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CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Will the commission business meeting please come to order. The executive director will call the roll. was called.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. From the state of Connecticut, Mr. Beckwith?

MR. BECKWITH: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Gunther?

MR. STEWART: Here, Lance Stewart.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Lance Stewart for Senator Gunther.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Collomore?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: State of Delaware, Mr. Manus?

MR. MANUS: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Schroeder?

MR. LESSER: For Representative Schroeder, Charlie Lesser.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Dr. Targett?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: State of Florida?

MR. CONKLIN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Conklin. Representative Crady?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Newberger?
(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Georgia, Ms. Shipman?

MS. SHIPMAN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Carter?

MS. SHIPMAN: He's in the legislature. It's in session.

MR. DUNNIGAN: And Mr. Balkcom?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: And the state of Maine, Commissioner Alden?

MR. FLAGG: Mr. Flagg for Ms. Alden.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Townsend?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Dr. Zglobicki?

MR. ZGLOBICKI: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Maryland, Mr. Jensen?

MR. JENSEN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Gunns?

MR. SIMNS: Larry Simns representing Delegate Gunns.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Meers?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Massachusetts, Mr. Coates?

MR. COATES: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Verga, Mr. "Representative
"Now" Verga?

MR. NELSON: He's out doing his thing.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: New Hampshire, Mr. Nelson?

MR. NELSON: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Douglass?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Driscoll?

MR. DRISCOLL: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: New Jersey, Mr. McDowell?

MR. FREEMAN: Mr. Freeman for Mr. McDowell.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Bassano?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Fote?

MR. FOTE: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: New York, Mr. Colvin?

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Johnson?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Cantwell?

MR. CANTWELL: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: North Carolina, Mr. Spitsbergen?

MR. SPITSBERGEN: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Redwine?

MR. SPITSBERGEN: In legislative session.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Lucas.
MR. GAY: Jodie Gay for Mr. Lucas.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Pennsylvania, Mr. Colangelo?

MR. SNYDER: Mr. Snyder for Mr. Colangelo.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Representative Coy?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Green?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Rhode Island, Mr. Borden?

MR. STOLGITIS: John Stolgis, Rhode Island.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Allen?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: South Carolina, Dr. Sandifer?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Senator Drummond?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Cupka?

MR. CUPKA: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: From Virginia, Mr. Pruitt?

MR. PRUITT: Here.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Delegate Morgan?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Kellam?

(No response elicited.)

MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Chairman, all of the states' members of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries

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Commission are represented today and you have a quorum.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Thank you. There are two agenda items presently before us as a result of actions taken by our various boards prior to this meeting. The first is the adoption of Amendment 5, the striped bass plan; and the second will be a report for the report on the New Jersey compliance question. Are there other additions or changes to the agenda as I've just explained it?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seeing none, we'll proceed to the report of the striped bass management board. Mr. Coates.

MR. COATES: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. On behalf of the policy board, I'm pleased to move adoption of Amendment 5 to the Atlantic striped bass plan by the full commission. In offering this motion, I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the striped bass board, the technical committee chaired by Vic Crecco, the plan development team chaired by John Field who is also our staff adviser, the advisory panel chaired by Damon Tatem, and all the other folks who participated in this effort.

I'm also honored to announce that this plan is dedicated to David Deuel, a good friend of interjurisdictional management and to most of us.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Is there a second to the motion?
MR. STOLGITIS: Second.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seconed by Mr. Stolgitis.

Discussion on the motion?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Do the state delegations need time to caucus?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: If there is no comment from the commission, is there comment from the public?

MR. RUSSELL: (Indicated.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Mr. Russell.

MR. RUSSELL: I would just like to say one thing more. Of course, I still wish you had gone back to a more conservative approach, but this is more in terms of how this is presented to the public in the future.

I probably know as much about this as just about any sportswriter out there or outdoor writer. But I think you should indeed draw up some kind of press release explaining -- because let me say what happens. This morning I talk to Byron Young who took me aside, thankfully, and then I talked to Phil and Pete Jensen and some other folks, and there were a number of things that, frankly, based on the science yesterday that I just didn't get.

And I think, for example, the whole idea of F, fishing mortality, how does that translate to the public in
terms of the number of fish that are available and the number of fish that will be killed; the whole commercial/recreational allocation issue in terms of the numbers of fish that are actually taken by sports fishermen compared to commercial fishermen; the fact that in the 1970's, as Phil pointed out to me, the fishery was primarily on smaller fish, I think all these are things that in good conscience I would suggest that you present to the public, to outdoor writers and the fishermen, because otherwise you're going to run into a perception problem that may not be necessary. So I just offer that.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Thank you, Dick. Any further comment on the motion? Voting will be by states in a roll call ballot. Do the states need any further time? Are you ready for the question?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: I'll ask the executive director to call the ballot.

MR. DUNNIGAN: On the question of approval of Amendment 5 to the striped bass fishery management plan, Connecticut?

MR. BECKWITH: Abstain.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Delaware?

MR. MANUS: Delaware votes yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Florida?
MR. CONKLIN: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Georgia?

MS. SHIPMAN: Yes.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Maine?

MR. FLAGG: Abstain.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Maryland?

MR. SIMNS: Maryland votes yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Massachusetts?

MR. COATES: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: New Hampshire?

MR. NELSON: Abstain.

MR. DUNNIGAN: New Jersey?

MR. FREEMAN: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: New York?

MR. CANTWELL: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: North Carolina?

MR. SPITSBERGEN: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Pennsylvania?

MR. SNYDER: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Rhode Island?

MR. STOLGITIS: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: South Carolina?

MR. CUPKA: Yes.

MR. DUNNIGAN: Virginia?

MR. PRUITT: Yes.
MR. DUNNIGAN: Mr. Chairman, the votes are 12 yeses and 3 abstentions.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Thank you. The motion carries. The commission has approved Amendment 5.

We'll now turn once again to the able efforts of our striped bass board and what will now become a plan review team to implement this important management program that has been the cornerstone of the Commission's mission and its success. Is there anything further to be said on the issue of striped bass this morning -- this afternoon?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seeing nothing, the last agenda item I believe will be my report to the commission on the status of New Jersey compliance. I'll abbreviate my comments since they've been made in somewhat greater detail at the ISFMP policy board meeting.

The state of New Jersey has formally notified the commission that it has adopted regulations effective February 6th to return to compliance with the commission's sturgeon, bluefish and weakfish fishery management plans consistent with the standards and procedures. I have reviewed their representations in consultation with staff and find that it is my determination that those regulations place New Jersey in compliance and intend consistent with our standards and procedures to so notify the secretary within the week.
there any questions or comments on that report?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seeing none, is there any further business to come before the commission today?

(No response elicited.)

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Is there a motion for adjournment?

MS. SHIPMAN: So moved.

MR. SPITSBERGEN: Second.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: Seconded. All in favor?

THE PANEL: Aye.

CHAIRMAN COLVIN: We stand adjourned.

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With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
CITY OF NORFOLK, to-wit:

I, Victoria L. DeBerry, do hereby certify that the foregoing pages are a true and accurate transcript of the proceedings had at the time and place mentioned.

This 20th day of March, 1995.

[Signature]

Court Reporter

My Commission expires October 31, 1996.