting in Providence at which the section approved Amendment 2 to the plan.

Various changes which I won't go through, the section approval is the final action. But I did want to make note of it during the Business

Session that it is an approved amendment and also to offer my thanks and congratulations to Lew and I hope the folks from Maine will pass that on but also Ruth Christiansen on staff who did a great job, Bob, as always, supporting her, assistance from Lori Steele at the New England Fishery Management Council which was very, very useful because of the need to coordinate the council's Amendment 1 with our Amendment 2 and particularly a very active and helpful advisory panel which stayed committed and involved in this whole process all throughout and that was very useful, too. So it worked out well. It's an approved amendment and I just offer that for the business session to appreciate. Thanks.

CHAIRMAN PATE: Okay, thank you, Eric. No action necessary on that. Paul -- Vito, excuse me.

MR. VITO CALOMO: Did you call me Paul because we're both Italians?

CHAIRMAN PATE: Well, you were joined there for a minute, I'm sorry.

MR. CALOMO: I just want to commend Eric Smith for doing a fantastic job at the section meeting on herring. He moved it right along and we weren't late; we were early finishing and we covered everything. And he did a good job with the public. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PATE: Okay, thank you, Vito. Any other business to come before the board? Gene, is that a? Oh, okay. Okay, then **motion to adjourn**. We're adjourned. Thank you. Good job. Everybody travel safely.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 3:31 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, February 23, 2006.)
