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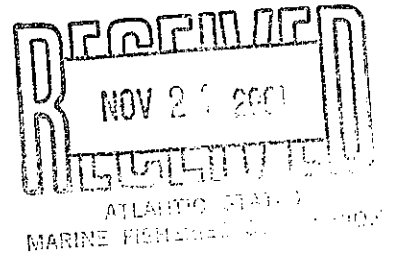
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The Business Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Rockport/Camden Room of the Samoset Resort, Rockland, Maine, Thursday afternoon, October 18, 2001, and was called to order at 1:23 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Susan Shipman.

CHAIRMAN SUSAN SHIPMAN: I'll convene the meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. I'd like to welcome everyone and ask our Executive Director to call the roll.

(Whereupon, the roll call was taken by Executive Director John H. Dunnigan.)

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN H. DUNNIGAN: Madam Chairman, you've got thirteen of the fifteen states represented around the table and one state, New Jersey, has all three commissioners here this afternoon. You have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Excellent, thank you very much. We'll come up with some award for you all. I'd like to ask at this point if we have any members of the public that would like to address the Commission?

Seeing no one who wishes to address us, we will move onto the next item, which is the report of the Resolutions Committee, which is comprised of David Cupka, the Chair; Bill Goldsborough; and David Etnier, and I call on Mr. Cupka for the report of the Resolutions Committee.

MR. DAVID CUPKA: Thank you, Madam Chair. The Resolutions Committee met this week, and we have two resolutions for the Commission's consideration.

I think it will be necessary for us to suspend the rules in order to consider these and on behalf of the Committee, I would so move that we suspend the rules.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Okay, we have a motion to waive the rules. I'm told we don't need a second, but we do need two-thirds vote. Is there any objection to waiving the rules? Seeing no objection, the rules are waived. Mr. Cupka.

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Madam Chair. The first resolution comes

from our Law Enforcement Committee. You all heard it earlier this morning, but I've been asked to read it into the record. So, on behalf of the Resolutions Committee, I offer the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, resulted in the diversion of some law enforcement resources from the area of marine resource enforcement; and

WHEREAS, enforcement of living marine resource regulations is a critical component of effective marine resource management and is a requirement to carry out the public trust responsibility for the sustainability of common property resources; and

WHEREAS, some individuals may attempt to take advantage of the present focus by law enforcement on national security issues to violate marine resource management regulations; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission recommends to the criminal and civil penalty authorities of the federal and state governments, prosecutors, judicial and administrative, that any person who violates federal and or state marine resource regulations in a manner that takes advantage of the present national crisis be assessed the maximum penalties by law, such as fines, seizures, and lengthy permit sanctions and strongly encourage its member states to take actions to effectuate these recommendations within their jurisdiction.

And on behalf of the Committee, I would so move, Madam Chair.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you. We have a committee motion. It doesn't require a second to adopt the resolution forwarded from the Policy Board and the Law Enforcement Committee.

Is there any discussion on the resolution? All those in favor, signify by saying aye; all opposed; any abstentions or null votes. The resolution carries unanimously. Thank you. Mr. Cupka.

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Madam Chair. Our second resolution is one of appreciation to the host state.

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission celebrated its 60th annual meeting in its northernmost member state, Maine; and

WHEREAS, all attendees were impressed that the Mainers could turn the weather on and off at will; and

WHEREAS, the Farnsworth Museum presented an exceptional cultural backdrop for the Commission's welcoming reception, including an opportunity to recognize the outstanding contributions of Maine Senator Jill Goldsthwait, former ASMFC commissioner, and

the chance to actually surprise Laura Leach in honoring her 20 years of service to the Commission in the presence of her husband, parents, and sisters; and

WHEREAS, the lobster bake at the Owls Head Transportation Museum was a gastronomic delight with the lobster in great abundance, and there's nothing finer than lobster that was swimming in the watah in the morning and sitting on our dinnah plates that evening; and

WHEREAS, the elastic war was won by the ASMFC staff, who did not fire the first shot, over the representatives of the National Marine Fisheries Service; and

WHEREAS, the 10th Annual Laura Leach Fishing Tournament was dominated by one Ritchie White from Maine's neighbor to the south, and we missed you, Pat Augustine; and

WHEREAS, the 11th Annual Captain David H. Hart Award was presented to a very deserving Bob Mahood of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; and

WHEREAS, we were all inspired by the tremendous water view from the Samoset Resort, which we could only appreciate from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.; and

WHEREAS, the Maine DMR staff provided exemplary support in planning and carrying out the meeting and host George LaPointe, Pat White and David Etnier conducted after-hour classes so that we could all understand and attempt to speak the Mainiac language; and

WHEREAS, the local herring industry graciously provided breakfast entertainment and a meal served in an unconventional manner for some unsuspecting Commission members; and

WHEREAS, the numerous Canadian geese that took over the golf course at our previous Samoset Resort annual meeting were thankfully absent at this year's meeting; NOW

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the ASMFC expresses its deep appreciation to the Maine Department of Marine Resources, especially Commissioners LaPointe, Etnier and White and their staffs, but most especially to Cathy Johnston, who worked tirelessly and enthusiastically on this meeting, for hosting the 60th Annual Meeting in such a warm, friendly and hospitable manner.

And on behalf of the Committee, Madam Chairman, I would so move.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: We have a motion to adopt the resolution of appreciation to our host state, Maine. All those in favor, please join me in thanking them with a round of applause. (Applause) George.

MR. GEORGE LAPOINTE: Thank you, it was fun. It actually was and that means that my staff and the Commission staff did a lot of work to make it great for all of us.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: And thank you to all of you, to them, and to our staff as well. Thank you.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Mr. Cupka, wasn't there another word at the bottom of that resolution?

MR. CUPKA: You mean this Ayuh?

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: George, how do you say that word?

MR. LAPOINTE: Ayuh. (Laughter) I'm still saying y'all.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Well, I think David did a phenomenal job in his intonation. He's doing quite well. It's like studying a foreign -- yes, a second language. That's good.

MR. PAT WHITE: Maybe you can get a job on "Murder She Wrote."

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Madam Chairman, that concludes the report of the Resolutions Committee.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you and thank you very much for the hard work of the Resolutions Committee. You all continue to amaze me with what you come up with in resolutions.

The next item we have is a report from the Nominating Committee and that committee is David Borden as Chair, Gordon Colvin, John Connell and Dennis Abbott and reporting in absence of the Chair is Gordon Colvin.

MR. COLVIN: Thank you. Madam Chair, the Nominations Committee is pleased to report that it will present a single nomination for the offices of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission.

First, let me offer our nominee for position of Chair of the Commission, Ms. Susan Shipman.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: And I would ask that Jack handle this.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DUNNIGAN: Thank you, Madam Chair. You've heard the report of the Nominating Committee, nominating Susan Shipman to be the Chair of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission for the next year.

Are there any other nominations? Are there any other nominations? Seeing none, the Chair declares nominations closed and reports to the Commission that you have elected Susan by acclamation. (Applause)

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Thank you very much. I thought you might want to change your mind after Bob Mahood's remarks yesterday. Okay, Gordon, if you'll continue.

MR. COLVIN: Thank you. It's the pleasure of the Nominations Committee to present the nomination of Mr. John Nelson for Vice Chair of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: Okay, we have a motion from the Nominating Committee to elect John Nelson as Vice Chair. Any further nominations? With no further nominations, I declare the nominations cease and we elect John by acclamation.

MR. JOHN I. NELSON: Thank you very much.

CHAIRMAN SHIPMAN: No other report from the Nominating Committee, is there other business to come before the Commission? Jack? Okay, seeing no other business, we will conclude and adjourn the meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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