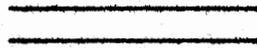


L. Gowan Loch

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

Special Meeting, Miami Beach, Florida

November 17, 1949



The purpose of captioned Meeting was to gain additional information relative to the vessels Oregon and Alaska, per suggestion of Mr. Albert M. Day, Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, in letter dated at Washington, November 2, 1949 and addressed to Mr. Bert E. Thomas, copy of which letter was furnished all Commissioners from the desk of Mr. A. J. Harris, Montgomery, Alabama.

In attendance at reference Meeting were:

Bert E. Thomas, A. J. Harris and Perry Prescott of Alabama, Mary Schulman and F. G. Walton Smith of Florida.

Sidney Cain, J. Nelson Gowanloch and James N. McConnell of Louisiana.

J. L. Baughman of Texas

Lionel Walford, H. E. Crowther, R. T. Whiteleather, all of Washington, and Albert Collier of New Orleans, Wm. W. Anderson of Sarasota and M. J. Lindeux of Mexico, D. F., the group being representatives of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

Wayne D. Heydecker, Secretary-Treasurer, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, New York City, and W. Dudley Gunn, Secretary-Treasurer, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, New Orleans.

The following are salient points brought out during the Meeting:

Both the Oregon and Alaska, now in port of Seattle, will be brought to the Gulf of Mexico in the near future.

Where the vessels will be docked for repairs and conversion is a matter yet to be decided by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

With regard to the basing of the vessels, it appears that the matter must of necessity rest with the Fish and Wildlife Service. It was stated that the base of operations of either craft is subject to change at any time in the progressing of the mission to a successful conclusion.

The Commission was also informed that it would be necessary from time to time to return the vessels to port to subject findings to on-shore laboratory routine or to communicate and record catches, etc. Doubtless, the Oregon will spend less time in port than the Alaska because of the character of work involved. When such visits to port become necessary, the Service will, port time permitting, make the vessels available to the State in which the port is situated, and for such duration as may be designated by that agency.

The Oregon will in all probability be ready to undertake first mission in early March, 1950.

The Alaska, due to the nature of repairs and conversion, will in all likelihood not be available for service prior to the end of current fiscal year.

It is understood that the \$83,000.00 which has been allocated for repair, conversion and operation of the Oregon will be sufficient to put the vessel into service and maintain explorations until June 30, 1950.

It is thought that the \$51,000.00 available for the Alaska will just about cover the cost of repairs and conversion. Since the repairs and conversion will require considerable time, as mentioned above, there should be no operational delay, as it appears funds have already been earmarked for operations and maintenance during the fiscal year 1950-51.

This near-to-reality cooperative effort in the fields and exploration and biological research of the waters of the Gulf of Mexico between the Commission and the Fish and Wildlife Service will require the closest of coordination at all times, it was pointed out. Messrs. Walford and Heydecker spoke briefly of the fine team work which has existed between the Atlantic Commission and the Service in an endeavor to restore the New England clam production, which project is said to be producing very satisfying results.

The Commission was requested by the Fish and Wildlife Service to advise them at the earliest possible date what type exploratory work was to receive first consideration. With such information in hand the Service could proceed with the procurement of necessary gear, thus eliminating possibility of delaying initial operations.

In an earlier meeting of biologists, it was brought out that there was available a wealth of research information concerning the Gulf waters, however, such compilations have never been screened and brought under one cover. The data is available at numerous sources including libraries in Washington. It was the vote of the gathering that Paul S. Galtsoff, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, be digester of the material. He will be supplied by the Fish and Wildlife

with two persons in Washington to gather information. Mr. Galtsoff will receive full cooperation of the biologists of the Gulf States. It was agreed by all that such a digest will be of invaluable assistance to the research program in Gulf waters. The digest will be available for study prior to the undertaking of the first mission of the Alaska.

The Fish and Wildlife Service requested Mr. Thomas to assist them in locating two competent "Fishery Engineers" as part of the complement of the Oregon. As soon as we have full particulars as to the requirements for such a civil service designation, Directors will be advised so that they may make a survey of their respective areas for such experienced men.

The Fish and Wildlife Service suggested that the names of the vessels be changed, now that they will be detailed for service exclusively in the Gulf of Mexico waters. It was further suggested that the names be confined to "fish" as it is the thought of the Service that such category harmonizes with the character of work to be undertaken. Your Chairman has requested that the Commissioners have suggestions as to names in readiness at next meeting.

Following subject Meeting, and in discussion of matters requiring important decisions in the immediate future Mr. Thomas expressed himself concerning a call meeting of Commissioners and Biologists. He will doubtless call a December Meeting, New Orleans, but only after determining a mutually convenient date, thus, assuring representative attendance.

It should be mentioned before concluding that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission was most ably represented through scheduled presentations by Messrs. Thomas, Gowanloch, Baughman, Vathis and Walton Smith at the Second Annual Gulf and Caribbean Fisheries Institute.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Dudley Gunn
W. Dudley Gunn,
Secretary-Treasurer

NOTE: This office is now (12-15-49) advised the vessel Oregon departed Seattle, December 9th and is proceeding to Pascagoula, Mississippi. The exploratory vessel Oregon is scheduled to arrive Pascagoula January 7, 1950. Mr. H. E. Crawther, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, plans to arrive in Pascagoula, January 6th to superintend repairs and conversion.

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We have heard, but cannot confirm at this writing, that the Alaska was to accompany the Oregon on the trip around and proceed to Pensacola, Florida.

Attached memoranda, prepared by James Nelson Gowanloch, relate to two of a number of exploratory subjects which will receive consideration at forthcoming Commission Meetings.

W. D. G.

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Texas State Hotel - Houston, Texas
13-14 October 1949

A G E N D A

Thursday, October 13th

- 10:00 A. M. Call to order by Chairman, Mr. Bert E. Thomas, Alabama.
Roll Call of States.
Introduction of new Commissioners and guests.
- 10:20 A. M. Welcome by Vice Chairman, Mr. Howard Dodgen, Texas.
- 10:30 A. M. Report of Acting Secretary, to include:
Summary of minutes of last meeting - State of
the Treasury - Fiscal Accounting - Report of
Meeting with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
Commission.
- 11:15 A. M. Consideration and adoption of rules and regulations. ✓
- 12:30 P. M. Recess for Lunch.
- 2:00 P. M. Establishment of permanent headquarters. Discussion ✓
of office staff and necessary office facilities.
- 2:30 P. M. Discussion - "Rounding out the Permanent Organiza-
tion" - Led by Mr. Ernest Clements, Louisiana.
- 3:15 P. M. Discussion - "Financial Outlook and Requirements
of Commission" - Led by Mr. George Vathis, Florida.
- 4:00 P. M. "Legal Implications and Problems Which may Confront
Commission" - Led by Judge Leander Perez, Louisiana.

Friday, October 14th

- 10:00 A. M. Report by Chairman of Committee on Screening of
Applications for Permanent Secretary - Discussion.
- 11:00 A. M. Report on Marine Research in Gulf by Representatives
of U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, followed by
Discussion.

Dr. L. A. Walford
Mr. W. A. Anderson
Mr. W. W. Anderson

- 12:30 P. M. Recess for Lunch.
- 2:00 P. M. Report on Pending Legislation in Congress Affecting Fisheries - Senator Jimmy Phillips, Texas.
- 2:45 P. M. General business of the Commission -
-Executive Session-
- (a) Time and place of next Commission meeting.
 - (b) Discussion of interim work for committees.
 - (c) Discussion of possible requests for Federal Grants-in-aid.
 - (d) Unfinished business.
- 3:30 P. M. "Topics for General Discussion to be Included on Agenda of the Next Regular Meeting" - Led by Mr. Howard Dodgen, Texas.
- 4:30 P. M. Adjournment

Report on Meeting
of
GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
at
Texas State Hotel, Houston, Texas
13 and 14 October 1949

The first annual meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission was held at Houston, Texas, on the 13th and 14th days of October, 1949. Headquarters for the conference was designated as the Texas State Hotel of that city.

The meeting was called to order by the Commission's Chairman, Bert E. Thomas of Alabama, at 10:00 A. M. on 13 October 1949. A roll call of the states disclosed the following Commissioners present:

- For Alabama: Bert E. Thomas, Director, State Department of Conservation, Montgomery, Alabama (Chairman); James H. Faulkner, Publisher, Baldwin County Times, Bay Minette, Alabama.
- For Florida: George Vathis, Supervisor, State Board of Conservation, Tallahassee, Florida; William J. Hendry, State Representative, Okeechobee, Florida.
- For Louisiana: Ernest S. Clements, Commissioner, Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, New Orleans, Louisiana; E. J. Grizzaffi, State Representative, Morgan City, Louisiana.
- For Texas: Howard D. Dodgen, Executive Secretary, State Game, Fish and Oyster Commission, Austin, Texas (Vice-Chairman); L. A. Kurtz, Colonel, U. S. Army (retired), Seadrift, Texas; Jimmy Phillips, State Senator, Angleton, Texas.
- For Mississippi: Naif Jordan, Chairman, Mississippi Seafood Commission, Gulfport, Mississippi; Hermes Gautier, State Representative, Pascagoula, Mississippi.
- Acting Secretary of the Commission, A. J. Harris, Attorney, State Department of Conservation, Montgomery, Alabama.

Only three Commissioners were absent and such absence was caused by prior business commitments beyond the Commissioners' control.

Those unable to attend the conference were:

Thomas A. Johnston, III, Alabama
Bryant Patton, Florida
Judge Leander H. Perez, Louisiana

The Chairman called for introduction of the guests present.

The following were introduced:

Honorable Warren L. Looney, Foreign Affairs Specialist, Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Undersecretary, Department of State, Washington, D. C.; Dr. L. A. Walford, Chief, Branch of Fishery Biology, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.; Richard T. Whiteleather, Assistant Chief, Branch of Fishery Biology, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; H. E. Crowder, Chief, Exploratory Section, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service; Miss Mary Schulman, Assistant Attorney General of Florida, Tallahassee, Florida; Sidney P. Landry, Chief Seafood Enforcement Officer, Department of Conservation, Bayou La Batre, Alabama; Jack Baughman, Chief Marine Biologist, Austin, Texas; Dr. James Nelson Gowanloch, Chief Biologist, Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, New Orleans, Louisiana; James N. McConnell, Director, Oysters and Water Bottoms, Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, New Orleans, Louisiana; Sidney Cain, Attorney, Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, New Orleans, Louisiana; Louis F. Bonner, Senior Research Engineer, Humble Oil and Refining Company, and Director, Texas Wildlife Federation, Houston, Texas; Fred Parker, Sportsman's Association, Birmingham, Alabama.

During the introduction of the Commissioners and their guests, it was explained by Naif Jordan, Chairman of the Mississippi Seafood Commission, that even though his state had not yet passed Enabling Legislation which would permit Mississippi to become a member state, he felt reasonably certain that his state would, before the first of the year, become a co-partner to the Compact. The Chairman assured the State of Mississippi that its representatives would be considered a part of the Commission, and asked that they take an active part in the meeting just as

though Mississippi had enacted the necessary legislation.

The Vice-Chairman, Howard Dodgen, welcomed the Commissioners and their guests to the State of Texas. He assured those present that the agents of his office were at their command. He invited everyone to see the wonders of Houston and offered the facilities of his Commission to make available trips around the city and other points of interest in the vicinity.

The Acting Secretary, A. J. Harris, was called upon by the Chairman for a report. The Acting Secretary read a summary of the minutes of the last meeting of the Commission. A mimeographed copy of the minutes, in full, was given to each Commissioner. The meeting reported on was the signatory meeting and was held in Mobile, Alabama, on 16 July 1949. A motion was made by William J. Hendry of Florida, seconded by E. J. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, that the minutes, as read, be adopted. Upon a vote of the Commission, the motion passed.

The Acting Secretary then reported on the State of the Treasury. In this report, it was shown that the balance in the National American Bank of New Orleans, Louisiana was \$13,500.00; cash on hand for deposit, \$3,500.00; or a total cash on hand of \$17,000.00. The outstanding obligations due and payable were enumerated and comprised an indebtedness against the Commission of \$200.01. It was explained that the bank account had just been established and the signature cards for withdrawal of funds had only recently been filed. For these reasons, no expenditures from the Commission's funds had been made.

The Acting Secretary was next called upon to report upon his meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Acting Secretary reported that on the 29th and 30th days of September, 1949, he

attended, as a guest, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission at its eighth annual meeting, which was held in the Roosevelt Hotel, New York City. The procedure of the Atlantic Commission was explained in detail. The method of handling problems which confronted the Commission was explained. At this meeting, the Acting Secretary expressed the official appreciation of the Gulf Commission for the excellent services rendered to the Gulf Commission by the Secretary of the Atlantic Commission, Mr. Wayne Heydecker, and the Commission's advisor, Mr. Fred Zimmermann, and for their expert counsel and advice during the Gulf Compact's formation. In this report, the valuable aid that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior has rendered, and is rendering, the Atlantic Commission was explained specifically. In this connection, it was shown that Article VII of the Gulf Compact provided similarly that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior shall act as the primary research agency of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, cooperating with the research agencies in each state, and further providing that representatives of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service shall attend the meetings of the Commission. It was, therefore, explained that the Gulf Commission could look forward to the similar excellent services which that agency was rendering the Atlantic Commission.

Accompanying the Acting Secretary to this conference was Hon. Thomas A. Johnston, State Representative and one of the Commissioners from Alabama. He was called upon to trace the history of the formation of the Gulf Compact which he did most admirably.

At the Atlantic Commission meeting, the State Department of the United States was represented by Hon. Warren L. Looney, Foreign Affairs Specialist in the office of the Undersecretary of State. The Acting Secre-

tary, in the name of the Gulf Commission, extended a cordial invitation for Mr. Looney to be present at the Houston meeting. It was further reported by the Acting Secretary that much worthwhile information was obtained at the Atlantic meeting, especially along the lines of procedure and in the formulation of the rules and regulations for the operation of the Gulf Commission. The Acting Secretary expressed his appreciation for the opportunity afforded him of having been able to attend the Atlantic conference.

The Chairman called for consideration of rules and regulations by which the Gulf Commission would be guided in the future conduct of its business. The Acting Secretary distributed to the members of the Commission suggested rules and regulations to be considered for adoption. These regulations were based upon those used by the Atlantic Commission, having been altered to meet the requirements of the Gulf Commission. It was explained that these rules and regulations were merely a basis for discussion and should be changed as the Commissioners see fit. It was decided that the Acting Secretary would read the rules and regulations Article by Article and Section by Section, and that each Article would be amended and voted upon separately. Upon the reading of the suggested rules and regulations, the following action was taken:

Article I

By a motion made by George Vathis of Florida, seconded by E. J. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, this Article was adopted, as read, without change.

Article II

This Article was changed in several places. After the changes were recorded by the Secretary, a motion was made by James Faulkner of Alabama, seconded by Howard Dodgen of Texas, to adopt Article II, as amended. The motion passed.

Article III

Article III was the most controversial Article to be discussed. It involved the method of voting at a Commission meeting. After a recess, an amendment for the entire Article was offered by George Vathis of Florida, who moved that Article III, as amended, be adopted. The motion was seconded by Ernest Clements of Louisiana, and upon a vote of the Commission, Article III, as amended, was accepted.

Article IV

A few changes were offered for this Article. After the changes were discussed and accepted, a motion was made by Colonel Kurtz of Texas, seconded by William Hendry of Florida, that Article IV, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried.

Article V

A motion was made by Ernest Clements of Louisiana, seconded by Jimmy Phillips of Texas, that Article V be adopted, as amended. The motion passed.

Article VI

A motion was made by Ernest Clements of Louisiana, seconded by Howard Dodgen of Texas, that Article VI, as amended, be accepted. The motion passed.

Article VII

A motion was made by William Hendry of Florida, seconded by E. J. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, that Article VII, as amended, be adopted. The motion carried.

A copy of the revised rules and regulations, as adopted at the meeting, is attached to this report. Additional copies may be obtained through the office of the Secretary.

The first item of business on the agenda, immediately after the recess for lunch, was the establishment of permanent headquarters for the Commission. Three cities had offered facilities for establishment of permanent headquarters for the Commission. The Chamber of Commerce of Biloxi, Mississippi extended an invitation to the Commission to settle there. Through its Secretary, the Biloxi Chamber of Commerce explained

the advantages which the city could offer and sent a color pamphlet extolling the beauties of the Mississippi gulf coast area. The second invitation came from the City of Mobile, Alabama, which, through its Chamber of Commerce, urged the establishment of the headquarters there. A book, explaining the vantage points of Mobile, was sent along with the cordial invitation. The third city requesting the Commission's headquarters was New Orleans, Louisiana. Telegrams, urging that the Commission settle its permanent headquarters in the City of New Orleans, were read to the conference from the following:

Honorable Earl K. Long, Governor of Louisiana; C. C. Walther, President of the New Orleans Association of Commerce; William G. Zetzman, Chairman of the Board of Public Works and of the New Orleans Railroad Terminal Board; J. Weil, Jr., President, Young Men's Business Club; Miss Mary Evelyn Dickerson, Executive Director, Department of Commerce and Industry; Lloyd J. Cobb, President, International House; Theodore Brent, President, International Trade Mart.

The matter was thoroughly discussed by the Commissioners present. Ernest Clements made a short talk in behalf of the City of New Orleans, stating that Governor Long seemed to have designated him as the person to carry the message personally to the Commission, urging that New Orleans be accepted as the site of permanent headquarters. He then made a motion that the City of New Orleans be selected as headquarters for the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. The motion was seconded by Jimmy Phillips of Texas, and, upon a vote, carried. The Acting Secretary was instructed to send a telegram to the Honorable Earl K. Long, Governor of Louisiana, informing him of this decision by the Commission. The following telegram was dispatched by the Acting Secretary:

"Honorable Earl K. Long
Governor of Louisiana
The Capitol
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

"The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission at its first annual meeting has today directed me to acknowledge with deep and sincere appreciation the kind offer of the State of Louisiana, transmitted so cordially to our Organization by Your Excellency, through the Honorable Ernest Clements of the Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, to establish the Commission's permanent headquarters and secretariat in New Orleans. The Commission, by a vote duly taken, was honored to accept your offer and has established New Orleans as its headquarters.

Respectfully submitted,

A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary."

As the next order of business, the Chairman called upon Ernest Clements, Commissioner of the Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, to lead a discussion, "Rounding Out the Permanent Organization". In this discussion, Mr. Clements said that a development for a cooperative marine research organization on the Gulf Coast was needed. He pointed out in his introductory remarks it is recognized that (1) the welfare of an expanding population is dependent upon the available natural resources; (2) the products of the sea constitute a valuable natural resource; and (3) the present lack of knowledge concerning the exploitation of marine resources forms a barrier for intelligent industrial development and the consequent economic well-being of the Gulf Coast Region.

It is further recognized that the research methods presently employed by individual coastal states are inadequate and incapable of coping with the complex and interrelated biological, chemical, geographical and sociological problems.

Therefore, the Gulf Coast States, in order to avoid the mistakes of superficial research, waste of public monies and duplication of effort are respectfully urged, by the informed scientific personnel presently engaged in marine research in Louisiana, to establish a central research organization.

He suggested an outline as a tentative plan for consideration by the Gulf States through the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact.

1. A research organization be formed which would have as its objective a continuous study of all marine resources.
2. A continuous study of the relationship between industries depending upon marine resources and those depending upon mineral resources and/or manufacturing.
3. A continuous study of the relationship between marine resources and the development of population centers.
4. A continuous educational program.

Mr. Clements discussed the application of this research agency with the Gulf States and the possible means of administering the agency, setting up a headquarters and developing a research program. In concluding his discussion, Mr. Clements pointed out that considerable tangible evidence can be presented to show that the demand for further knowledge of marine resources is wanted at this time. Therefore, believing that the agencies of the Federal Government, individual states, and lone industrial agencies individually are impotent, it is thus recommended with sagacity that a cooperative effort be made for the development of a central research organization for the Gulf Coast States.

In the panel discussion which followed, Dr. James Nelson Gowanloch, Chief Biologist for the Department of Wild Life and Fisheries of Louisiana, told the Commissioners that he had recently attended a session of the United Nations which related to the conservation of natural resources. He said that there was great need in this world for food and for its conservation. He stated that the food supply could be vastly improved if we had a better knowledge of the seafoods which existed in our waters of the Gulf of Mexico. He discussed several problems which the

possibilities of research could conceivably solve. The menhaden industry, for example, in 1948 produced 1,007,888,840 pounds at a value of \$21,693,093.00. The United States produced 49 per cent of the total world production of menhaden oil. The production in gallons was 8,763,939 at a value of \$10,132,179.00. Over a nine-year period, the menhaden industry has increased in volume more than 100 per cent and in value more than 400 per cent. The tuna industry in 1948 produced 7,037,615 cases at a value of \$112,610,296.00. Of the tuna production, none came from the Gulf of Mexico. Dr. Gowanloch pointed out it was essential that, through research, we find out the number of tuna in the Gulf, how important that number is for the commercial fishing industry and how often they appear.

The Chairman next called upon George Vathis, Supervisor of the Florida Board of Conservation, to lead a discussion, "The Financial Outlook and Requirements of the Gulf Commission". Mr. Vathis suggested that we go about the financial setup of the Commission in a businesslike manner. We should consider our annual income with particular reference to the necessary expenditures. Salaries for the employees of the Commission appeared to be the largest item of expenditure, but he thought we could pay large enough salaries in order to engage the services of responsible and able personnel. In the panel discussion which followed, Howard Dodgen spoke of the Commission's good fortune in having a cushion during its earlier days of existence. This, of course, was caused by complete membership payments for the first year, without having any expenses. The second year membership fees will be due by all member states by July 1, 1950, and we should be well able to tide ourselves over, with a nice reserve, until that date. Ernest Clements of Louisiana injected the thought that, perhaps, our state membership fees were too low. He thought, perhaps, that at the

next meeting, we should discuss the possibilities of amending the Compact so that our annual income would be increased from its present level of \$13,000.00 to \$25,000.00.

The Commission was indeed fortunate to have as its guest Honorable Warren L. Looney, Foreign Affairs Specialist, Fisheries and Wildlife, Office of the Undersecretary of State, Washington, D. C. Mr. Looney gave an interesting and informative discussion of how foreign affairs were closely connected with the ordinary business of the Gulf States. International relations, he pointed out, were closely interwoven between the states of the Union and foreign countries. He requested that his discussion be restricted to the conference room, as most of the information he gave was of a confidential nature. For these reasons, the direct subject matters upon which he dwelt cannot now be spread upon the minutes. It is suffice to say, however, that his talk was thoroughly enjoyed and was of vast importance to the Gulf States. The Commission was lead to understand that further discussions along the same lines of his talk would be made by members of the State Department from time to time, so that the Gulf States would be able to know just what problems the State Department had confronting it relating to the fisheries in the Gulf.

The next topic on the agenda was a discussion to be lead by the Honorable Leander H. Perez, Commissioner from Louisiana appointed by the Governor. Due to circumstances beyond his control, it was impossible for Judge Perez to attend the conference. In his absence, the discussion, "Legal Implications and Problems Which May Confront the Gulf Commission", was lead by Honorable Sidney Cain, Attorney for the Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries. Mr. Cain expressed the thought that the creation of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission would go a long way toward

consolidating all five Gulf States to a point of mutual agreement and understanding, so as to abolish many vexing legal problems which have heretofore exasperated them. There is a great need for mutual conservation laws, he explained, especially conservation laws which have similar application in all of the Gulf States alike so as to better protect marine life and marine products. As an example of interstate legal difficulties, Mr. Cain went into the Supreme Court decision of Toomer against Witsell, a South Carolina case which presented severe legal complications between several of the Atlantic States. The principles of law which the Supreme Court settled in that case can easily arise in the Gulf area. Some questions in the future may present themselves from the dissenting opinions of the two Supreme Court Justices in the Toomer against Witsell case, and could conceivably cause much speculation in the Gulf States and give rise to serious legal questions. He believes that reciprocal conservation laws can, and will, be passed. There is a great need for conservation of the Gulf fisheries, and the rules and regulations which the Gulf Commission will recommend to be prescribed will go a long way toward promoting this conservation which is sorely needed. Mr. Cain suggested that the tidelands question be gone into thoroughly. He expressed his personal opinion on the tidelands question, and hopes that Federal Legislation now pending, which looked toward giving each coastal state absolute title to its tidelands, would eventually be passed by Congress. He stated also that it was his personal belief that the fish in the territorial waters, as well as plants growing therein, and the beds of those waters belonged to the states which were adjacent to them.

A motion was made by Mr. Clements of Louisiana, seconded by Mr. Vathis of Florida, that the meeting for Friday, October 14, begin at 9:00 A. M. rather than at 10:00 A. M. as set on the official agenda.

The motion passed.

The meeting for the second day, Friday, 14 October, was called to order by the Chairman at 9:00 A. M. The Chairman introduced Mr. Richard T. Whiteleather, Assistant Chief, Branch of Fishery Biology, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C., to report on marine research in the Gulf of Mexico. Mr. Whiteleather began his talk by explaining that Public Law 163 of the 81st Congress transferred to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior two vessels, the "Oregon" and the "Alaska", for use in research in marine biological work in the Gulf of Mexico. He explained that \$83,000.00 was necessary for operation of the vessel to be used for biological research and \$98,000.00 for the vessel to be used for exploratory work. The two vessels, "Oregon" and "Alaska", are 600 h.p. with diesel motors, steel hulls and wooden super-structures. A lot of finances, he said, would be required to put these vessels in a good state of repair, and to prepare them for the work intended by Public Law 163. The appropriation has not yet been passed by Congress. Much research on fisheries problems is needed in the Gulf area. For example, Mr. Whiteleather pointed out, no one knows how many tuna can now be found in the Gulf, or when they appear, or how long they remain, or if they are in commercial quantities, and if they are, how a commercial boat should rig for the catch. Exploratory work is needed to see if menhaden can be made more efficient. The same, Mr. Whiteleather said, is true in exploratory work on the snapper banks. Exploratory work of the nature that is required in the Gulf of Mexico, according to Mr. Whiteleather, cannot feasibly be carried on by private enterprises. In the first place, he explained, the cost of such work would be too great, and in the second place, a private concern could develop no

exclusive rights as a result of exploratory work which would repay the original cost. Mr. Whiteleather expressed the hopes that Congress would see fit to pass the appropriation bill so that the two vessels, "Oregon" and "Alaska" could begin research and exploratory work in the Gulf of Mexico soon.

The Chairman then called on Dr. Lionel A. Walford, Chief of the Branch of Fishery Biology, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C. Dr. Walford explained that the questions which research and marine exploration would solve were the main questions now confronting the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. How, he said, we can use our marine resources wisely is the first question which would be answered. How much we should take and how much we should leave are biological questions of vast importance, and research alone could supply the answer. These, according to Dr. Walford, were the main questions of conservation and would require a great deal of study and exploratory work. They cannot be answered until appropriation is made by Congress so that the two research vessels are put into use and a lot of facts and figures are determined, regarding species in the Gulf, their uses, their quantities, their availability, their rapidity of reproduction and many, many other biological questions which the science of research and exploration alone can solve.

The Chairman next called upon Howard Dodgen of Texas, to lead a discussion, "Topics Which are Suggested for the Agenda of the Next Regular Meeting". In his talk, Mr. Dodgen said that research is of paramount importance and should have a place high on the next agenda. He suggested that also of prime importance would be a report from the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service of exploratory work conducted by the vessels which were

turned over to it by Public Law 163. Mr. Dodgen further suggested that on the next agenda, there should be a space set aside for committee reports, which would tend to show the progress of the Commission. These committees, he pointed out, should work very closely with the research and exploratory agencies. He asked Dr. Walford for suggestions regarding a committee, or committees, working with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Dr. Walford thought the suggestion well taken and intimated that either one or two committees should be appointed to work with his Organization. If two committees were appointed, Dr. Walford suggested that one of them work with the group in charge of research and the other with the group in charge of exploratory projects. Mr. Dodgen asked for the suggestions of Mr. Whiteleather on the subject. Mr. Whiteleather thought it would be more expedient to have one committee appointed to work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service rather than two, inasmuch as the committee would act as a fact-finding group, and research and exploratory work were so closely interwoven, he thought that one committee would be ample. Mr. Dodgen, in leading his discussion, called upon James Faulkner of Alabama, for his ideas on the matter. Mr. Faulkner suggested that the Commission prepare what he called a blueprint of work. He thought accomplishments, even though they would come out of the discussions, should have top priority. His idea was to make plans for work, to discuss these plans, then follow through with direct action.

The Chairman recognized James McConnell of Louisiana, who suggested that a resolution to Congress be prepared and forwarded to those members who were interested in the marine fisheries. Mr. Dodgen offered such a resolution, which was read to the conference by the Acting Secretary. By a motion made by Mr. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, seconded by

Mr. Vathis of Florida, and unanimously passed by the Commission, the Acting Secretary was instructed to forward the resolution to members of Congress. The resolution, as passed, is as follows:

"The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission duly assembled at its regular session, in Houston, Texas, on the 13th and 14th days of October, 1949, resolved as follows:

"WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has wisely and opportunely enacted Public Law 163, which transfers to the United States Department of the Interior two vessels for use in research and exploration of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico, and

"WHEREAS, an appropriation for equipping and operating the said vessels is now pending before the said Congress.

"NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission respectfully urges the immediate enactment of an adequate appropriation measure by the Congress of the United States for the operation and maintenance of said vessels to the end that they may be made available for immediate use for the research and exploration work which was intended by Congress in the enactment of said Public Law 163.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be notified that this said resolution was unanimously adopted by the said Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, and that said resolution be sent to the Congressmen of the several Gulf States as a notification by the Commission of its request for the said appropriation.

Respectfully submitted,

S/ A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary
Gulf States Marine Fisheries
Commission."

The Chairman recognized Mr. Clements of Louisiana for a motion. Mr. Clements moved that two committees be appointed by the Chairman, each consisting of one person from each member state. The first committee would have as its duties the correlation of facts and figures resulting from research and exploration work in the Gulf of Mexico, with instructions to that committee that they should work closely with the U. S.

Fish and Wildlife Service in such work. The second committee would be appointed for the purpose of correlating the fisheries laws which are applicable in the five Gulf States and in which the member states have a common interest. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vathis of Florida, and was unanimously passed by the Commission. After receiving suggestions from the State Delegations, the following two committees were appointed by the Chairman:

1. Committee to Correlate Research and Exploratory Data:

Alabama:	Mr. Ralph Allen
Florida:	Dr. Walton Smith
Louisiana:	Dr. James Nelson Gowanloch
Mississippi:	Dr. A. E. Hopkins
Texas:	Mr. Jack Baughman

2. Committee to Correlate the Fisheries Laws:

Alabama:	Mr. A. J. Harris
Florida:	Miss Mary Schulman
Louisiana:	Mr. Sidney Cain
Texas:	Miss Erma Baker

(Mississippi will send its suggestion for this Committee member to the Chairman).

The Chairman called for suggestions for the time and place for the next meeting. In putting this question to the Commission, the Chairman suggested that it would be wise for the Commission to hold several meetings before the next regular meeting, so that the Commission could become properly organized and begin active work. Mr. William J. Hendry of Florida, suggested that the next meeting be held in Tampa; and offered in behalf of the State of Florida that the City of Tampa act as host to the Commission at the next special meeting. He then put in the form of a motion that the Commission hold its next special meeting at Tampa, Florida. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, and passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by James Faulkner of Alabama, which was seconded by George Vathis of Florida, that the next special meeting of the Commission be held on the 19th and 20th days of January, 1950. After a discussion of these dates, the motion carried.

The Chairman called for a discussion regarding the appointment of a permanent secretary. The Acting Secretary passed around to the Commissioners mimeographed copies of the applications which had been received. A full discussion followed. The screening committee, composed of the conservation Commissioners of the five Gulf States, which had met prior to the meeting, reported. The report endorsed the application of Mr. W. Dudley Gunn of Bradenton, Florida. A further discussion of the screening committee's report followed, after which a motion was made by Mr. Grizzaffi of Louisiana, seconded by Mr. Hendry of Florida, that Mr. Gunn be offered the position of Secretary-Treasurer for the Commission for a six-months probationary period, at a salary of \$6,000.00 per annum. The motion carried. A salary for the Secretary's stenographer was discussed and was tentatively set by the Commission not to exceed \$2,400.00 per annum. The Chairman then asked for a discussion pertaining to payment of the expenses of the Secretary-Treasurer. It was suggested by the Commission that he be allowed six (6¢) cents per mile for use of his private car while in the performance of his duties, and actual expenses in traveling for the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Faulkner of Alabama, seconded by Mr. Clements of Louisiana, that a motion made at the signatory meeting appointing Mr. Frank Bene of the Council of State Governments, to act as temporary Treasurer, be rescinded, and that the Commission's funds be expended from its depository by check signed by the Chairman, and

countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer. In the event of necessary absence by the Chairman, then the Vice-Chairman shall sign the checks, which shall be countersigned by the Secretary-Treasurer. The motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman instructed the Acting Secretary to arrange for proper identification of the newly appointed Secretary with the National American Bank of New Orleans, and for the substitution of his name on the bank's records for that of Mr. Frank Bane. The Chairman also instructed the Acting Secretary to write a letter of appreciation to Mr. Bane for his offer to act as Treasurer for the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Clements of Louisiana, which was seconded by Mr. Vathis of Florida, that the Commission, as a show of appreciation for the work done for the Commission by the Acting Secretary, authorize the new Secretary and the Chairman to issue a check to A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary, in the amount of \$300.00 per month from 16 July to 15 October, to cover his expenses and those of his stenographer, and as a gift from the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Motion passed.

Upon a motion duly made, seconded and passed, the first business meeting of the Commission was concluded.

Respectfully submitted,



A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary
Gulf States Marine Fisheries
Commission.

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GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES CONFERENCE
Mobile, Alabama
July 15-16, 1949

P R O G R A M

Friday
15 July 1949

- 5:00-7:30 P.M.----- Registration - Lobby - Battle House Hotel
7:30 P.M.----- Reception - Andrew Jackson Room - Battle
House Hotel

Saturday
16 July 1949

- 8:00-9:00 A.M.----- Registration - Lobby - Battle House Hotel
9:00 A.M.----- Assembly at Registration Desk for Trans-
portation to State Docks
(Registrants and their Ladies)
9:45 A.M.----- Meeting Aboard State Yacht "Dixie"
10:00 A.M.----- Call to Order
Bert E. Thomas
Director of Conservation - Alabama
Introduction of the Governors
State Senator Joseph N. Langan
Address of Welcome
Governor James E. Folsom - Alabama
Responses
Visiting Governors
Signing of Compact by the Governors
Concluding Remarks - Bert E. Thomas
11:00 A.M.----- Inspection Cruise Aboard the "Dixie" and
State Patrol Boats
12:00 Noon----- Luncheon on Board
1:45 P.M.----- (Ladies Program) - Tour From State Docks
Through Bellingrath Gardens and Return to
Battle House Hotel
2:00 P.M.----- Formal Business Meeting of Gulf States Marine
Fisheries Commission - Battle House Hotel

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Bayou La Batre, Alabama

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Bayou La Batre, Alabama

Report on Meeting
of
GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
at
Battle House
Mobile, Alabama
16 July 1949

At 10:00 A. M. on 16 July 1949, Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama placed his signature upon the first official document of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Compact at Mobile, Alabama. The ceremony took place on board the State yacht "Dixie". Due to prior commitments and other pressing affairs of State, the governors of Florida, Louisiana, Texas and Mississippi were unable to attend the formal signing. Thus, after several years of tireless efforts on the part of the Continuing Conference Committee, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission came into existence as a joint interstate cooperative arrangement between the Gulf States to "promote the better utilization of the fisheries, marine, shell and anadromous, of the seaboard of the Gulf of Mexico, by the development of a joint program for the promotion and protection of such fisheries and the prevention of the physical waste of the fisheries from any cause".

At 2:00 P. M., the first business session of the Commission was called to order in the Andrew Jackson Room of the Battle House. The Chairman of the Continuing Conference Committee, Mr. James N. McConnell, Director of the Division of Oysters and Water Bottoms of the Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries, who so ably directed the affairs and meetings of the Continuing Conference Committee from the date of its inception until the time that the Commission became a reality, presided over the conference. His opening remarks spoke of the success of the venture. He made the Commissioners and their guests welcome and gave his sincere wishes for the continued success and for the favorable under-

takings of the Commission at this, the first, and all future meetings.

The Acting Chairman called upon Mr. Thomas A. Johnston, III, State Representative from Alabama and Vice-Chairman of the Continuing Conference Committee, to speak upon the "Establishment of the Gulf Fisheries Commission". Mr. Johnston spoke briefly on the history of the Compact and of the machinery required to put it into effect. He traced the Compact through its formation at the several New Orleans conferences and the one at Edgewater Park, Mississippi. He spoke of the Compact's trying moments in the second session of the 80th Congress and of its ultimate ratification as Public Law 66 of the 81st Congress, which was approved by the President of the United States on the 19th day of May, 1949. Mr. Johnston stated that Florida, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas had passed Enabling Acts, in that order, and that it was foreseen that Mississippi would come in as soon as the Legislature of that State convenes next year.

The Acting Chairman then called upon the Honorable Albert M. Day, Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, to discuss the topic "The Problem of the Marine Fisheries". Mr. Day called attention to recent Federal action assigning two research vessels to the Gulf of Mexico. These vessels are now being reconditioned at Seattle, Washington, he said, and should be in operation in the Gulf by next year. Mr. Day expressed the hope that the Commission would consider among its first tasks the formulation of an adequate fishery research program to meet the needs of the fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico. He referred to the good work of the Atlantic Commission and the Pacific Commission; the former having been formed in 1942, the latter in 1947. In conclusion, Mr. Day offered the facilities of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to further the work and expected accomplishments of the newly

created Commission.

Mr. McConnell next called upon the Honorable W. M. Chapman, Special Assistant for Fisheries to the Undersecretary of State, Washington, D. C. Dr. Chapman spoke on "Participation by Interstate Fisheries Commissions in Treaty and Convention-Making". Dr. Chapman, who has as his primary interest the participation by the United States in treaties with other nations covering commercial fishing activities, pointed out that regional commissions formed by states are a big help to the efforts of the Department of State in Washington. He stated that the work of his Department embraced the protection of the rights of American fishermen on the high seas and he earnestly desired to see a program of conservation expanded to an international basis.

At this point in the program, Governor James E. Folsom of Alabama sent word to the conference that due to pressing affairs at the Capitol, he was forced to return to Montgomery, but sent his best wishes for a successful meeting and for all the accomplishments for which the Commission was created.

The Acting Chairman called upon the Conservation Commissioners of the five Gulf States to give the official list from each State of the three Commissioners to serve for that State during the first year. The Conservation Commissioners are ex-officio members of the Commission and the listings were given as follows:

Alabama: Mr. Bert E. Thomas, Director, State Department of Conservation; Mr. Thomas A. Johnston, III, Member appointed by the Legislature; Mr. James H. Faulkner, Representative appointed by the Governor.

Florida: Mr. George Vathis, Supervisor, Florida State Board of Conservation; Mr. William J. Hendry, Member appointed by the Legislature; Mr. Bryant G. Patton, Representative appointed by the Governor.

Louisiana: Mr. Ernest S. Clements, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries; Mr. E. J. Grizzaffi, Member appointed by the Legislature; Judge Leander H. Perez, Representative appointed by the Governor.

Texas: Mr. Howard D. Dodgen, Executive Secretary, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission; Mr. Jimmy Phillips, Member appointed by the Legislature; Colonel L. A. Kurtz, Representative appointed by the Governor.

Each of the Commissioners present stood, as his name was called, to be recognized.

In attendance at the conference were the following:

Mr. Bert E. Thomas, Director, Alabama Department of Conservation.

Mr. George Vathis, Supervisor, Florida State Board of Conservation.

Mr. Ernest S. Clements, Commissioner, Louisiana Department of Wild Life and Fisheries.

Mr. Howard D. Dodgen, Executive Secretary, Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission.

Mr. Naif Jordan, Chairman, Mississippi Seafood Commission.

Hon. Albert M. Day, Director, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Hon. W. M. Chapman, Special Assistant for Fisheries to the Undersecretary of State, Washington, D. C.

Mr. William W. Anderson, Chief, Gulf Investigations, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, Washington, D. C.

Mr. Herbert L. Wiltsee, Regional Representative, Council of State Governments, Chicago, Illinois.

Judge Leander H. Perez, District Attorney, Louisiana.

Mr. E. J. Grizzaffi, State Representative,
Louisiana.

Mr. James N. McConnell, Director, Division
of Oysters and Water Bottoms, Louisiana
Department of Wild Life and Fisheries.

Dr. James N. Gowanloch, Louisiana Depart-
ment of Wild Life and Fisheries, Chief Biologist.

Hon. John L. Madden, Assistant Attorney
General, Louisiana.

Mr. Mel Washburn, Director, Division of Education
and Publicity, Louisiana Department of Wild Life
and Fisheries.

Hon. A. S. Cain, Jr., Attorney, Louisiana
Department of Wild Life and Fisheries.

Hon. Mary Schulman, Assistant Attorney General,
Florida.

Hon. Hermes Gautier, State Representative of
Mississippi.

Hon. Reece O. Bickerstaff, State Representative
of Mississippi.

Hon. Thomas A. Johnston, III, State Repre-
sentative of Alabama.

Mr. James H. Faulkner, Publisher, Baldwin
County Times, Alabama.

Mr. A. J. Harris, Attorney, Alabama Department
of Conservation.

Mr. Claude Kelley, Past President, Alabama Wild-
life Federation.

Mr. Thomas A. Ford, Editor of Publications,
Alabama State Department of Conservation.

Mr. T. E. McKinney, Photographer, Alabama Depart-
ment of Conservation.

Mr. E. C. Littlejohn, Radio Engineer, Alabama
Department of Conservation.

It was explained that the State of Mississippi has not yet passed an Enabling Act which would permit it to become a member of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. The representatives from that State present attended the conference as observers in anticipation of the State of Mississippi becoming a member of the Commission as soon as its Legislature convenes next year.

The second phase of the conference involved the permanent Organization and was opened by the call for nominations of a Chairman of the Commission to hold office during its first year. Mr. Ernest S. Clements was recognized for the purpose of placing a name in nomination. Before doing so, he expressed the regrets of Governor Earl K. Long of Louisiana for his inability to attend the meeting and quoted the Governor as conveying his best wishes to the Commission for a most successful administration. He placed in nomination as First Chairman of the Commission the name of Bert E. Thomas of Alabama. The nomination was seconded by Mr. Howard D. Dodgen of Texas. There being no further nominations offered, the nominations were closed and Mr. Thomas was unanimously elected and chosen as Chairman of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission for the ensuing year.

The Acting Chairman then called for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Mr. George Vathis of Florida was recognized and before placing a nomination before the Commission, he asked permission to express the regrets of Governor Fuller Warren of Florida for his inability to be present and quoted the Governor as sending his regards and best wishes to the Commission. He then placed in nomination the name of Howard D. Dodgen of Texas as Vice-Chairman. The nomination was seconded by Mr. James H. Faulkner of Alabama. There being no further nominations, Mr. Dodgen was unanimously elected and selected as First Vice-Chairman of

the Commission. Mr. McConnell, the Acting Chairman, then turned the chair over to the newly elected Chairman to preside. Mr. Thomas made a short speech of acceptance and pledged his efforts toward a successful administration, calling for the support of the other Commissioners.

Mr. Howard D. Dodgen of Texas expressed the regrets of Governor Allan Shivers for his inability to attend the conference and stated that the Governor sent his best wishes to all the representatives who were fortunate enough to attend. Mr. Dodgen explained that due to the untimely death of former Governor Beauford H. Jester, that Governor Shivers, who was formerly the Lt.-Governor of Texas, had only taken office as Governor during the past few days and the pressing affairs of State, caused by this transition, prevented the Governor's attendance.

Upon the call for further business, Judge Leander H. Perez of Louisiana was recognized and offered a motion that the Conservation Commissioners of each of the five Gulf States be named a committee to select a permanent secretary for the Organization. Mr. Howard D. Dodgen of Texas offered to amend the motion as follows: That the Conservation Commissioners of the five Gulf States be a committee to select applicants for the position as permanent secretary, to screen such applications and to report back to the entire Commission, giving a full report on the applications taken. The amendment was accepted by Judge Perez. It was seconded by Mr. George Vathis of Florida, and upon a vote was passed. The Chairman, pursuant to the motion, appointed the five Conservation Commissioners to act as a Committee in compliance with and in the capacity as provided for in the motion.

A motion was then made by Judge Leander Perez of Louisiana, which was seconded by Mr. Dodgen of Texas, that the five Conservation Commissioners, in selecting, screening and reporting on a list of

applicants for permanent secretary, that they also report to the entire Commission the salary recommended by the Committee for the secretary.

The motion carried.

The Chairman called for a discussion of rules and regulations of the Commission. Mr. Herbert L. Wiltsee, Regional Representative of the Council of State Governments, had prepared suggested regulations based upon those now in effect in the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. These regulations were read by him and discussed by the representatives present. It was suggested that the regulations be worked over by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Acting Secretary and be reported on at the next meeting of the Commission; but that such regulations affecting the depositing and withdrawals of Commission funds be considered as tentatively adopted until such time as they shall become final. These suggestions, without a motion, were ordered operative by the Chairman.

Mr. Thomas A. Johnson, III of Alabama made a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Vathis of Florida, that the Council of State Governments be named as temporary secretariat and treasurer of the organization until a permanent secretary and treasurer could be secured. In the discussion of this motion, it was pointed out that the Council of State Governments, on frequent occasions, acted as treasurer to organizations until permanent treasurers were found, and disbursed the funds of the Organization pending such final arrangements. Upon a vote, the motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Johnston of Alabama, seconded by Mr. Clements of Louisiana, that the temporary office of the Commission be the office of the Chairman until a permanent office is selected at the next meeting. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Dodgen of Texas that the time and place for the next meeting be selected by the Chairman and that two weeks

notice be given the other Commissioners of such selection. The motion was seconded by Mr. Grizzaffi of Louisiana. The motion carried. In the discussion of same, Mr. Dodgen suggested that the next meeting be held in the State of Texas.

A motion was made by Mr. Clements of Louisiana that the permanent depository for the Commission be discussed at the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. James H. Faulkner of Alabama. The motion carried.

In the discussion of this motion, the Chairman advised the conference that he had turned over to the Acting Secretary a State warrant from Alabama covering the State's membership in the Commission. He called upon the Commissioners of the other states to make the necessary fiscal arrangements with their State Comptrollers to take care of the membership fees. He stated that he would communicate with Mr. Frank Bane of the Council of State Governments and make arrangements for a temporary depository so that the funds of the Commission could be placed therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Dodgen of Texas and seconded by Mr. Johnston of Alabama that the Commission bear the expenses of the fountain pens issued to the five governors for the signing of the Compact, and also for the expenses arising out of the printing of the formal Compact documents. The motion carried.

Mr. A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary of the Continuing Conference Committee, read telegrams and letters expressing appreciation for invitations to the conference, regrets for inabilities to attend and expressions of good wishes for the success of the Commission. The telegrams and letters were received from the following:

Hon. Harry S. Truman,
President of the United States

The following Senators:

Hon. Claude Pepper, Florida
Hon. Russell B. Long, Louisiana
Hon. John C. Stennis, Mississippi
Hon. John Sparkman, Alabama
Hon. Lister Hill, Alabama
Hon. Allen J. Ellender, Louisiana
Hon. Lyndon B. Johnson, Texas
Hon. Spessard L. Holland, Florida

The following Congressmen:

Hon. Frank W. Boykin, Alabama
Hon. Olin E. Teague, Texas
Hon. Carl Elliott, Alabama
Hon. Will M. Whittington, Mississippi
Hon. George Andrews, Alabama
Hon. Robert E. Jones, Jr., Alabama
Hon. Edward deGraffenreid, Alabama
Hon. George Grant, Alabama
Hon. Laurie C. Battle, Alabama
Hon. Sam Hobbs, Alabama
Hon. Albert Rains, Alabama
Hon. Hale Boggs, Louisiana
Hon. Clark W. Thompson, Texas
Hon. F. Edward Hebert, Louisiana
Hon. William M. Colmer, Mississippi
Hon. Charles E. Bennett, Florida
Hon. Henry D. Larcade, Jr., Louisiana
Hon. Thomas G. Abernethy, Mississippi
Hon. J. Hardin Peterson, Florida

Others:

Mr. Frederick L. Zimmermann, Research
Director, Committee on Interstate
Cooperation, New York.

Mr. C. H. Jackson, County Commissioner,
Mobile County, Alabama.

Mr. Wayne D. Heydecker, Secretary-
Treasurer, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries
Commission, New York.

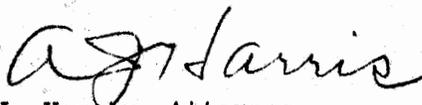
Mr. E. C. Doody, Administrative Assistant,
County Commission, Mobile County, Alabama.

A motion was made by Mr. George Vathis of Florida, seconded by
Mr. Ernest Clements of Louisiana, that the Commission offer a resolution
of thanks to Mr. Henry W. Sweet, Director of the Alabama State Docks and

Terminals, for the excellent cruise on the State yacht "Dixie"; to the Battle House for its hospitality and to the Mobile Chamber of Commerce and the firms which so graciously sponsored the reception to the Commissioners and their friends at the Battle House, Friday night, 15 July. Mr. A. J. Harris, Acting Secretary, was requested to prepare and send these resolutions. Upon a vote of the Commissioners, the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



A. J. Harris, Attorney
Alabama Department of Conservation
and
Acting Secretary, Continuing Conference Committee, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

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