

Gloucester Fisheries Commission
Meeting Minutes – February 18, 2016

Commission Members

Mark Ring, Chair
Al Cottone, Vice Chair
Paul Vitale
Scott Swicker

Joseph Orlando
BG Brown
Angela Sanfilippo

The Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at the Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA.

Present: Mark Ring, Al Cottone, Angela Sanfilippo, ~~Greg Verga~~, Joe Orlando, Scott Swicker, Paul Vitale
Absent: BG Brown, *Greg Verga*

Commission Chair Mark Ring called the Meeting to order at 7:11 PM.

Commission Discussion with Sal Di Stefano, Economic Development Director - City of Gloucester Community Development

Sal Di Stefano, the Economic Development Director of the City of Gloucester Community Development shared with the Commission Members and the public an overview of the City of Gloucester's participation in the International Boston Seafood Show. The Show is a three day event being held from 6th March to the 8th March 2016 at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center (BCEC) in Boston.

Mr. Di Stefano presented a brief overview of the upcoming marketing plan by the City of Gloucester for a Gloucester Fresh campaign.

Commission Discussion with Tom Gillet, Executive Director

Mr. Gillet did not attend the meeting.

Massachusetts Ocean Plan

The Commission Members discussed the current status the Massachusetts Ocean Plan

(From the web site ma.gov: In response to the Oceans Act of 2008, the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) issued the original Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan in December 2009. The Oceans Act requires EEA to review and update the ocean plan at least once every five years. The 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan, released on January 6, 2015, is the first formal amendment to the 2009 ocean plan.)

Commission Review of Minutes from January 2016

Paul Vital made a motion to accept the Meeting Minutes of January 14, 2016 as amended.
Joe Orlando seconded the motion.
The motion was approved by a majority of the Commission Members present.

New Business

The Commission Members discussed a recent meeting the Chair Mark Ring attended regarding the State Fish Pier located in Gloucester.

The Chair, Mark Ring, shared with the Commission Members, an experience he recently had with students from UMass Lowell who contacted Mark because of a study they were considering. Mark stated the experience was a positive one and that he was pleased that he was able to teach the students facts about how lobsters are treated upon being caught by lobstermen.

Angela Sanfilippo discussed the fact that recently the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association had initiated a petition requesting a stop to oil drilling in the ocean.

The Commission Members discussed the fact that City Councilor Scott Memhard will be a new Member of the Fisheries Commission.

Motion to Adjourn

Angela Sanfilippo made a motion to adjourn.

Paul Vitale seconded the motion.

The Motion passed unanimously.

The Chair declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 8:20 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be held on March 17, 2016, in the First Floor Conference Room at the Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA, and will begin at 7 P.M.