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ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
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ATTENDANCE

Board Members

George Lapointe, ME, (AA)
 Pat White, ME (GA), Chair
 David Pierce, MA, proxy for Diodati, (AA)
 Mark Gibson, RI (AA)
 Eric Smith, CT (AA)
 Pat Augustine, NY (GA)
 Gordon Colvin, NY (AA)
 Brian Culhane, NY, proxy for Sen. Johnson (LA)

Peter Himchak, NJ DFW, proxy for Chanda (AC)
 Frank Cozzo, PA, proxy for Rep. Schroder (LA)
 Roy Miller, DE, proxy for Emory (AA)
 Howard King, MD DNR (AA)
 Jack Travelstead, VA, proxy for Bowman (AA)
 Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
 Robert Boyles, Jr., SC (LA)
 April Price, FL (GA)

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

Ex-Officio Members

Staff

Vince O'Shea
 Bob Beal

Tina Burger
 Laura Leach

Guests

The meeting of the Business Session of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Washington Ballroom of the Radisson Hotel Old Towne, Alexandria, Virginia, on Thursday, May 10, 2007, and was called to order at 1:45 o'clock, p.m., by Chairman George Lapointe.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN GEORGE LAPOINTE: We'll move right into the business session and we've got – do we have agendas? The agendas were on the CD. And we have Amendment 14 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Plan. We don't have any non-compliance findings. And Gordon asked for some time on the agenda to make some comments.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Are there any other changes or additions to the agenda? Seeing none, unless I hear otherwise the **agenda will be approved**. Jack, did you have anything? Were you raising your hand or no? All right.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

Well, and we have proceedings from October 23rd, 2006, do I have a motion for their approval.

MR. PATRICK AUGUSTINE: **So moved.**

CHAIRMAN LAPOINTE: Moved by Pat Augustine; second by Pat White. Is there any opposition to the motion? Seeing none, the proceedings from October 23rd, 2006, are approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

We have on our agenda a section for public comment. Are there any members of the public who I don't see who want to make comments? Seeing none, we will go to review and consider approval of FMPs and amendments. Jack, did you have a motion?

MR. JACK TRAVELSTEAD: Yes, sir. It's up on the screen now. **On behalf of the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Management Board I move that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission adopt Amendment 14 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan.**

CHAIRMAN LAPOINTE: It's a committee motion

so we do not need a second. Discussion on the motion. Mr. O'Shea.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR JOHN V. O'SHEA: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. For members of the board here that aren't on this management board I think it's significant to point out that this, approval of this amendment is inconsistent. The terms of this amendment are inconsistent with the Amendment 14 in the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendment 14.

Now there is a reason why the board chose to do that and if there are others here that want to address that, that's fine, but to make the members of this board aware of that inconsistency that puts us out of sync with the Mid-Atlantic Council and potentially the National Marine Fisheries Service on scup.

CHAIRMAN LAPOINTE: Thank you. Do any people on the Summer Flounder Board want to explain the reason for that inconsistency or do we want – it's in the record. Are we ready for the question? All those members in favor of approval – do you want me to read it into the record? All right, all those in favor raise your hand; opposed, like sign; abstentions; two abstentions; do I need anything else; any null votes. Amendment 14 is approved. Our last business item is to let Gordon say a few words if he wants to.

MR. GORDON C. COLVIN: Just a few words. This will be my last meeting and it's been about 24 years for me at this table working with you all and so many others who have already departed us. And it's a very different place than it was when we started. And thinking back on it last night, it was kind of remarkable how different it is. But there are some common things and the most important one is a commonality.

You know, not too long ago there was a communication from Vince that tried to sum up or did a good job of summing up very well what goes on at the commission and that is that we work together to try to improve our fisheries, to make our fisheries better, and to treat each other fairly. And that has always been the case.

That has been the case throughout the 24 years and I think well before that. I think that's what we're all about and it's been a real pleasure and perhaps I think the most enjoyable part of my job, of all the things I've done, to work here in that context and with that kind of umbrella mission in mind.

I'm going to miss all of you and working with you, the staff, the commissioners and everyone else. But I sure do appreciate and value having had this opportunity and this time. And I do intend to be a presence at as many of the commission meetings as possible. So I'm not going to say "goodbye" to anybody because I'll be seeing you but I won't be sitting here with you anymore and I will miss that a great deal. Thank you.

OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN LAPOINTE: Thank you, Gordon. And we, likewise, will miss your counsel at these meetings. Best of luck. Is there other business before the business session?

ADJOURN

Seeing none, we are adjourned. Thanks everybody.

(Whereupon, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, May 10, 2007.)

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