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The Business Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Dulles Ballroom of the Dulles Airport Hilton Hotel, Herndon, Virginia, Thursday afternoon, June 11, 1998, and was called to order at 2:15 o'clock p.m. by Chairman Paul Sandifer.

CHAIRMAN PAUL SANDIFER: It is now my pleasure to call the Business Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission to order, and ask Mr. Dunnigan to call the roll.

VICE-CHAIRMAN DAVID V.D. BORDEN: I move that we dispense with the calling of the roll.

(Motion seconded from the floor.)

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: All in favor, say Aye; opposed. Abstentions? The motion carries.

Now that we know we're all here, we have

one item of business that I'm aware of, and that would be to accept the recommendation on the Sturgeon Fishery Management Plan. Ms. Shipman, do you have any additional comments you would care to make on that one?

MS. SUSAN SHIPMAN: No. I believe everyone was here when I reviewed the components of the amendment, and I think you make the motion on behalf --

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Yes. Motion on behalf of the Policy Board to approve the Sturgeon Fishery Management Plan. Any discussion? All in favor, say Aye; opposed. Abstentions? Motion carries.

Any other item of business for the Business Meeting of the full Commission? Mr. Coates.

MR. PHILIP G. COATES: I'd just note for the record that there is still one member of the public with us, even though he's an advisor. Artie Odlin's still out there in the audience.

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: In that case, I should most definitely ask if there's any comments from the public? I've seen him so often, I thought he was a member.

Ms. Shipman.

MS. SHIPMAN: Yes. Just before we leave that topic, I had hoped Mike D'Amico would still be here, but he had to leave. And I do want to thank our sturgeon advisors. They were few and far between, but Mike did a wonderful job in bringing consultation and advice to us, and I appreciate very much his service chairing that Advisory Panel.

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Before we adjourn this, Susan, do you have any pearls of wisdom for us for the fall meeting?

MS. SHIPMAN: No, other than just get Georgia on your mind, and wish those hurricanes away. We're looking forward to seeing you October 19th to the 22nd. Bring your golf clubs. There's plenty of golf around. And lots of history and lots of good seafood.

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Just a point of interest. I happened to have a meeting with Ms. Clark of the Fish and Wildlife Service earlier this week, and specifically invited her to attend that meeting. Unfortunately, that's the same, exactly the same meeting dates that the Fish and Wildlife Service are having a full meeting of all of their refuge folks, so she is already

committed, as is the regional director, I think, from our area, Susan. But I've asked that they send the most appropriate people they can get there.

And I would suggest to Jack that on behalf of the Commission we invite the leadership of the National Marine Fisheries Service, as we always do. I'd like to get as much of the leadership of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Fish and Wildlife Service, our federal partners, there for our Annual Meeting as possible.

MS. SHIPMAN: We are also hoping to have our congressman from the coastal district there, as he will be back in the district right before elections. So we're hoping he can join us.

Again, the meeting's at the Jekyll Island Club Hotel. If you've not been there, it's -- you received a brochure last fall -- it's a beautiful place. Laura and Linda have been working with me and Mr. Balkcom over the last month, and I think our plans are well under way, and I appreciate all the help they have given me thus far in planning this.

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Mr. Manus.

MR. ANDREW MANUS: Will there be hurricane

evacuation notices in the registration packets?

MS. SHIPMAN: Actually, there are signs everywhere. You can't miss them.

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Any other items to come before us this afternoon? Again, we thank staff for their continuing support for everything we do. A motion to adjourn would be in order.

(Motion made and seconded from the floor.)

CHAIRMAN SANDIFER: Thank you very much, ladies and gentlemen. We're gone.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 2:20 o'clock p.m., June 11, 1998.)

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