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March 21, 1977

Mr. Charles Lyles, Executive Director  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
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Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

Dear Charlie:

Attached is a report from the Law Coordinating Committee concerning their March 16 meeting in Biloxi. In the absence of Wings Benton, another member of our legal staff, Kent Zaiser, served as chairman.

As you recall, we notified each state representative of this meeting but unfortunately no one showed up for the meeting. Hopefully prior to our next scheduled meeting we can work toward getting more representation from the states at these meetings.

Sorry that Harmon and I were unable to meet with you at this meeting but look forward to seeing you at future meetings.

Sincerely,

Carlton Jackson  
Administrative Assistant

CJ/lc

Attachment

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

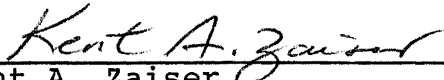
Law Coordinating Committee  
Minutes

On March 2, 1977, all persons who attended the first Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Law Coordinating Committee meeting in New Orleans on October 21, 1976, were advised by letter of the next Committee meeting.

The Committee meeting was convened as scheduled at the annual spring Commission meeting on March 16, 1977, in Biloxi, Mississippi. The meeting was chaired by Kent A. Zaiser, Assistant Department Attorney for the Florida Department of Natural Resources, in the absence of interim Committee chairman Wings S. Benton, who was unable to attend because of the recent birth of her child. No other members of the Committee or other persons attended the meeting. There being no one else in attendance and no business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned.

It should be noted for the record, however, that the only activity of the Committee since the last meeting was an opinion of the interim Committee chairman, at the request of Mr. Peter Duffy, relating to the authority of the Commission vice-chairman in the absence of the chairman. The opinion was

in the form of a letter of December 10, 1976, which is incorporated herein by reference.

  
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Kent A. Zaiser  
Acting Chairman  
Law Coordinating Committee

March 18, 1977

# Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

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FLORIDA  
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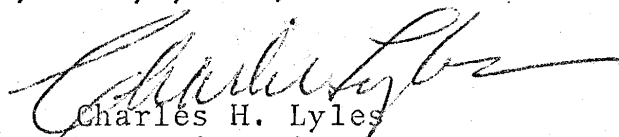
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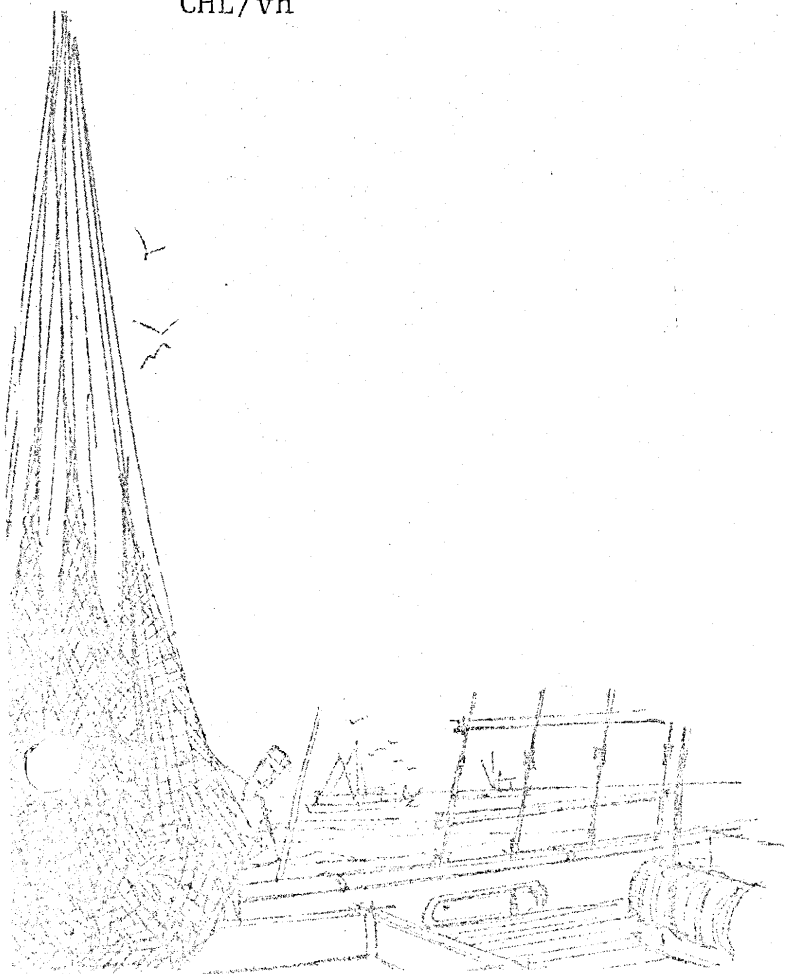
Dear Ted:

Attached is a list of those attending the T.C.C. Meeting in March at the Biloxi Hilton. An agenda is also attached.

Very truly yours,

  
Charles H. Lyles  
Executive Director

CHL/vh



JOIN THE EASTLAND FISHERMEN'S CLUB

Technical Coordinating Committee

Agenda

1:30-5:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 16, 1977

Ted B. Ford, Chairman, Welcome new members and advisors.

- 1. I.B. "Buck" Byrd, NMFS, Fed. Aid Coord. Workshop Report.
- 2. Dave Etzold, USM, Status report on "Feasibility study of using fresh water from Mississippi River on a controlled basis for improving fish and wildlife resources in estuarine areas east of the river." *Also brief report on Shrimp Task Force*
- 3. Harry Schafer, LWFC, Chairman, Status report on Marine Recreational Fisheries Program Emphasis Document.
- 4. Ed Klima, NOAA, and Charles Caillovet, NMFS, Proposed FY 1977 Expanded Program in Shrimp Research.
- 5. Panel discussion on application of guidelines in reviewing and making recommendations for permits issued by the Corps of Engineers under Section 404 and Section 10. Dick Hoogland, NMFS; Joe Burgess, FWS; Red Heinen, EPA; and John Weber, C of E.

- 6. *Buck Reed,* John Montanari, FWS, National Wetlands Inventory.
- 7. *Paul Hooker,* NMFS - *Statistics and Data Mgt. Activities of the Southeast Fisheries Center*

ADJOURNMENT

~~9. Lyle S. St. Amant, Menhaden Sub-Committee (if necessary).~~

- 8. *Charlie Lyles & Irwin Alperin - Leggett's bill for increased auth. for PL 88-309: 4a - 10,000,000 3-yr. term effective Oct. 1, 1977 4b - 3,000,000 4c - 500,000*

*Needs for testing:*

*9. Harvey Bullis - Discuss Developing Scientific Cooperative Arrangements with Mexico for the Gulf & possibly Caribbean*

*10. Port ARANSAS Fisheries Laboratory - Dr. Edwin ...*

Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting  
 Biloxi Hilton  
 March 16, 1977

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
Ted B. Ford	Louisiana Sea Grant Program	Baton Rouge, La.
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Hugh A. Swingle	Alabama Marine Resource Div.	Dauphin Island, Al.
Dave Etzold	Univ. of Southern Miss.	Hattiesburg, Ms.
Dick Hoogland	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
E. T. Heinen	Environmental Protection Agency	Atlanta, Ga.
I. B. Byrd	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
Paul J. Hooker	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
Ed Klima	Nat'l. Oceanog. & Atmos. Admin.	Rockville, Md.
Michael L. Parrack	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Galveston, Tx.
Wm. J. Demoran	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Terrance R. Leary	Texas Parks & Wildlife	Austin, Tx.
Gordon Gunter	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Charles R. Futch	Fla. Dept. of Natural Resources	Tallahassee, Fl.
Bill Turner	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
Don Geagan	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
Harry Schafer	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, La.
Porter B. Reed, Jr.	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	St. Petersburg, Fl.
Bill Wade	Alabama Marine Resources Div.	Dauphin Island, Al.
Steve Heath	Ala. Marine Resources Div.	Dauphin Island, Al.
Walter M. Tatum	Ala. Marine Resources Div.	Gulf Shores, Al.
Louis A. Villanova	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Atlanta, Ga.
Eugene L. Nakamura	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Panama City, Fl.
Roy Johnson	Texas Parks & Wildlife Service	Seabrook, Tx.
Tom VanDevender	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Richard Waller	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Wm. David Burke	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
James T. McBee	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, Ms.
Alice Jackson	South Mississippi Sun	Biloxi, Ms.
Barney Barrett	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	Baton Rouge, La.
Ellen Ralph	Center for Wetland Resources	Baton Rouge, La.
Richard Condrey	Center for Wetland Resources	Baton Rouge, La.
Ray Richardson	Seacoast Products, Inc.	Port Mammouth, N.J.
Jim Sykes	Nat'l Mar. Fisheries Service	Beaufort, N.C.
J. E. Burgess	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Lafayette, La.
Wm. Corky Perret	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, La.
Max W. Summers	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, La.
Ronald J. Dugas	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, La.
Claude J. Boudreaux	Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, La.
T. G. Christopher	Standard Products Co., Inc.	Moss Point, Ms.
Dalton Berry	Petrou Fisheries Inc.	Empire, La.
Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Prod., Inc.	New Orleans, La.
Wm. C. Lunsford, Jr.	Zapata Haynie Corp.	Towson, Md.
Jack T. Styron	Wallace Menhaden Products, Inc.	New Orleans, La.
Harvey Bullis	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Miami, Fl.
Shelby Drummond	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Pascagoula, Ms.

Technical Coordinating Committee Meeting  
Biloxi Hilton  
March 16, 1977  
(continued)

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
Frank Wittmann	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Bay St. Louis, Ms.
Richard Berry	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Galveston, Tx.
Jim Prunty	Mobil Oil Corp.	New Orleans, La.
Ralph Latapie	Louisiana Wildlife Commission	New Orleans, La.
Walter P. Morse	Louisiana Division of Health	Lake Charles, La.
Ed Smith	Nat'l. Mar. Fisheries Service	Pascagoula, Ms.
W. B. Hannum	Nat'l. Oceanog. & Atmos. Admin.	Washington, D.C.

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS, WEDNESDAY,  
MARCH 16 AND FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1977 OF THE GULF STATES  
MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION, BILOXI HILTON, BILOXI, MS.

Chairman, Lyle St. Amant, opened the meeting at 1:50 p.m.  
with the following present:

Irwin M. Alperin, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries  
Commission, Washington, D.C. - Guest.

John Mehos, Liberty Corporations, Galveston, Texas -  
Commissioner.

Tom D. Moore, Texas Parks Wildlife Department, Austin,  
Texas - Proxy-Garrison.

W. W. Gillis, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission,  
Biloxi, Ms. - Commissioner.

Ann Terbush, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Adminis-  
tration, Washington, D.C. - Guest.

Conway LeBleu, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission,  
Cameron, La. - Commissioner.

Hugh A. Swingle (Proxy - Mr. Hodnett) Alabama Department  
of Conservation, Dauphin Island, Alabama - Commissioner.

Nat Sonnier, Alabama Legislature, Mobile, Alabama - Commis-  
sioner.

Dr. Lyle St. Amant, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries, New  
Orleans, La. - Proxy for Burton Angelle.

Leroy Wieting<sup>e1</sup>, Texas Legislature, Austin, Texas - Commis-  
sioner.

Dr. St. Amant called for adoption of the Agenda. John  
Mehos moved adoption, Tom Moore seconded - carried. Adoption  
of the Minutes of the October 20th meeting was moved by Nat  
Sonnier and seconded by John Mehos - motion passed. The  
Chairman then asked the Director to explain the bookkeeping  
system. The Director explained that we now have a system,  
rather simple, of recording the expenditures. Briefly these  
are:



1. Set up a Cash Receipt Ledger, Cash Disbursement Ledger and a Payroll Ledger to begin March 1, 1977. Posting will be from the checkbook using the Chart of Accounts prepared by the CPA office, at least once a month.
2. In the past the CPA office kept the ledgers and books with the Commission Secretary going there periodically to post the books. Now the Secretary is in full charge of the books and they are kept in the Commission office.
3. The Chairman of the Commission will be sent a Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements which is a breakdown of monies received and paid by the Commission, once a month.

A financial statement was presented and made part of the minutes. The possibility of having the Chairman's tenure run concurrently with the fiscal year was raised by the Executive Director and after considerable discussion it was decided it would be best to change the fiscal year of the Commission from July 1 through June 30 to October 1 through September 30 of each year. Nat Sonnier moved that the fiscal year run from October 1 through September 30 which would be concurrent with the Chairman's tenure. Seconded by John Mehos - carried.

The matter of permitting the Chairman's proxy to serve as Chairman was rejected without vote.

The question of whether not to bond the Director and the Chairman was discussed and it was suggested that we bond the positions and in this way no change will be necessary. The

question of a budget formula was raised and it was the unanimous opinion of those present that this had already been done and that the formula is Texas, Florida and Louisiana - \$15,000 each, Alabama and Mississippi - \$7,500 each.

The Executive Director requested permission to purchase a printing calculator for use in accounting - approximately \$150.00. Nat Sonnier moved for approval, seconded by John Mehos - passed.

Item 9 on the Agenda dealt with guidelines the Director must follow in contacting Congress. It was pointed out, after some discussion that the Director should exercise judgement in these matters and that if there is any doubt he should call the Commissioners by phone.

The Director explained the plan of the three Director's to support the Leggett Bill (HR 4576). Testimony before the Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee will be required of the Executive Director and perhaps 1 or 2 state people in support of this. Commissioners agreed this is an important piece of legislation and should be supported.

Other bills listed in the minutes were discussed briefly.

John Mehos moved that a resolution be prepared to support the AuCoin Bill (HR 2564) on foreign investment in U.S. fisheries, seconded by Tom Moore - passed.

The Executive Director raised the question of goals for the coming year. The consensus seemed to be that the Executive Director should be alert to any development affecting Gulf

States and should call this to the attention of the Commissioners immediately.

Wayne Swingle made a brief report on the Eastland study stating that the Gulf South Research Institute had completed its work and now only the national publication needs completion and publishing. There remains \$13.6 thousand in Gulf funds, a part of which will be required to pay for the National Conference, November 30, December 1, and 2, 1976.

The Executive Director requested permission to dispose of publications in the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Building that are part of the files of the Commission. He pointed out that the Library of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory is available and that maintaining these publications in a suitable system constitutes a major task. Conway LeBleu requested that we look into the possibility of storing microfilm of same at the State Archives in Baton Rouge. The Director agreed to look into the matter. John Mehos moved that we clean the files, including publications and old correspondence and that the Executive Director is to use his own judgement in disposing of same. Motion seconded by Tom Moore - motion carried.

John Mehos moved that a permanent minute book be prepared and that the minutes of each meeting be made a permanent record of the Commission, seconded by Nat Sonnier - motion carried.

John Mehos moved that the bookkeeping system be adopted. Seconded by Nat Sonnier - motion carried.

John Mehos moved that we draw up a 15 month budget, working from the current funding - that we also draw up a change in the By-Laws making the fiscal year October 1 through September 30 of each year, seconded by Nat Sonnier - motion passed.

Mr. D. Y. Aska, Florida Sea Grant Advisory Service presented a report on the publications of the snapper-grouper colloquium to the committee and thanked the Commission for its cooperation in the matter.

The Executive Director then pointed out that the Spring Program for 1978, March 14-17, 1978 (tentative) will be held in Brownsville, Texas and the subject will be the mackerel's. Mexico and Cuba (?) will be invited since they too are exploiting this population of fish.

The Executive Director explained the action taken by the three Commissions in support of an increase in funding for the Gulf Regional Fishery Management Councils. While it is not likely that we will get the full \$3.0 million requested, there is a good possibility that about half of that will be forthcoming for operation of the Councils and for support of the State Directors.

Nat Sonnier brought up the question of the Secretary's salary and stated that since we had been plagued with poor help, the salary should be raised by \$500 now and in that way expect better performance. Based on performance the Commission could again consider the matter in October. John Mehos seconded and the motion carried. *The Salary becomes \$6500 as of April 1, 1977.*

There being no further business the Commission adjourned.  
Executive Breakfast - Atlantic Room - Hilton Hotel, Friday,  
March 18, 1977.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Nat Sonnier.

There being no other business he called for a report of  
the Resolutions Committee by Dr. Ted Ford. The following  
Resolutions were passed and made a part of the minutes of the  
Commission.

## Bookkeeping system and financial statement

1. Present financial statement through February 28, 1977 from office of Bourgeois, Bennett, Thokey & Hickey our CPA in New Orleans. BBT&H will present the Commission with a similar one each quarter.
2. Secretary of Commission went to New Orleans, March 3 to offices of BBT&H to discuss the past bookkeeping system and to set up a more workable one for the present.
  - a. Posted in ledgers from checkbooks October 1, 1976 through February 28, 1977, using the Chart of Accounts (copy attached) prepared by the CPA office.
  - b. Set up a Cash Receipt Ledger, Cash Disbursement Ledger and a Payroll Ledger to begin March 1, 1977. Posting will be from the checkbook at least once a month by the Secretary.
  - c. The past system included the Commission Secretary to go to the CPA office periodically, and post the books there. Secretary is now in full charge of bookkeeping by the month, at the Commission office. All ledgers, including the General Ledger will to kept by the Secretary.
3. Permission to transfer the two present bank accounts from the National American Bank of New Orleans to the Ocean Springs State Bank in Ocean Springs.
4. Permission for the Executive Director to sign checks without co-signature of the Commission Chairman.
5. Permission to eliminate making authorizations (copy attached) and obtaining signatures for each check written.
  - a. Procedure now is to approve statement, type authorization and check. Director signs, sent to Chairman for signature with copies for his files and stamped-addressed envelopes for disbursement.
  - b. This procedure is duplicating work because we pay by statement only and a copy of the statement is always obtained for the files and marked with the date it was paid and the check number.
  - c. Suggestion - instead of the authorizations, at the end of each month send the Chairman a Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements (copy attached) for the preceding month. This could also be sent to Commission members, if requested.

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

Chart of Accounts

CURRENT ASSETS

101 Petty Cash  
110 Cash in Bank - Regular  
115 Cash in Bank - Savings  
121 Accounts Receivable  
128 Accounts Receivable - Employees  
141 Prepaid Expenses

PROPERTY and EQUIPMENT

151 Automobiles  
151.01 Accumulated Depreciation on Automobiles  
153 Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment  
153.01 Accumulated Depreciation on Office Furniture, Fixtures & Equipment

OTHER ASSETS

191 Other Assets

CURRENT LIABILITIES

201 Notes Payable - Bank  
211 Accounts Payable  
Accrued Taxes:  
221 Federal Income Taxes Withheld  
222 FICA Taxes  
223 State Income Taxes Withheld  
225 Other Payroll Withholdings  
231 Accrued Liabilities

EQUITY

310 Equity

REVENUES

401.00	Members States' Appropriations
.01	Florida
.02	Alabama
.03	Mississippi
.04	Louisiana
.05	Texas
	Special Grants
411	Eastland Resolution Study
421	States - Federal Fisheries Management Program
495	Other Income

DIRECT COST OF REVENUES

	Cost of Special Grants
511.00	Eastland Resolution Study
521.00	States - Federal Fisheries Management Program
	Sub Accounts
.01	Contractual Costs
.11	Salaries
.15	Miscellaneous Labor
.21	Meetings
.31	Rent
.35	Supplies
.41	Taxes
.45	Telephone
.49	Travel & Entertainment

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

605	Auto Expense
611	Bad Debts
615	Bank and <del>Credit Card</del> Charges
631	Dues and Subscriptions
635	Depreciation
641	Insurance
651	Maintenance & Repairs
655	Meetings
657	Miscellaneous
661	Office Supplies & Stationery
665	Postage
669	Professional Fees
671	Rent
677	Salaries - Officers
678	Salaries - Office
681	Taxes and Licenses - General
683	Taxes - Payroll
687	Telephone
693	Travel and Entertainment
699	Utilities



**Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission**

DATE \_\_\_\_\_ AUTHORIZATION & CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_

CODE \_\_\_\_\_

POST TO ACCOUNT:

\_\_\_\_\_

DETAILS:

\_\_\_\_\_

REQUESTED AND APPROVED BY:

\_\_\_\_\_  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FINAL APPROVAL: (FOR AUDIT)

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSION CHAIRMAN

CC: CHAIRMAN

SPECIAL COMMENTS:

Gulf State Marine Fisheries Commission  
 Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements  
 Date \_\_\_\_\_

Beginning Cash Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Add Cash Receipts:

Member State Appropriations:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Special grants:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Other:

\_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$

Total funds to account for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less Cash Disbursements:

Cost of Special grants:

Contractual costs \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Other (details below) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Less Portion  
 Allocated to  
 Special Grants  
 (Shown above)

Total  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Operating expenses:

Accounting

Insurance

Maintenance

Meetings

Miscellaneous

Postage

Rent

Salaries

Supplies

Taxes

Telephone

Travel & entertainment

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Ending Cash Balance \* \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* Balance has been reconciled to the bank statement.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the United States and Mexico have extended unilaterally their respective fisheries jurisdictions to the 200-mile line offshore, and

WHEREAS, some stocks of fishes in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea and adjacent western Atlantic waters are highly migratory and not well understood, and

WHEREAS, some of these stocks of fishes are being harvested by Gulf States fishermen in Mexican and Caribbean waters, and increased need for fisheries production is anticipated in future years, and

WHEREAS, there is a substantial need to carry out stock assessments as well as develop the best scientific knowledge for management purposes,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission does urge its Technical Coordinating Committee to cooperate with and assist the National Marine Fisheries Service, the Mexican Fisheries Service and the Fisheries Services of other countries in devising methods for developing the best available data bases to cooperatively establish sound management practices for the reasonable and rational use of these fisheries stocks, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be spread upon the minute book of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission and that copies be sent to the Director of National Marine Fisheries Service, Regional Director of Southeast Region, NMFS, and the Director of Southeast Fisheries Center, NMFS.

This the 18th day of March, 1977.

I certify this is a true and correct copy.

  
Charles H. Lyles  
Executive Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission that the Honorable Les AuCoin has introduced legislation (HR 2564) to restrict foreign investment in U.S. fisheries, and

WHEREAS, it has been shown that foreign investment in U.S. fishery industries is increasing annually by substantial amounts, and

WHEREAS, the intent of PL 94-265 may be circumvented by foreign interests purchasing a controlling interest in U.S. vessels for the purpose of exploiting stocks of fish within the 200 mile zone, and

WHEREAS, the said vessels may enjoy the full rights as U.S. producing units, and

WHEREAS, this may have a detrimental effect on employment of U.S. fishermen, and on the stocks of fish needing protection under PL 94-265,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission assembled at Biloxi, Mississippi on March 16, 1977, does support and urge the passage of this important legislation (HR 2564) and that this Resolution be spread upon the minute books of this Commission and that copies be forwarded to the appropriate members of Congress from the five (5) Gulf states.

This the 18<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1977.

I certify this is a true and correct copy.

  
Charles H. Lyles  
Executive Director

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Act (PL 88-309 as amended) has been demonstrated to be a major source of funding and a means of acquiring baseline data for fisheries management in the Gulf area, and

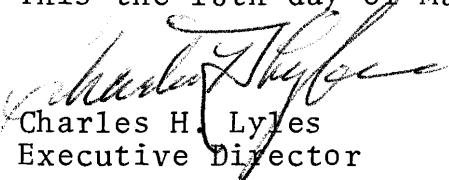
WHEREAS, the need for additional data is becoming more evident in order to coordinate with and support management planning directed by the Extended Jurisdiction Act (PL 94-265), and

WHEREAS, the demand for additional data to support fisheries management in the Gulf area will require significant additional funding,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission support and encourage the passage of proposed legislation (HR 4576) to increase authorized funding for the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development Program and recommend that the authorization be for a five (5) year period instead of three (3) years,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Commission be directed to coordinate and prepare an appropriate statement to be presented to the House Merchant Marine Committee on fisheries and further that the Executive Director and appropriate state administrators be encouraged to appear before the Committee on March 29, 1977, and that a copy of this Resolution be spread on the minute book of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

This the 18th day of March 1977.

  
Charles H. Lyles  
Executive Director

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has stated to the U.S. Public Works Committee that a study of the feasibility of utilizing fresh water from the Mississippi River on a seasonal basis to improve the wildlife and fisheries resources in those several estuarine areas east of the Mississippi River appears warranted, and

WHEREAS, the U.S. House Public Works Committee has approved an authorization for a government study to determine the feasibility of introducing fresh water into Mississippi and Louisiana estuarine areas to enhance fish and wildlife productivity, and

WHEREAS, a request for appropriations will be considered when Congress begins work on the Fiscal Year 1978 appropriations bills, and

WHEREAS, the several Gulf states and the nation will benefit directly from the results of improved fishing grounds, and

WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee remains vitally interested in conservation and enhancement of estuarine production, and

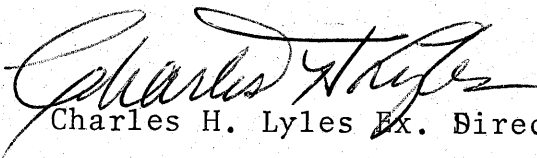
WHEREAS, the Technical Coordinating Committee continues to consider early commencement of the actual feasibility study as being urgently needed,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED that Congress is requested to appropriate the necessary funds to perform the feasibility study at an early date,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the several congressional delegations are hereby requested and urged to support passage of the actual appropriate funds that will accomplish these ends,

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Technical Coordinating Committee commends and appreciates the several congressional delegations that have continued to support this program.

Unanimously adopted by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission meeting at the Biloxi Hilton Hotel March 18, 1977.



Charles H. Lyles Ex. Director.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the Technical Coordinating Committee of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission that the fiscal year 1978 budget now being considered contemplates closing the fisheries laboratory of the National Marine Fisheries Service at Port Aransas, Texas, and

WHEREAS, this station was established to serve as a focal point for much needed research on recreational fishing in the western Gulf of Mexico, and

WHEREAS, this station was constructed at the cost of over \$1 million several years ago, and

WHEREAS, scientists at this station have successfully spawned and raised spotted sea trout and red drum, and

WHEREAS, this has never been done before and marks a great breakthrough in mariculture of Gulf and south Atlantic commercial and sports fishes, and

WHEREAS, the skilled staff already assembled has demonstrated its efficiency in raising marine fishes, and

WHEREAS, the spawning of fish and other animals such as shrimp has been a great block to mariculture, and

WHEREAS, the staff of the Port Aransas fisheries station seems to be on the verge of further significant contributions in this field, and

WHEREAS, it would be inappropriate, wasteful, and highly inefficient to abolish this laboratory which has so clearly demonstrated its success and proficiency in the field for which it was established,

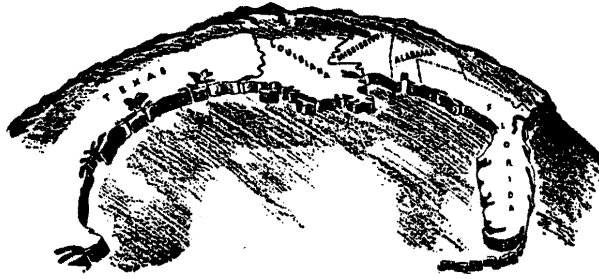
NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, assembled at Biloxi, Mississippi on 17 March 1977, does urge that this laboratory be continued and funded properly. Copies of this Resolution are to be spread upon the minute book of this Commission and copies are to be directed to the Administrator of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, The Director of National Marine Fisheries Service, the Regional Director and the Southeast Center Director of National Marine Fisheries.

Unanimously adopted by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting at the Biloxi Hilton Hotel March 18, 1977.

  
Charles H. Lyles, Ex. Director

# Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

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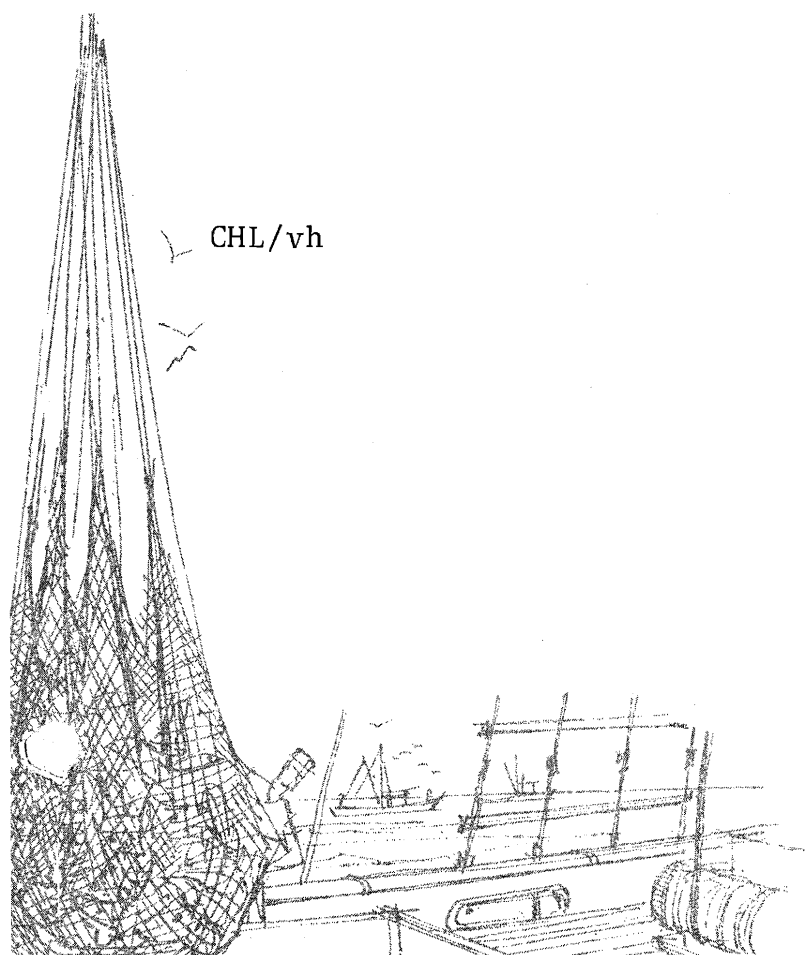
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## MEMORANDUM

TO: All Members Gulf States Federal Fisheries Management Board  
FROM: Charles H. Lyles *CHL*  
SUBJECT: Final Minutes of August 19, 1977 meeting.

Attached is your copy of the final minutes of the joint meeting of the Menhaden Advisory Committee and the Plan Implementation Committee held August 19, 1977 at the Airport Ramada Inn, New Orleans, Louisiana.

CHL/vh





MINUTES - AUGUST 19, 1977

A joint meeting of the Menhaden Industry Advisory Committee and the Plan Implementation Committee of the Gulf States-Federal Fisheries Management Board met at the Airport Ramada Inn, New Orleans, Louisiana, August 19, 1977. The meeting was opened by Mr. Leroy Wieting at 10:00 a.m. Chairman Wieting made a few opening remarks and asked Mr. Turner for a review of the decisions made at the last GS-FFMB meeting. Mr. Turner expressed regret that the minutes had not gotten out, but that press of other business had prevented their being completed. He stated that the Advisory Committee had been implemented. The Implementation Committee for the Menhaden Management Plan would serve as the go between for the Advisory Committee and the GS-FFMB. The Board made the decision to implement the Menhaden as well as the Shrimp Plan.

Turner also stated that the Gulf Council is urging the GS-FFMB to take up the matter of a plan for spotted sea trout and red drum.

Bob LaFollette was called on to explain the implementation plan. He addressed five major points as follows: (1) Target; (2) Present Status; (3) Procedural steps to achieve target; (4) Time Schedule; and (5) Resource Schedule. He described the present implementation plan as "a straw man", aimed at the proposed system, but did not address total requirements and that it assumed implementation by parallel systems.

He further emphasized the recommendations in Chapter 6 of the Plan and pointed to the need to define "who is going to do what, with whom by when".

St. Amant pointed out that the Plan calls for a good deal of data gathering, that the industry must keep certain records. In other words we must accumulate a data base on which to make decisions.

Harold Allen commented that we must establish priorities and determine what we can do with existing money.

Borden Wallace asked who could tell us what money is available for what.

Leroy Wieting commented that the states have certain information, the industry has certain information and NMFS has certain information. Our job now is to draw this together to determine what is missing and establish our priorities - looks like we are on the right track.

Borden Wallace commented that much of that was dealt with in the Plan. St. Amant commented that the 1st step is to identify the problems and needs. "Do we hire someone to do this?"

Ray Richardson stated that the problem has been identified. We have to face up to using the data we have - then if necessary get additional data as needed.

Dr. St. Amant moved that a contract be let to study feasibility of parallel implementation, to recommend funding for contract to detail and define system elements necessary to proceed with parallel systems implementation.

At this point, Turner presented a hand out and pointed out that the parallel system alluded to by Stevenson is set forth in the hand out.

The question of Herb Blatt's letter concerning anti-trust violations was discussed at some length.

Jim Nelson stated that his firms lawyers saw no anti-trust violations under the arrangement by which this plan was drawn.

It was then suggested that NMFS be approached with the view of having the Blatt memo reviewed and if a review indicated no great risk of a violation then the memo should be withdrawn. It was then suggested that we might ask the Attorney General for a ruling in this matter. It was also suggested that the Director might ask the Attorney General for a ruling in this matter. He will confer with Herb Blatt while in Washington the week of August 30, then proceed.

St. Amant suggested that the Board approach NMFS and the Gulf Council with the view of obtaining information on available funding and the means by which this funding can be gotten into the system.

There was considerable discussion on the status of where we are and what our needs are in this implementation process. There was a

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consensus that we must write specifications on what we need then compare with what we have. The first thing that must be done is to change the date of the season closure.

St. Amant moved that the Committee recommend to the Board that the Board ask the states to change the Menhaden season to the first Firday following the second Tuesday in October. The Advisory Committee was unanimous in its vote.

The meeting adjourned without further business.

Minutes Menhaden Advisory Committee  
Sheraton Inn  
Mobile, Alabama  
October 18, 1977

Chairman W. Borden Wallace opened the meeting of the Menhaden Advisory Committee at 10:00 p.m.

Members in attendance were:

Dalton Berry  
C. E. Bryan  
R. B. Chapoton, Secretary  
Tom Christopher  
Jacob Dermer  
Charles Futch  
Bill Lunsford  
James Nelson  
Ray Richardson  
Harry Schafer  
Hugh Swingle

Minutes of previous meeting were not read on motion of Ray Richardson.  
Jim Nelson second. Carried by voice vote.

In discussion of Charter of Menhaden Advisory Committee, Chariman outlined his opinion regarding meeting (item D3 page 2) in that 2/3 may be difficult to attain under certain circumstances. Pros and cons discussed by Committee.

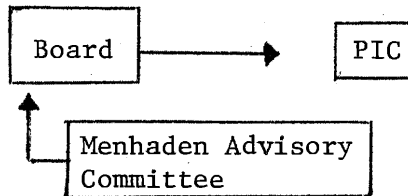
Harry Schafer moved that Charter item D3 be accepted as written. Charles Futch made second. Passed by voice vote.

Bill Lunsford suggested that alternates in addition to members be notified of meetings. Jim Nelson moved that voting members and alternates be notified of all meetings and that their proxies be communicated (by letter, phone or whatever) to the Chairman. Bill Lunsford second. Carried by voice vote.

Item D7. Discussion centered on question regarding which body the Committee should report to. Several suggestions were offered. Bill Lunsford asked about the Board vs. the Plan Implementation Committee (or PIC).

EXHIBIT "F"

The Chairman showed, via a diagram, possible arrangement as;



Charles Futch suggested that maybe it would help to strike the PIC, i.e., to stop with the Board with reports of the Committee.

Jim Nelson moved that the Menhaden Advisory Committee (MAC) accept the Charter draft dated May 21, 1977, with modification noted above plus the attached flow chart. Bull Lunsford second. Passed by voice vote.

Chairman will notify Leroy Weiting that the MAC will advise the Board of any recommendations from the MAC.

Chairman agreed to solicit David Etzold for technical assistance as the need arises as the MAC work progresses.

Chairman then discussed with the Committee the need for ideas and options for future work in FY 1978 and the funds for these projects. One specific item referred to the Chair for attention was the letter from J. Y. Christmas dated September 16, 1977, items 1-4.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 p.m.

MINUTES  
GULF STATES-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD  
SHERATON INN - MOBILE, ALABAMA  
OCTOBER 18, 1977

WILLIAM H. STEVENSON, PRESIDING.

The meeting was opened at 6:50 p.m. by Chairman Stevenson who called for a show of those who had proxies. Charles Futch had a proxy for Harmon Shields and Tom Moore a proxy for Henry Burkett.

Stevenson asked for approval or modification of the Agenda. There was no suggestion for change or modification of the Agenda and so it stands as presented. Stevenson suggested that adoption of the Minutes of the meeting be deferred until 11:00 a.m., October 19, in order to give all a chance to read them. It was pointed out that the Minutes of June 22, 1977, should be recorded as having met at the Monteleone Hotel instead of the Fountainbleu, as the Minutes indicated. There were no other changes in the Minutes.

Mr. Stevenson called on Leroy Weiting to report on the meeting of the Advisory Committee and the Implementation Committee meeting on August 19, 1977. Mr. Weiting complimented the two Committee's for the efficient manner in which they handled matters on August 19. He stated that it was planned to have the Implementation Committee interface or as a go between for the Advisory Committee and the GS-FFMB. The Board will make the decision to implement the plan. It was also decided that the Menhaden Season

should be changed to the Friday following the second Tuesday in October. The change has been effected in the States of Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana. These are the principal Menhaden fishing States.

Mr. Weiting stated there were three items that should be attended to.

- (1) A report on the language of Charter?
- (2) Who will be Chairman of the Advisory Committee?
- (3) Will there be funds available to do the plan?

He referred to the 1st two to Mr. Borden Wallace and the latter to Mr. Stevenson.

Mr. Wallace then stated that he would like a meeting of the Advisory Committee immediately following the Board Meeting.

Stevenson indicated that we should go over the Charter and be ready to act tomorrow at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Wallace stated that they had three names to recommend for Chairman of the Advisory Committee. These were Jake Dermer, Harry Schafer and Borden Wallace. Dr. St. Amant nominated Mr. Wallace for Chairman of the sub-committee. Leroy Weiting seconded it. The approval was unanimous.

Mr. Weiting then called on Mr. Wallace to report on Item II of the Board's Agenda. Mr. Wallace thanked the Board members,



the individual States, and everyone involved in expediting the Season change of dates. He requested that the Committee defer recommending the Charter to the Board for approval until the following day. Reason being the Committee wanted to further discuss the Charter and some possible changes. He informed the Board that the Committee will review the 9/19/77 letter from Mr. Christmas to Mr. Weiting regarding the Contract for developing Implementation details and will report back the following day. He confirmed to the Board that the Advisory Committee's understanding is that the "Menhaden Fishery Management Group" (see page 43 of the Plan) is in fact the Plan Implementation Committee.

Stevenson then called on Mr. Christmas to present the summary of the Shrimp Plan. Christmas then gave a brief summary of the Shrimp Plan, which has already been published.

St. Amant asked if copies had been sent to the Gulf Council and Christmas said they had.

Bob Jones asked when the constituency will review the final document. Etzold stated it had not been done and did not believe it necessary.

St. Amant asked at what point in time do you propose to submit this to the constituency. Jones pointed out that a summary consisting of the main points covered in the plan.

St. Amant pointed out to Jones that this document is not a regulatory plan. The regulatory plan can take off from this point.

At this point there was considerable discussion without much substance.

St. Amant then suggested that a small concise folder, itemizing what the plan is, that is the main points, be drawn up.

Mr. Stevenson said he would so instruct the Implementation Committee.

The Chairman then recognized Terry Leary, of the staff of the Gulf Regional Fishery Management Council. Mr. Leary stated that Council members have raised the question of the preparation of a Management Plan for sea trout and redfish. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee recommended against it because it is primarily a State water problem. He further stated that he would appreciate knowing the attitude of the Board on this matter.

At this point Mr. Stevenson read Mr. Jones' letter of September 14, 1977, to the Board requesting undertaking a plan for spotted sea trout and red drum.

St. Amant observed that there is very little data on which to base decisions and that the primary problem is a lack of data base. After considerable discussion the Chairman posed the

question:

Do we agree that these (trout and reds) are management units we need to address?

Futch pointed out that in the June meeting in New Orleans it was voted that we would not make additional plans until these we have are implemented.

Leary (Council) commented that the Council felt that a Management Plan might stabilize the fishery.

St. Amant moved that we report to the Council that the Board feels that it is the Board's responsibility to prepare a Management Plan and the Board will address the matter when and if the funds become available. Seconded by Weiting and passed unanimously.

Jack Brawner then reported on the funding situation. He stated that NMFS has in the State-Federal funds \$100K but that they will need to retain \$10K for a contingency and raised the question of what priorities the Board would set on the use of the \$90K.

Stevenson suggested that the Board and Implementation Committee come up with recommendations and priorities on spending the money.

Ted Ford suggested a small resource assessment program.

Weiting suggested that we get on with a plan (for spotted sea trout and reds), if we do no more than let the people be heard.

St. Amant then moved that between now and Wednesday at noon (October 19) that we come up with an estimate of the cost of preparation of some initial work towards a management plan for spotted sea trout and redfish. Seconded by Tom Moore. Unanimously carried.

Stevenson instructed the Shrimp and Menhaden Implementation Committee's that they come up with an estimate of the cost of these programs.

Lyles was asked of the cost of administrating the program and he stated it would cost about 10 per cent of the total funds.

Stevenson stated that a ballot method will be used to determine how this money will be spent.

Stevenson presented a request from the South Atlantic Board for \$26,000 which was tabled. Ray Richardson stated that about 25% of the menhaden catch was made in the South Atlantic and that was the reason for the request.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 19.

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING  
 GULF STATES-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING  
 SHERATON INN - MOBILE, ALABAMA  
 OCTOBER 18, 1977

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>	<u>TOWN</u>
TOM D. MOORE	TX. PARKS & WILDLIFE	AUSTIN, TX.
JACK BRAWNER	NMFS	ST. PETE., FL.
BOB JONES-Proxy for Rep.	Hodges SOUTHEASTER FISH. ASSN.	TALLAHASSEE, FL.
HARRY SCHAFER	LA. WILDLIFE & FISHERIES	NEW ORLEANS, LA.
HUGH A. SWINGLE	AL. DEPT. OF CONSERVATION	DAUPHIN IS., AL.
PAUL D. FULHAM	NMFS	ST. PETE., FL.
JAMES J. NELSON	STANDARD PRODUCTS CO.	KILMARNOCK, VA.
T. G. CHRISTOPHER	STANDARD PRODUCTS CO.	MOSS POINT, MS.
CHARLES R. FUTCH	FL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	TALLAHASSEE, FL.
O. B. LEE	FL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	TALLAHASSEE, FL.
TERRANCE LEARY	GULF COUNCIL STAFF	TAMPA, FL.
RICHARD LEARD	MS. MARINE CONSERVATION COM.	BILOXI, MS.
HARVEY R. BULLIS	NMFS	MIAMI, FL.
W. H. STEVENSON	NMFS	ST. PETE., FL.
LYLE S. ST. AMANT	LA. DEPT. WILDLIFE & FISHERIES	NEW ORLEANS, LA.
CHARLES H. LYLES	GSMFC	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.
LEROY KIFFE	GSMFC	LOCKPORT, LA.
EDWARD W. SWINDELL	WALLACE MENHADEN PROD.	NEW ORLEANS, LA.
ROBERT B. CHAPOTON	NMFS	BEAUFORT, NC
BORDEN WALLACE	WALLACE MENHADEN PROD., INC.	NEW ORLEANS, LA.
WM. C. LUNSFORD, JR.	ZAPATA HAYNIE CORP.	TOWSON, MD.
DAVID J. ETZOLD	UNIV. OF SO. MISSISSIPPI	HATTIESBURG, MS.
J. Y. CHRISTMAS	GULF COAST RESEARCH LAB	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.
JAKE DERMER	PETROU FISHERIES, INC.	EMPIRE, LA.
DALTON BERRY	PETROU FISHERIES, INC.	EMPIRE, LA.
RAY RICHARDSON	SEACOAST PRODUCTS, INC.	PORT MONMOUTH, N.J.
LEROY WELTING	MEMBER TEXAS LEGISLATURE	PORTLAND, TX.
CLYDE RICHBOURG	AMERICAN SEAFOOD CO.	PENSACOLA, FL.

MINUTES  
GULF STATES-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD  
SHERATON INN - OCTOBER 19, 1977  
MOBILE, ALABAMA

The meeting was opened by Chairman Stevenson at 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, October 19, 1977. Chairman recognized proxies from Harry Schafer for J. Burton Angelle, J. Y. Christmas for Richard Leard, Charles R. Futch for Harmon Shields, Hugh Swingle for John W. Hodnett and Tom Moore for Henry Burkett. A full list of those attending is attached. The Chairman asked for approval of the Minutes of the meeting of June 22, 1977 and August 19, 1977. It was pointed out that the June meeting was held in the Monteleone Hotel not the Fountainbleu. That being the only change in either Minutes they were approved. Moved by Christmas, seconded by Swingle and passed without dissent.

Dr. Ted Ford was called on to report on the action of the T.C.C. He stated that the T.C.C. had recommended that the Board adopt the Shrimp Management Plan and the summary version. It was moved by Swingle and seconded by Schafer.

Etzold stated that they need a letter stating that the contract is completed and approving the manuscript.

Weiting stated that some changes were to be recommended in the charter of the Advisory Group and suggested Mr. Wallace give these.

Mr. Wallace recommended the following changes in Turner's

second draft of March 31, 1977. Page 2, D7 should read as follows:

7. Advisory Committee will report recommendations back to the Board. (The following was deleted: through P.I.C. or directly to full Board).

Chairman Stevenson complimented the program Implementation Committee for the efficient and expeditious manner in which it had operated. He then abolished the Committee and appointed the same members to the Menhaden Management Committee, and charged them with day to day operations. The same Chairman, Borden Wallace, was retained as Chairman. Christmas moved that the Board instruct the Menhaden Advisory Committee to interface with the Menhaden Management Committee.

Schafer asked if the Resolution was really necessary. After considerable discussion, Christmas withdrew the Resolution. Leroy Weiting then moved that we adopt the Charter with the amendment to Item 7 (see above). Seconded by Mr. Swingle and passed without dissent.

(The Chairman always gave one minute for state caucus before each vote.)

Mr. Wallace wanted to know how much money they could put into the program. After considerable discussion it was decided

to defer action until there was sufficient time to study the matter. There was some discussion relative to the composition of the Management Committee (previously Advisory Committee). It was pointed out that in the March Meeting in Biloxi, the Board approved an alternate to be named both by states and companies.

Leroy Weiting so moved that one alternate for each state and one for each company. Seconded by Swingle and carried unanimously.

Dr. Ted Ford reported that the T.C.C. recommended to the Board that the Board establish a profile on spotted sea trout and redfish (red drum), very similar to that established on Shrimp and Menhaden and that the study team consist of one representative from each state, one from the commercial interest, one from the recreation interest. (The recording secretary - Lyles - would like to point out that the consumers of which he is one has not been represented). Dr. Ford also recommended that a limit of \$10,000 be placed on the program. That it be limited to 3 or 4 meetings and that the matter be handled through the Executive Director of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. The sub committee would work under the T.C.C. Ford stated there would be a report at the Spring Meeting.



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Leroy Weiting moved that we look with favor on the establishment of a profile for spotted sea trout and redfish. Seconded by Hugh Swingle. Ford suggested that we use available funds from the Shrimp Plan. Stevenson stated that the Shrimp P.I.C. address this issue and come in with priority.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

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CHARLES H. LYLES	GSMFS	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.
TED FORD	LSU - SEA GRANT PROGRAM	BATON ROUGE, LA.
DAVID ETZOLD	UNIV. OF SO. MISSISSIPPI	HATTIESBURG, MS.
HUGH SWINGLE	AL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	DAUPHIN IS., AL.
WALTER TATUM	AL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	GULF SHORES, AL.
I. B. BYRD	NOAA/NMFS	ST. PETE., FL.
C. E. BRYAN	TX. PARKS & WILDLIFE	AUSTIN, TX.
CHARLES R. FUTCH	FL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	TALLAHASSEE, FL.
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PAUL J. PRISTAS	NOAA/NMFS	PANAMA CITY, FL.
LOU VILLANOVA	U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE	ATLANTA, GA.
O. B. LEE	FL. DEPT. OF NATURAL RESOURCES	TALLAHASSEE, FL.
NORTON HAAS	MISS. MARINE RESOURCES COUNCIL	
JIM BARKULOO	U.S. FISH & WILDLIFE	PANAMA CITY, FL.
W. H. HERKE	LA. COOP FISHERY RESEARCH UNIT -	LSU-BATON ROUGE, LA.
JACOB DERMER	PETROU FISHERIES, INC.	EMPIRE, LA.
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ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
October 19, 1977  
SHERATON INN  
MOBILE, ALABAMA  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was opened by Charles H. Lyles who explained that the meeting had been called to determine to what extent the state agencies could or would be willing to participate in law enforcement required under P.L. 94-265. Lyles pointed out that all enforcement beyond 3 miles rests with the U.S. Government, and that the Coast Guard is the primary enforcement agency for all at sea enforcement beyond 3 miles and that they also have certain responsibilities within 3 miles. The National Marine Fisheries Service also has responsibilities under P.L. 94-265, and the Regional Representative, Mr. Charles Fuss is here today to discuss this matter in order to lay plans for State-Federal cooperation in enforcement.

Mr. Fuss distributed a Discussion Outline (attached) and pointed out that domestic enforcement will be a rather extensive operation as evidenced by developments in the Pacific northwest recently. When asked about Federal funding, he explained that the situation is unclear at this time and that we do not know how much money will be available since none has been allocated to this region for state enforcement. Fuss raised the question of the states participating and there was general agreement that the States would participate in FCMA enforcement. He then went swiftly through the Discussion Outline as an example of the information that his office needs to plan for State/Federal enforcement under P.L. 94-265. Each of the state representatives was asked to respond to the questions in the outline at their convenience.

Cliff Willis raised some rather important questions concerning the ability of the states to participate. (1) If a vessel is seized, confiscated and sold, where would the funds go?

(2) If they go to the state, they obviously would go into the general fund in Florida and Texas and thus the agency doing the work gets nothing. He was of the opinion that a change in statute will be required for these states to benefit from that kind of action.

Col. Willis further stated that if a vessel is seized the storage charges could amount to a sizable sum and in his case if the enforcement division seizes the vessel, they may be required to pay storage charges and since any fines, etc., go into the general fund, the enforcement division would lose the money. Without statutory changes, it will be difficult for Florida to participate.

It was pointed out that the traffic in dope would present some problems. There was considerable discussion on this point.

The question of training for law enforcement officers was raised by Mr. Fuss. After considerable discussion he recommended that we prepare an inventory questionnaire concerning the training level of state personnel for this kind of work and an inventory of hardware to be used in enforcement.

The question was raised concerning the state's ability to license under P.L. 94-265. Lyles stated that care had been taken to insure that the state's ability to license or tax had in no way been diminished.

It was therefore decided that Lyles would write up the notes and prepare a questionnaire to be sent to all Gulf States to obtain information on training and hardware available as well as interest in participating.

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned.

Fishery Conservation and Management Act  
State/NMFS/Coast Guard: Domestic Enforcement

Discussion Outline

1. Individual state commitment to participate in domestic FCMA enforcement:
  - a. Will your agency commit personnel and resources to the enforcement of domestic fishery regulations under FCMA?
  - b. Will your agency accept deputization of officers to enforce Federal regulations?
  - c. What areas of enforcement will you agree to participate in; i.e. dockside inspection of permits and catch, patrols and boardings at sea, how far offshore, etc.?
2. Funding requirements:
  - a. Will the state commit funds for domestic FCMA enforcement?
  - b. What Federal funds will be required initially and with additional Fishery Management Plan regulations?
  - c. What is the most equitable way to divide "x" available Federal funds between the states for initial domestic FCMA enforcement coordination and with additional FMP regulations; i.e. such as some type formula to include number of registered fishing vessels, ports, length of coastline, etc.?
3. Procedures for domestic FCMA enforcement coordination:
  - a. Should each state have an FCMA enforcement coordinator?
  - b. What is the best way to handle coordination and communications between the state, NMFS, and Coast Guard?
  - c. What training for state officers will be required?
4. Personnel, Facilities, and Capabilities:
  - a. How many officers available for domestic FCMA enforcement?
  - b. How many aircraft for patrols and surveillance?
  - c. How many outboard type boats for near shore patrols?
  - d. How many offshore type patrol vessels?
  - e. How far offshore can you operate in reasonable weather conditions?

NAMES OF THOSE ATTENDING  
 ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
 SHERATON INN - MOBILE, ALABAMA  
 OCTOBER 19, 1977

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MELISSA W. SMITH	BUREAU OF LAND MGMT.	NEW ORLEANS, LA.
TOM D. MOORE	TX. PARKS & WILDLIFE DEPT.	AUSTIN, TX.
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JIM HANLEY	MS. MARINE CONSERVATION COMM.	BILOXI, MS.
JERRY GOLLOTT	MS. MARINE CONSERVATION COMM.	BILOXI, MS.
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LCDR. J. D. KLEMM	USCG	MOBILE, AL.
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TOM HANKUS	GULF COAST RESEARCH LAB	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.
CATHERINE CAMPBELL	GULF COAST RESEARCH LAB	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.
LEROY KIFFE	GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMM.	LOCKPORT, LA.
CHARLES H. LYLES	GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMM.	OCEAN SPRINGS, MS.

MINUTES  
THE GULF STATES FISHERIES POLICY COMMITTEE  
OCTOBER 19, 1977  
SHERATON INN - MOBILE, ALABAMA

The Gulf States Fisheries Policy Committee met at the Sheraton Inn, October 19, 1977 at 9:30 a.m. Charles H. Lyles, who had initially called the meeting explained that the reason for calling the meeting was that the Gulf area just does not get adequate recognition in fishery matters. It is hoped that by getting all Gulf of Mexico together we might be able to carry more weight than we do at the present.

Some of the problems in the Gulf are: (1) The impending turtle problem; (2) Lack of representation on federal advisory boards, etc.; (3) Actions by one regional fishery council that may affect matters in another area. For example action by the New England Council in allocating herring catches affected shrimp permits to U.S. shrimp fishermen in French Guinea. There are others.

It was decided that the Gulf States Fisheries Policy Committee would be formed of 2 members from each trade association in the Gulf; that is Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana. This to be the Executive Director and the President or principal officers elected on an annual basis. Mr. Victor Mavar was elected temporary Chairman and Charles H. Lyles was elected recording secretary. Mr. Mavar and Mr. Lyles were requested to get together and draw up a set of by laws by which the group could operate. There will be no dues to the organization. Meetings are to be held in conjunction with the annual meeting of each trade association and semi-annually with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. Such policy matters as can be agreed on will be presented to each association and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission for support.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

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EXECUTIVE BREAKFAST  
Friday, October 21, 1977  
Sheraton Inn - Mobile, Alabama

In the absence of Commission Chairman, J. Burton Angelle, Director of Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission, Vice Chairman Nat Sonnier called the Session to order and asked for amendments, changes or deletions to the Minutes for the March 1977 Session. There being none, it was moved by Shields, seconded by Swingle, that the Minutes be adopted as written. The vote was unanimous approval.

The Chairman then asked for a report from the Director on the disposition of the Resolutions passed at the March 1977 meeting. The Director gave the disposition of Resolutions, with the exception of the Resolution concerning the closing of the Port Aransas Laboratory. Mr. Stevenson was asked for a report on this matter which he gave.

Mr. Shields then suggested that we substitute a letter for Resolutions that the Commission customarily passes at each Session. And that said letter set forth the details of the matter and request a reply. After some discussion this was placed in the form of a motion and was seconded by Bob Kemp. The motion was unanimously carried.

The Executive Director then reported on the sale of the Com-



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mission vehicle to Rudolph P. Duville, an employee of the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Commission for \$350.00. Shields moved that we accept the report of the sale, seconded by Schafer and it was unanimously adopted.

The Executive Director then reported on the audit and the equipment that could not be located. There were some expense items for which vouchers could not be located. One of these concerned a check for \$762.81, for which the auditor could not find a voucher. Mr. Stevenson requested that we supply him information and he will search for details. Lyles will search again and report the details to the Commission.

The Executive Director reported on the old equipment which could not be located and which the auditor reported on. The Director suggested that since all Commission equipment is old that the equipment that could not be located be surveyed and written off. He will use standard government procedures in preparing a report of survey. This report will be brought to the March 1978 Meeting for adoption.

Mr. Shields moved that any money over \$5,000.00 be placed in an interest bearing account, to get the best possible interest, seconded by Mr. Kiffe, unanimously adopted.

Motion by Mr. Shields and seconded by Mr. Swingle that the Director be provided \$7,500.00 limit on secretary salary to be

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raised as deemed advisable and that \$500.00 be applied as of November 1, 1977. The motion passed without dissent.

Mr. Shields moved that the Director salary be raised by \$1,000.00 to \$18,000.00 annually, seconded by Brumfield and passed without dissent.

Mr. Shields moved that the proposed budget be adopted, seconded by Swingle and passed without dissent.

Dr. Ted Ford then gave a brief report on the U.S. - Mexican scientific talks. The last session was held in Campeche, Mexico and the next will be in Miami, Florida. It was moved that the report be accepted by Swingle, seconded by Moore and passed without dissent.

Dr. Ford also reported that there was some interest in the T.C.C. to establish a Blue Crab Sub-Committee and that we may wish to look at a sort of profile of the Blue Crab, similar to that being undertaken for trout and redfish.

Dr. Ford brought forth several resolutions which were adopted as directives in the form of letters which the Chairman and Executive Director will co-sign and forward to respective individuals for whom intended, asking for a reply. This was moved by Shields and seconded by Swingle. It was passed without dissent.

Mr. Shields brought up the fact that Dr. Ford had been Chairman of the T.C.C. for many years and that while Dr. Ford had done an admirable job, and while he had a great personal fondness for Dr. Ford, he would still like to see someone else hold the Chair for a while. He mentioned as a possibility Mr. Ed Joyce, the Chief of the Bureau of Marine Research for Florida.

The Executive Director brought up the question of a statement of support for Mr. William Hannum and after considerable discussion, it was felt that each State could accomplish more than the Commission.

The Executive Director explained that under the present reorganization there is an indication that three regions will be established - an Atlantic Region, a Pacific Region and a Gulf Region. The Director further pointed out that the Research Centers are located in Miami and Woods Hole and the Product Development Centers are located in Gloucester, MA, College Park, MD and Pascagoula, MS. The Pascagoula and College Park operations will be combined as of next July and moved to Charleston, SC. If the reorganization of NMFS is in fact effected for an Atlantic, a Pacific and a Gulf Region, this leaves the Gulf without a Research Center or a Product Development Center while

the Atlantic Coast has two of each. The Director pointed out that this hardly seems fair or equitable by any measure. He suggested that since the ichthyofauna of the South Atlantic more nearly resembles the Gulf that perhaps the Commission would like to take a position with regard to including the South Atlantic with the Gulf as a Southeast Region. Mr. Stevenson commented that regionalization is a complicated matter and perhaps the Commission might want to take a little deeper look. After considerable discussion it was suggested that the Executive Director meet with Mr. Stevenson in St. Petersburg to discuss the question of regionalization in some depth. He will then report back to the Commission by correspondence. He was also directed to call Mr. Bleicher and discuss with him the intent of the Commission.

The Executive Director was directed by motion to see that the energy Bill contained the same exemption for fisheries as has been given agriculture.

Motion by Kiffe, seconded by Christmas and adopted without dissent.

The Executive Director inquired of the Commission's interest in assisting, financially, some fishermen to get to the Mackerel Colloquium who might not otherwise be able to attend. He also inquired of Mr. Stevenson about financial assistance from the NMFS.

There was little interest in using Commission funds to assist fishermen in getting to the meeting. Mr. Stevenson stated that at the federal level, efforts were being made to assist people to attend meetings, but that it is a complicated matter. He will check into it.

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Mr. Nat Sonnier was nominated for Chairman for the coming year and Mr. Henry Burkett was nominated for Vice Chairman.

There being no further business, the session was adjourned at 11:10 am.

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8:00 am - 11:10 am  
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Tom Moore	Proxy for John Mehos	TX
Bob Kemp	Proxy for Henry Burkett	TX
Clyde Richbourg		FL
O. B. Lee	Proxy for Gene Hodges	FL
Harmon Shields		FL
Nat Sonnier	(Acting Chairman)	AL
Hugh Swingle	Proxy for John W. Hodnett	AL
J. Y. Christmas	Proxy for Richard Leard	MS
George Brumfield	Proxy for Ted Millette	MS
Harry Schafer	Proxy for J. Burton Angelle	LA
Leroy Kiffe		LA

Executive Director, Charles H. Lyles

By Special Request, William H. Stevenson, Regional Director, NMFS