



Gloucester Fisheries Commission
Meeting Minutes – March 10, 2016

Commission Members

Mark Ring, Chair
Al Cottone, Vice Chair
Paul Vitale
Scott Memhard, City Councilor

Joseph Orlando
BG Brown
Angela Sanfilippo
Scott Swicker

Commission Chair Mark Ring called the Meeting to order at 7:06 PM. The Meeting was held in the First Floor Conference Room at the Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, MA.

Present: BJ Brown, Scott Memhard, Paul Vitale, Mark Ring, Al Cottone, Joseph Orlando – Angela Sanfilippo arrived at 7:18 PM

Absent: BJ Brown, Scott Swicker, Joseph Orlando

The Chair introduced the new Fisheries Commission Member Scott Memhard.

Approval of February 2016 Meeting Minutes

Paul Vitale made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of February 18, 2016, as amended.

Al Cottone seconded the motion.

The motion was approved by a majority of the Commission Members present.

Commission Discussion: The Boston Seafood Show (March 6-8th, 2016) and Gloucester Fresh

The Commission Members discussed their participation during and after the recent Boston Seafood Show.

The Commission Members also discussed the new Gloucester Fresh Seafood Innovation Program. The City of Gloucester and the food business community will work with experts from six federal agencies; the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Transportation, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Appalachian Regional Commission, and the Delta Regional Authority. The City of Gloucester is one of 27 communities nationwide which was selected for a federal initiative that seeks to increase access to local, nutritious food sources and to use local food systems to drive economic development.

Commission Discussion: The recent discussions held at Maritime Gloucester regarding National Monument Designations

The Commission Members discussed the recent discussions held at Maritime Gloucester regarding the proposal for National Monuments in the Atlantic Ocean to be closed to both lobster boats and fishing boats. Closure of these areas would be the first National Monuments to be located in the Atlantic Ocean. The three proposed monuments are Cashes Ledge, Coral Canyons and Seamounts.

Observer Program

The Commission Members discussed the current status of the Northeast Fisheries Observer Program (NEFOP).

Commission Discussion: A recent meeting with Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken regarding Lobster Promotion

The Commission Members discussed the outcome of a recent meeting with Mayor Sefatia Romeo Theken regarding Lobster Promotion.

New Business

Angela Sanfilippo initiated a conversation about the upcoming Boston Food Expo which will be held on March 30, 2016.

Public Comment

Valarie Nelson, 7 Sunset Point Road, shared her concerns regarding the 'urgency' to have better stock assessments.

Adjournment

Paul Vitale made a motion to adjourn.

Al Cottone seconded the motion.

The Motion passed by the majority of Commission Members present.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chair declared the Meeting to be adjourned at 7:55 PM.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Fisheries Commission is scheduled to be on April 21, 2016, at the Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue, First Floor Conference Room, Gloucester, MA. The location and date of the meeting is subject to change.