

MINUTES  
NMFS/GSMFC Meeting  
Airport Ramada Inn  
Kenner, Louisiana  
January 22, 1980

At 9:30 am, Mr. Lyles called the meeting to order and introduced Mr. Leitzell.

The following discussions were addressed without a formal agenda at the wish of Mr. Leitzell.

Title IV OCS - Fishermen's Contingency Fund. An overview of the program was given and an indication that the final regulations would be published in the "Federal Register" on Thursday, January 24.

Mr. Grable and Ms. Hensley noted there was a need for a "school type" meeting to explain procedures, information needed, etc. to the fishermen. Upon a request for help, the Commission volunteered to help coordinate meetings at the Louisiana Shrimp Association, March 13 - 14; the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting, March 19 - 21; the Texas Shrimp Association, the week of March 24; and various meetings in heavy claim areas of South Louisiana, February 25 - March 1.

State-Federal Program. Mr. Leitzell discussed several alternative ways to proceed with the program. The background and basis for the discussion was the NMFS position paper that was circulated and discussed with the individual State Directors recently.

What Mr. Leitzell needs here was input and discussion to help set the stage for the upcoming State Directors Meeting in Washington, D.C.

Concern was given by those in attendance from the states as to the future and the role of 88-309 in this "new mission" of State-Federal interactions.

There were lengthy discussions of new roles for FCMA, S-F Program, 88-309, CZM, etc. for shared common goals by NMFS.

The states maintained the excellent work and return on the money to the state and nation from 88-309 projects and stated the valid use and need for additional funding rather than a dilution or cut in the program.

The states generally indicated a need for the continuation of the State-Federal program to address the species and fisheries not yet addressed in the Gulf, i.e. blue crab, oysters, mullet and possibly others.

The Technical Coordinating Committee of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission noted the need for a continuous and improved data base for shrimp and other species and would appreciate a cooperative tagging program with the states.

Oil Field Fly Over. Jim Prunty gave a slide show to prepare the Washington personnel for their trip to observe offshore oil and gas production. The information was on drilling, production, exploration and general basic knowledge of the petroleum industry.

Public Hearing Session. Following the meeting with the state people, there was a comment time by concerned fishermen over the proposed "Texas Option" in the Gulf Council's FMP on shrimp.

Mr. Leitzell took the comments and assured the people present their comments will be considered.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

LIST OF ATTENDEES  
NMFS/GSMFC Meeting  
Kenner, Louisiana  
January 22, 1980

Larry B. Simpson  
Charles H. Lyles  
Robert Kemp  
Leroy Kiffe  
Harry Schafer  
Paul D. Fulham  
Kathy Hensley  
Mike Grable  
Martha Blaxall  
Irwin Alperin  
Bill Gordon  
Gary Knight  
Joe Allen  
James Lynch  
John R. Dyer  
William W. Fox, Jr.  
Fred Deegen  
Richard Leard  
Jim Prunty

Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Law Center - LSU  
State Representative - Florida  
U.S. Dept. of Commerce  
OMB  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
Miss. Bureau of Marine Resources  
Miss. Bureau of Marine Resources  
Mobile Oil Exploration & Prod., S.E., Inc.

Menhaden Advisory Committee  
Tuesday, March 18, 1980  
Mobile Hilton Hotel  
Mobile, Alabama

Minutes:

1. The chairman called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. In opening remarks he discussed the committee charter briefly, noting that all regular business of the committee must be conducted by a quorum of not less than 60 percent of the voting members or their proxies. A roll call (see attached list of attendance) established the presence of a quorum.

2. Without objection, minutes of the 1979 meeting were adopted as distributed. The tentative agenda distributed by the chairman on February 28, was adopted without change.

3. Borden Wallace (Wallace Menhaden Products) reported the committee's recommendation to the State-Federal Fisheries Management Board that a study of legal ramifications of potential management options be funded, was approved by the Board. Funding was limited to a maximum of \$30 K.

4. Research Projects Reports:

- a. Richard Condrey (LSU) reported completion of "A Menhaden Bibliography" by Donna D. Fontenal, Richard E. Condrey and Theodore B. Ford. Hard copies of the computerized bibliography were delivered to GSMFC and NMFS Southeast Fisheries Center, Beaufort Laboratory (SFC, Beaufort). Mr. Condrey indicated that tape or card files of the bibliography with appropriate documentation would be deposited with SFC, Beaufort and Gulf Coast Research Laboratory (GCRL), Ocean Springs, MS. and discussed possible additions and updating. Dr. Ted Ford, after discussion of completion procedure, indicated that a formal completion report will be filed with GSMFC.

-After discussion of further work on formalization and maintenance of the Menhaden Information Data Bank, it was agreed that the chairman would appoint and work with

an ad hoc subcommittee to consider further work on the data bank. The subcommittee will report in October.

- b. Richard Condrey (LSU) distributed and reviewed "Simulated Menhaden Management: Drafts of the review of the management system proposed in Christmas and Etzold (1977) and the options considered to limit harvest to MSY". Copies were distributed and any additional input and/or comments were requested.

-It was agreed that additional input would be received until April 7, with revision and final report to be completed by April 30.

-In extensive discussion of using an assumption that MSY has been exceeded and proposed options to test the system there was an expression of concern that the assumption may be misinterpreted by some who did not understand the process. Since a test of one option based on then current MSY estimates of the 1976 harvest showed major discrepancies, the value of additional simulations based on existing data was questioned.

-Walter Nelson (SFC, Beaufort) requested and received permission to present pertinent information on recent developments as scheduled in agenda item 4 f. He presented some results of Gulf menhaden population dynamics studies completed at SFC, Beaufort in the last year. He offered to provide the new information for use in any simulation the committee chose to develop. A suggestion by Jim Nelson that simulation plans be considered after the legal ramifications of implementation of options is explored was approved without exception.

- c. Jim Byars (Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries) reported completion of Menhaden Tagging Mortality Studies and discussed results. A limited number of copies of the manuscript prepared for publication were distributed to committee members. Publication in Louisiana's technical bulletin series is planned.

- d. J. Y. Christmas (GCRL) reported completion of the 1978 Net Log Pilot Study. Copies of the final completion report were distributed by GSMFC.
- e. Walter Nelson (SFC, Beaufort) reported progress in the 1979 Menhaden Net Log study. Approximately 90% of the potential number of "Captain's Daily Report" forms were received. Key punching of data is in progress.
- f. (See 4 b).
- g. Mike Wascom (LSU) introduced Tom Schoenbaum (Tulane), who is co-principal investigator on the contract for examination of the legal ramifications of the discussion and implementation of various management options. He noted that contract period is 1 January 1980 through 31 December 1980 with the final report to be submitted by 28 February 1981. He expressed the contractor's desire to produce a practical, in-depth report on specific problems rather than the results of a general legal study. To this end he requested input from the committee that might delimit the scope of work.

-After discussion it was agreed that, in view of immediate needs of the committee, particularly with respect to simulation testing of the Management system, a preliminary report would be distributed to committee members for review and comment by the end of June.

- 5. Jim Nelson (Standard Products) proposed changes in the "Captain's Daily Report" format as follows:
  - a. Provide a column for code numbers in blocks 12 by making small reductions in blocks 12, 13, 14 and 15.
  - b. Provide a space in block 1, Name of Vessel, for recording net number. This number would not be added to computerized data but would be useful to companies which maintain performance records on individual nets.
  - c. Print all copies on white paper. Problems with duplication from yellow and pink copies have been encountered. The

chairman acknowledged receipt of a letter from Bob Chapoton (SFC, Beaufort) requesting consideration of changes included in the above list.

-After discussion, the committee unanimously approved recommendation of these changes to the Board.

-Walter Nelson discussed Chapoton's offer in the above mentioned letter to help "bird dog" a contract for printing the 1980 forms. It was noted that this process, because of Federal printing rules, would not involve the Beaufort Lab. Menhaden companies pay for printing the forms and accepted the proposed assistance.

-Chapoton's proposal (by letter) to have Eldon Levi pick up completed daily reports from Gulf menhaden plants on a monthly basis was accepted without exception. Walter Nelson explained the Mr. Levi visited these offices for catch and fish sampling purposes and would send the appropriate copies to Beaufort for transfer to the company who gets the 1980 net log contract.

6. Dave Etzold (University of Southern Mississippi) said that a review of action on the menhaden management plan indicated that, in general, the system was working and no immediate changes in the plan were indicated. Since time for this meeting had run out, he proposed that agenda item 6 be continued in October. In the meantime, he would provide some preliminary input for distribution to committee members.

7. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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J. Y. Christmas, Chairman  
Menhaden Advisory Committee

MENHADEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
March 18, 1980

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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C. E. Bryan*	TPWD	(512) 475-4835
W. Borden Wallace*	Wallace Menhaden Products	(504) 838-8211
Walter R. Nelson*	NMFS (Beaufort)	(919) 728-4595
James Byars	LDW&F	(504) 787-2163
Vince Guillory*	LDW&F	(504) 787-2163
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James J. Nelson*	Standard Products, Inc.	(804) 435-1633
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Harmon Shirley, Jr.	Standard Products, Inc.	(601) 475-2003
Jack Dermer*	Petrou Fisheries, Inc.	(504) 657-9711
Peter Eldridge	NMFS, Charleston Lab	(803) 724-4769
Richard Condrey	LSU	(504) 388-1558
Ted Ford	LSU	(504) 388-1558
Mike Wascom	LSU	(504) 388-5931
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W. H. Stevenson	NMFS/NOAA	(813) 893-3141
Jack Styron	Wallace Menhaden Products	(504) 838-8211

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Wednesday, March 19, 1980

Mobile, Alabama

The Chairman, Mr. William H. Stevenson, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He then recognized proxies: J. Y. Christmas for Ted Millette; Dr. Richard Leard for Richard Yancey; Ed Joyce for Elton Gissendanner; Hugh Swingle for Richard Forster; Harry Schafer for Burton Angelle; and Tom Moore for Charles Travis. Copies of the letters of proxy are on file with the Executive Director of the GSMFC. The Chairman noted that all five Gulf States were represented.

The agenda was adopted with an addition under other business of a presentation by Mr. Stevenson on the new mission of the S-F program and a movement of item #4 and #8 to the bottom of the agenda.

The Minutes from the October 17th meeting of the board were adopted by consensus.

With that reports on the status of the S-F studies and analysis program - 1978 began with the menhaden tagging and mortality study by Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.

Mr. Schafer noted the contract was complete and the final report submitted to the Commission. There was a motion by Texas seconded by Mississippi to accept for final approval the report. Motion passed unanimously.

J. Y. Christmas reported on the menhaden catch/effort log contract. He noted the final report was completed and delivered at this meeting. Mississippi made a motion and was seconded by Alabama to accept the final report. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyles gave the report on the 1979 contract with Human Sciences Research, Inc. for recreational shrimp statistics. He noted that the contractor had a recent meeting at which the states and the Commission attended to review the final report. The corrected report based on some suggestions by the states as well as editorial changes is forthcoming. The contract with Human Sciences Research, Inc., has been signed for 1980 and they will begin collecting data this spring.

Ted Ford reported on the menhaden data bank contract. The work has been completed; however, the final report will be re-submitted in greater

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detail at the request of the S.E. Regional Office. A motion was made by Alabama and seconded by Mississippi to accept the final report on delivery. Motion was passed unanimously.

Ted Ford reported on the "Simulated Implementation of the Menhaden Management System". He noted the final report will be forthcoming after the April 7 deadline for comments on the draft report. There was some discussion of whether there should be wide distribution of the report in the light of the current contract let to analyze legal ramifications of the menhaden management implementation. A motion was made by Texas and seconded by Louisiana to not allow wide distribution of the final report on simulated implementation until after the legal ramifications contract is completed. The motion passed as follows: Alabama, abstain; Florida, abstain; Louisiana, yes; Mississippi, yes; Texas, yes.

Corky Perret reported on the Spotted Seatrout/Red Drum Profile. The delay in publication was explained due to editorial corrections. The subcommittee met and finished the corrections, and the profile will be out in about 1 month. A motion was made by Mississippi and seconded by Alabama to approve the profile for publication. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyles noted the current year 1980 contracts under the S-F program have been signed and work has and will be done this year. Human Sciences Research, Inc. was contracted again for 1980 to collect additional data on recreational shrimping in the Gulf at a cost of \$30,296. The contract for a "Legal Ramification Study for Various Management Options for Menhaden" was signed by LSU Sea Grant Legal Department. Mr. Mike Wascom reported on what he envisioned as the contract goals. The contract cost is \$19,673.

Mr. J. Y. Christmas reported for the Menhaden Advisory Committee. He noted the committee reviewed all the menhaden past and present contracts and noted some suggestions. The committee recommended to the industry, close cooperation with LSU for the legal ramifications contract. The committee noted a decrease from the first of the season to the last on the number of forms completed and sent in for the catch/effort log. They recommend to NMFS, who will be continuing the project, to encourage

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by visits to the plants on a monthly basis their continued support and participation in filling out the catch/effort forms. They also recommend continued determination studies to obtain valid estimates of the MSY for Gulf menhaden. This allows for management in a more rational and effective manner.

A motion was made by Louisiana and seconded to accept the Committee's recommendations. The motion passed unanimously.

Larry Simpson gave a brief report on the meeting of the Shrimp Management Committee. No action by the board was called for.

Mr. C. E. Bryan gave Harriet Perry's report on the Blue Crab Committee. He noted that no action was needed by the board. He did inform the board of the two additional meetings authorized by the board for the committee other than the GSMFC meetings. One was the National Blue Crab workshop, and the other will be a workshop held in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.

Bob Williams reported on the funding for the S-F program for the future. He mentioned the funds for this year of \$50K were allocated between menhaden legal studies and recreational shrimp data. He noted that as of the end of FY 1981 there will be no funds in the program for future use. He also stated that Mr. Stevenson will be presenting a new approach to S-F program in relation to the living marine resources which might provide expanded dollars and services in that area.

With that Mr. Stevenson began his report. He gave the background and noted the current thinking in Washington about the program. He stated up until now we have been in a State-Federal Fisheries Management Program. If this new mission is implemented we will be in a S-F program. That is, an expanded mission to include all aspects and needs of the living marine resources as well as the other coastal interactions.

This would involve an integrated, cooperative approach to the living marine resources by CZM, Sea Grant, National Marine Fisheries Service and the states. This change is to better address these areas. The January State Directors meeting in Washington showed the willingness of the states and others to modify the current State-Federal Fisheries Management Program into a new mission for a general State-Federal program. This is to be accomplished by a multi-level organization as outlined on the attached page.

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As the Regional Director he must establish S-F coordination to keep information disseminated between Washington, the Regional Office, the States and field. He expects this new project to occupy 20% of his personal time for the next 6 months in addition to the equivalent of 3 people for the same time in the regional office. He proposed three questions to the Board: (1) Should we work as a Region on this or should there be separate Gulf and Atlantic groups?; (2) How should he best approach the states to get it done?; (3) How do you feel the states will accept this?

One member of the board thought there should be two separate groups, i.e. Gulf and Atlantic.

There was general discussion about how the states would share in the program and what this would do to the current S-F programs the states have as well as what kind of time frame this was to be developed in. Some discussion centered around whether this would be a Congressional mandate or a voluntary program by the state.

The states were concerned and asked the question of what effect this new S-F direction would have on the Grant-in-Aid program to the states in the Southeastern Region. Mr. Stevenson stated he didn't feel the new S-F program would affect the states prerogatives relative to the 88-309 and 89-304 programs. The states would still use those Grant-in-Aid funds on their priorities.

Mr. Stevenson requested the states to think about the new program and give him their comments.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charles H. Lyles, Secretary  
Gulf State-Federal Fisheries  
Management Board

NOAA National Policy Committee	NOAA Regional Committee	State-Federal Regional Committee	State-Federal Planning Team
<p>Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, Chairman</p> <p>Assistant Administrator for Research and Development</p> <p>Assistant Administrator for CZM</p> <p>Assistant Administrator Sea Grant</p>	<p>Regional Director Fisheries, Chairman</p> <p>Regional Representative - Center</p> <p>Regional Representative - CZM</p> <p>Regional Representative Office of Sea Grant</p>	<p>NOAA Regional Committee</p> <p>Governor's Representative from Gulf States</p> <p>Executive Director - GSMFC</p> <p>Chairman/Executive Director Council</p>	<p>Director of Marine Resource Agency from each Gulf State</p> <p>CZM Director</p> <p>Sea Grant Director</p> <p>State Economic Development</p>
<p>National Policy of fish related matters in Sea Grant, CZM and Fisheries</p> <p>Set timetables and monitor accomplishments</p>	<p>Progress of priorities of NOAA on Regional basis as pertains to fishery matters.</p>	<p>Regional problems</p> <p>Needs</p> <p>Priorities</p> <p>Access to State reaction and willingness to respond.</p>	<p>Identify projects and programs and commit resources to carry out.</p>

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Larry B. Simpson	GSMFC
Ted Ford	LSU - Center for Wetland Resources
Tom Moore	Texas Parks and Wildlife
Ed Joyce	Florida Dept. of Natural Resources
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Rep. Joseph Allen	Commissioner/Florida State Rep.
Buck Byrd	NMFS - St. Petersburg, FL.
Bill Stevenson	NMFS/NOAA - St. Petersburg, FL.
Charles Lyles	GSMFC
Leroy Kiffe	Commissioner/State of Louisiana
Richard Leard	Miss. Bureau of Marine Resources
John Mehos	Commissioner/State of Texas
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab.
Hugh Swingle	Al. Dept. of Conservation
C. E. Bryan	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Corky Perret	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Mike Wascom	LSU - Legal Services
Richard Condrey	LSU - Center for Wetland Resources
Bob Williams	NMFS - Washington, D.C.
Others	

INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
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Wednesday, March 19, 1980  
Mobile Hilton  
Mobile, Alabama

Chairman Leroy Kiffe opened the meeting at 9:45 a.m. and introduced Roderick Hansen, Science Applications, Inc., McLean, Virginia, who explained in essence that charts were to be prepared to show the location of underwater obstructions and to prevent fishermen from hanging a second time and if they do hang the second time, they will not be compensated for it. Mr. Lyles objected to this, stating that if you cause someone damage, then in society you are required to pay. Jim Prunty took the opposite view and stated that only the first compensation should be made. The discussion then centered around whether we should have charts with obstructions marked or have books with Loran C readings. The matter was deferred and no decision was reached. In the discussion it was pointed out that the area around the obstruction would be closed for 1/4 mile. Mr. Kiffe objected to this, stating that closure for 1/4 mile around each hand-up would virtually close the Gulf to shrimping.

Mr. Rayburn pointed out that conversion from Loran A to Loran C would present problems as far as accuracy in location is concerned. Verification of these locations will be a necessity.

Chairman Kiffe pointed out that when a platform is removed there is quite often considerable gear lost as a result of hang-up's. In other words, the bottom is not really cleaned. He suggested having a trawler drag its gear over the area before approval that the area is clean.

There was considerable discussion regarding the best method of disseminating this information (hang-up locations) to fishermen. Three methods were discussed: (1) "Notice to Mariners"; (2) Charts with locations marked; and (3) A book listing the Loran C reading. No real consensus of opinion was evident.

The Chairman then opened the floor to a discussion of the brine discharge and strategic petroleum storage in the Gulf area. Mr. Lyles explained that three areas are potential discharge points. (1) The Loop

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area in Louisiana; (2) The West Hackberry area in Louisiana; and (3) The Brian Mound area in Texas. Brian Mound has recently begun to discharge, the Loop has already discharged some and West Hackberry is scheduled for a later discharge. Mr. Prunty pointed out that it is now impossible to purchase oil on the open market and that storage is an impossibility under current world production. He suggested that we prepare the areas - prove them and let stand. It was suggested that the Executive Director of the Commission contact Mr. Roy Hann at Texas A & M University for an update on the Brian Mound.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Leroy Kiffe, Chairman  
GSMFC - Industry Advisory Committee

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INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, March 19, 1980  
Mobile, Alabama

Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Leroy Kiffe	GSMFC - Chairman, Industry Advisory Comm.
Jim Prunty	Mobil Oil Corp., New Orleans, LA.
William H. Stevenson	NMFS/NOAA, St. Petersburg, Florida
Willis H. Clark	Sea Grant - Texas A & M, College Station, TX.
Ralph Rayburn	Texas Shrimp Association, Austin, TX.
Ed Smith	NMFS, Pascagoula, MS.
Kathy Hensley	NMFS, Washington, D.C.
Melvin R. Odle	Alabama Bay Shrimpers, Mobile, AL.
Bob Norris	National Ocean Survey, Rockville, MD.
Roderick G. Hansen	Science Applications, Inc., McLean, VA.
Dennis Stanczuk	Science Applications, Inc., McLean, VA.



FOB JAMES  
GOVERNOR

RICHARD A. FORSTER  
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 25, 1980

HUGH A. SWINGLE, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES

GULF STATES MARINE  
FISHERIES COMMISSION

MAR 27 1980

Mr. Charles H. Lyles, Executive Director  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
Post Office Box 726  
Ocean Springs, Mississippi 39564

Dear Charlie:

Enclosed are the minutes of the Law Enforcement Committee. There wasn't much we could do because of the scarcity of committee members. We all agreed that we definitely needed revitalization. Before the next GSMFC meeting, an attempt will be made to contact all members and hopefully have more representation.

Any ideas you have to enable us to have more input into the GSMFC will be welcomed.

Sincerely,

*Jerry Waller*  
Capt. Jerry Waller  
Alabama Department of Conservation  
and Natural Resources  
Marine Police Division

enclosure

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RICHARD A. FORSTER  
COMMISSIONER

STATE OF ALABAMA

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION AND NATURAL RESOURCES

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March 25, 1980

HUGH A. SWINGLE, DIRECTOR  
DIVISION OF MARINE RESOURCES

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

Mobile, Alabama

March 19, 1980

MINUTES

Attending the Law Enforcement Committee meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC) were:

William B. Garner - Alabama Marine Police  
Henry C. McLaney - Alabama Marine Police  
Robert J. Payne - Alabama Marine Police  
Jerald K. Waller - Alabama Marine Police  
Larry Williford - Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
Richard Leard - Mississippi Bureau of Natural Resources

Dr. Richard Leard explained the possible restructuring of his department and the reason for the absence of Mississippi's committee representative.

Discussion centered around methods of contacting the GSMFC member states' law enforcement sections and revitalizing the law enforcement committee. It was agreed that the law enforcement committee should become a more viable part of the GSMFC.

Officers elected were:

Jerald K. Waller, Chairman  
Alabama Marine Police  
Post Office Box 188  
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William C. Walker, Vice-Chairman  
Texas Parks & Wildlife Department  
Law Enforcement Division  
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Shrimp Management Committee  
Minutes  
Wednesday, March 19, 1980  
Mobile, Alabama

The Shrimp Management Committee met briefly to review the issues concerning shrimp under its review. They were the signing of the Recreational Shrimp Data Collection for 1980, with Human Sciences Research, Inc.; the recent tagging of shrimp for mark recapture by the NMFS east of the Mississippi Delta; and the revisions in the NMFS statistical collection system for Gulf shrimp. In addition, the committee was asked to consider the need for a comprehensive and standardized system for monitoring and assessment of the resource for later consideration.

No actions were recommended for the Boards consideration.

SHRIMP MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE  
March 19, 1980

LIST OF ATTENDEES

J. Y. Christmas	GCRL
Ted Ford	LSU
Tom D. Moore	TPWD
Ed Joyce	FDNR
Peter Eldridge	NMFS - Charleston Lab.
Robert J. Williams	NMFS - Washington, D.C.
I. B. Byrd	NMFS - St. Petersburg
Phyllis Bentz	NMFS - Washington, D.C.
Ralph Rayburn	Texas Shrimp Association
Richard Condrey	LSU
C. E. Bryan	TPWD
D. J. Etzold	USM
Harry Schafer	LDW&F
W. H. Stevenson	NMFS/NOAA

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Minutes

Wednesday, March 19, 1980

Mobile Hilton Hotel

Mobile, Alabama

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. All five of the Gulf States were represented. The minutes of the October 17, 1979 meeting were approved after a motion to accept them was made by Walter Tatum and seconded by Bill Demoran.

The agenda was approved with a reversal of the groundfish report with the shrimp trawl report.

Charlie Roithmayer gave an update for Elmer Gutherz on the groundfish resource in the Gulf. Mr. Roithmayer reviewed the project goals, the research objectives, the needs for management, the life cycle, the groundfish user groups, landings, as well as the fishing grounds and the status of the stocks. In general, he noted the stocks are at a very low ebb, that is, the total finfish biomass has decreased along with croaker biomass, yield and catch per unit effort (CPUE). Because of this he noted the need for studies of the historical data to identify trends, the role of the environment as well as the effect of shrimp by-catch has on the stocks. In discussion following his presentation, Mr. Roithmayer noted the importance of state contributions to the existing data banks and the need for an ongoing standardized monitoring program in state waters.

Mr. Will Siedel reported on the shrimp separator trawl and the turtle excluder project. He noted the desire of the National Marine Fisheries Service to seek S-K funding to draw all the knowledge about the two separate projects together and address fully both projects without cutbacks in emphasis on either. The work on the reduction of by-catch of fish in shrimp trawl has been suspended due to the higher priority of the turtle excluder work. He noted however there is some overlap and that the turtle trawl does reduce the by-catch of unwanted fish. The trawl designs were reviewed and trade offs were discussed. That is, some nets have higher fish or turtle reduction with varying loss of shrimp. Generally the higher the reduction of by-catch of

finfish or turtles the lower the shrimp catch. He noted the gear would probably be used in certain areas or seasons of high abundance of turtles, rather than general or total use. Additional costs of nets and repair were discussed. The additional costs will vary by type but are estimated to be around \$200.00.

Charles Caillouet gave a presentation on the relationship between size composition and ex-vessel value of reported shrimp catches from Texas and Louisiana. He noted that 75% of the brown and white shrimp catch from the northern Gulf was caught off Louisiana and Texas. His study considered Louisiana west of the river and all of the Texas coast. In this study he determined that the total shrimp catch was increasing but the size of the shrimp was getting smaller. He noted that Texas received 1.6 times the value per pound Louisiana obtained based on 1975 dollars for brown shrimp and 1.2 times the Louisiana amount for white shrimp. The cost associated with producing the larger shrimp from Texas was questioned. However, no answer was available and this needs to be addressed.

Dave Etzold gave an interim report on the Corps of Engineers New Orleans District, feasibility study of freshwater inflows into the eastern Louisiana marshes. There is to be a meeting in New Orleans in April with Colonel Sands at which three fresh water inflow projects will be combined or related as to studies that need to be done. He noted there will be a May draft with release in July of the Stage I studies.

Dick Berry with the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Center reported on the proposed fishery statistics collection and analysis system for Gulf shrimp. He reviewed the three major objectives, which were, validity, special state needs, and stock assessments.

Under validity he noted a study was done to improve the random data from interviews, and estimate catch/effort by depths and area. These will be done for 1980. Under stock assessment they will attempt to cut down on the time lag for publication and dissemination as well as obtaining for their analysis catch by vessel rather than summary form to begin January 1, 1981. The special state needs they plan to include are increases in reported size categories for small shrimp, determination of

recreational shrimp catch, and to report catch/effort by inshore areas outward. These new tasks will require 9 additional people but they will address them in 1980.

Larry Simpson gave a brief report on hearings for authorization of 88-309 for FY 81, 82, 83. He reported his testimony on behalf of the Gulf before Congressman Breaux's subcommittee in which he requested specific amounts to be included in the authorizations as follows: \$10 million FY 81, \$12 million FY 82, and \$15 million FY 83 all for Section 4a. Under 4b he requested an increase from \$3 million to \$5 million, and for 4c continuation of the \$500,000 authorization. The three commissions as well as the State Directors present were in general agreement. NMFS represented by Mr. Leitzell asked for \$10 million for 81, 82 and 83 under 4a, with no additional appropriations above the current \$5 million. He supported an increase to \$5 million for 4b with no money to be appropriated and requested 4c to be dropped.

The current information is that we were successful in achieving the requested authorization but the major battle of securing appropriations is to come when the commissions again testify before the Appropriations Committee on April 3. The Commission will keep the States informed as to all the developments.

The recreational shrimping contract with Human Sciences Research was reported by Ed Klima. He noted that the work was completed and that the final report will be out in about two months. He met with the contractor and state representatives in New Orleans on February 27 to review the work prior to finalization. Some changes in the way data were presented were recommended and will be changed when the final report is submitted. The contractor and those present noted the contract called for total catch, which depends on the telephone phase for total participation. Since the telephone phase was designed to obtain information on finfishing as well, the data for this year's survey should be used with caution until several years can be compared to get an idea as to how well the methodology works in obtaining the data.

Further, the contractor will be encouraged to work more closely with the state resource agency while in their respective state.



The Red Drum/Spotted Seatrout chairman, Corky Perret, reported the profile for the S-F Board is due out in a few weeks. The committee dealt with the final corrections in the literature cited section at this meeting. The question of how to reference the profile was discussed. The T.C.C. approved the use of "Perret, et al" which includes all others who did the writing and the rest of the committee will be in the list of members of the committee.

Mr. C. E. Bryan gave the report for the Blue Crab Subcommittee noting the two additional meetings that the group was funded for in addition to the two GSMFC meetings included the National Blue Crab Workshop held in South Carolina and one to be held in Ocean Springs. The Ocean Springs workshop will involve history, tagging, management and a visit to local shedding facilities. The Committee suggested in addition to Mr. Van Engle's participation, they should seek a representative to interface with the cholera question in Louisiana and other states.

Species for inter and intra state management under the S-FFMB was deferred until after a special meeting or some other meetings at which this question could be discussed.

Under other business, Mr. I. B. "Buck" Byrd gave a report on the S-F program reviews held on Monday and Tuesday of this week. He reported all states gave program overviews, 95% of which were management oriented. He added all funds were obligated as soon as the money was available and noted the states identified a 100% increase in needed but unfunded programs above what they now have.

Along that line a motion was made by J. Y. Christmas and seconded by Hugh Swingle to recommend a resolution to the Commission in which they would express appreciation of services provided to the Gulf States by the NMFS, Southeastern Region through its Grant Program Administration Branch and urge that all of these services be continued. The Motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted B. Ford, Chairman  
Technical Coordinating Committee

Technical Coordinating Committee  
Wednesday, March 19, 1980

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Ted Ford	LSU - Center for Wetland Resources
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
T. D. McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
William Demoran	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Hugh A. Swingle	Alabama Dept. of Natural Resources
Tom D. Moore	Texas Parks and Wildlife
C. E. Bryan	Texas Parks and Wildlife
Wayne Swingle	Gulf Regional Mgmt. Council
Dick Berry	SEFC/National Marine Fisheries Ser.
Ed Klima	NMFS/Galveston Laboratory
Harry Schafer	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Larry B. Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fish. Comm.
W. Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products, Inc.
Richard E. Condrey	LSU - Center for Wetland Resources
David Etzold	University of Southern Mississippi
I. B. Byrd	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
Corky Perret	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Richard Leard	Miss. Bureau of Marine Resources
James Byars	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Vince Guillory	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Claude Boudreaux	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Charles J. White	La. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Jack T. Styron	Empire Menhaden
Ed Joyce	Florida Dept of Natural Resources
Walter M. Tatum	Alabama Dept. of Natural Resources
W. R. Seidel	NMFS/Pascagoula, MS.
Raymond Richardson	Seacoast Products, Inc.
Phyllis Bentz	NMFS/Washington, D.C.
Charles W. Caillouet	NMFS/Galveston, TX.
Mike Wascom	LSU-Sea Grant Legal Program
H. Erich Groess	NMFS/Miami
Joe Allen	Florida/State Representative
Bill Chauvin	American Shrimp Cannery & Processors
Walter Nelson	NMFS/SEFC-Beaufort
James J. Nelson	Standard Products, Co.
T. G. Christopher	Standard Products, Co.
Herman Shirley, Jr.	Standard Products, Co.
Charles Roithmayer	NMFS/Pascagoula
Bill Goude-lock	"Fish Boat"
John Mehos	Texas/Commissioner
Bill Stevenson	NMFS/NOAA-St. Petersburg

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes

Mobile, Alabama

Friday, March 21, 1980

Chairman Richard K. Yancey presiding. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Yancey at 8:20 a.m.. He first called for proxies: J. Y. Christmas for Ted Millette, Harry Schafer for J. Burton Angelle, and Ed Joyce for Elton J. Gissendaner. Mr. Yancey called for an adoption of the agenda and asked that if there were not objections or additions that the agenda be considered adopted. There being no additions or objections the agenda was considered adopted.

The next item was the minutes of the October 1979 meeting. Since the minutes had been in the hands of the Commissioners for five months and the corrections had already been made, it was moved by John Mehos and seconded by Leroy Kiffe that the minutes be adopted as presented.

Mr. Yancey then called on Ted Ford to report on the Technical Coordinating Committee meeting of Wednesday, March 19. Dr. Ford presented a resolution which the T.C.C. had approved and asked that the full Executive Committee adopt. Adoption was moved by Harry Schafer and seconded by Tom Moore. The motion passed without opposition. A copy of the Resolution is attached.

Dr. Ford then reported on the status of the spotted seatrout and red drum profile. Dr. Ford said that the final report had been submitted to the Executive Director of the Commission. The Executive Director added that the galley proof had been received from the printer and some corrections were being made, after which it would be printed.

At this point the Chairman asked the Executive Director to report on other State-Federal studies. The Director stated that some problems developed in the contract with Human Sciences, Inc. on the recreational shrimp survey, but that a meeting with state, NMFS and Human Sciences, Inc. resolved the problems to the satisfaction of all except Alabama. Mr. Tatum felt that Human Sciences Research, Inc.'s reports were a little too high and might be inaccurate. The Executive Director promised the Commission he would check more closely on the work as the 1980 season approaches.

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Mr. Stevenson then reported on the future plans for State-Federal which followed closely the program outlined by Richard Frank in previous memorandums.

The Executive Director then reported on progress on Title IV of the Outer Continental Shelf Land Act amendments, which indemnifies fishermen for damages caused by underwater obstructions resulting from offshore oil operations. He stated that implementation of the Act had been very slow, that expertise in the field of continental shelf problems was and is absent in the NMFS organization. He further took issue with NMFS's ruling that only one (1) payment would be made for each obstruction and that a claims office should have been established in New Orleans where the damage occurs.

He reported on the Vietnamese situation by stating that he had contacted the people supporting the refugees, asking that they be trained and directed to areas other than the fishing industry since the resource is already under considerable strain.

He also reported that he had contacted NMFS regarding their intent to cease publishing the monthly landing bulletins but that it is their intent to discontinue that service. (Reply included in Briefing Book). Mr. Lyles pointed to the uselessness of gathering data and storing it without releasing it since large numbers of errors creep in and the data are useless after some time.

Mr. Lyles expressed concern with respect to the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) petition to amend the guidelines for development of fishery management plans. EDF is moving towards a stronger role by the federal government in managing fisheries within the territorial sea. In view of this impending threat to the state's ability to manage its resources, Mr. Lyles recommended that the Fall meeting scheduled for Orlando, Florida be directed toward "multi-jurisdictional management of fisheries resources in the Gulf of Mexico" and that representatives of NMFS's Office of Coastal Zone Management, Office of Sea Grant, the Environmental Defense Fund, the States and the Governor's office (in addition to the fishery resource agency be asked to participate. The purpose of the meeting would be to table the issues so that all concerned parties could have an opportunity for input. The Commission

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approved the idea and suggested that the Executive Director proceed with the planning, making sure that all Commissioners are periodically briefed.

The Executive Director reported that Dr. Frank Carlton had contacted him regarding the Commission going on record as supporting the inclusion of the Bluefin Tuna, under the FCMA. A discussion ensued relative to the merits of the case and several questions arose which the Executive Director did not feel qualified to answer and so he asked Mr. Stevenson, the Regional Director of NMFS to comment. Mr. Stevenson obliged and after further discussion it was moved by John Mehos and seconded by Harry Schafer that the Commission go on record as favoring inclusion in the FCMA management authority, any species that is important to the recreational or commercial fishermen, processors or marketers. The motion passed unanimously.

The Executive Director then pointed out that three NMFS Regional Directors vacancies presently existed and that an individual had been nominated for one of the positions who lacked professional qualifications for the position. The Executive Director then raised the question of whether or not the Commission wished to take a position in the matter. It was moved by Harry Schafer and seconded by Tom Moore that the Executive Director be authorized to communicate to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS that this Commission favors appointment of professional fishery personnel, either state or federal to positions of Deputy Administrator, and Regional Director in each of the Regions. The motion passed with one abstention.

The Chairman brought before the Commission the problem with the International Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals and suggested the Commission take a strong stand opposing U.S. becoming a signatory to the treaty. The matter was discussed thoroughly and a resolution was unanimously adopted opposing U.S. participation in this treaty. (See attachment).

Mr. Stevenson concluded the session by advising the Commission members that although he would have to reprogram some personnel resources within the Southeast Regional Office of NMFS in order to support an expanded State-Federal Program, this programming action would in no way diminish the services now provided to the States through the Grants

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Administration Office of the Southeast Regional Office. The Commission members earlier adopted a resolution commending the NMFS, Southeast Regional Office for its excellent work in administration of Grants Programs and urging that services provided through its Grants Administration Branch not be reduced.

The Chairman suggested that we contact Congress and ask them to request the Corps of Engineers to remove the debris left by oil exploration in order to minimize hang-ups. The Executive Director was ordered to pursue this.

There being no further business the Commission adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

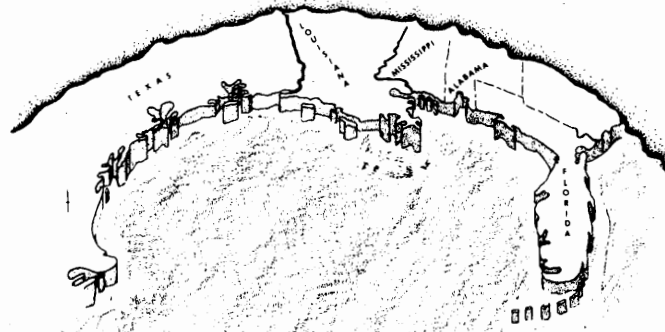
LIST OF ATTENDEES  
Executive Session

Friday, March 21, 1980  
Mobile, Alabama

Richard Yancey	Miss. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Hugh Swingle	Alabama Dept. of Natural Resources
Richard Forster	Alabama Dept. of Natural Resources
John Mehos	Texas - Governor's Appointee
Dr. Ted Ford	LSU - Center for Wetland Resources
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Tom Moore	Texas Parks and Wildlife
Larry Simpson	GSMFC
Richard Leard	Miss. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Bill Stevenson	NMFS - Southeast Region
Harry Schafer	La. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries
Bob Williams	NMFS - St. Petersburg, FL.
Ed Joyce	Florida Dept. of Natural Resources
Leroy Kiffe	Louisiana - Governor's Appointee
Phyliss Bentz	MAFAC
Charles H. Lyles	GSMFC

# Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS, an International Convention on Migratory Species of Wild Animals was concluded in Bonn, Germany in June of 1979, and**

**WHEREAS, this Convention conveys broad authority to delegates from signatory nations who will make up the Conference of the Parties, the governing arm of the Convention, and**

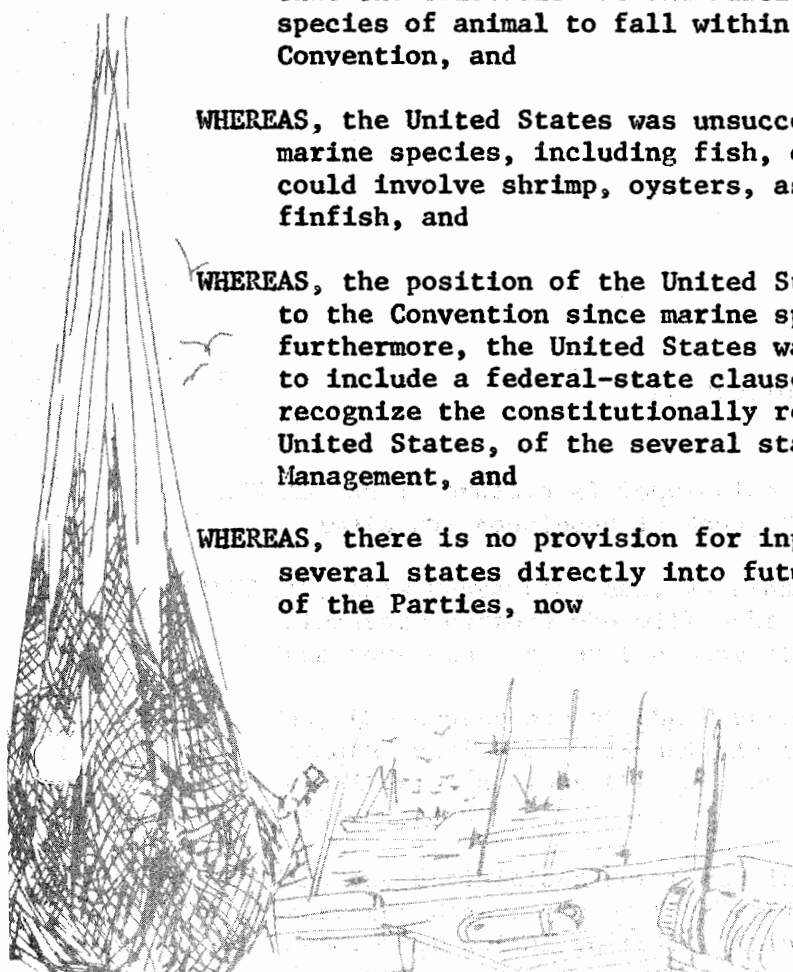
**WHEREAS, the Conference of the Parties will have the power to designate species of wild animals to Appendix I which requires prohibition against the take on the part of the participating nations, and**

**WHEREAS, the definitions set forth in the Convention are so broad that the Conference of the Parties may consider virtually any species of animal to fall within the jurisdiction of the Convention, and**

**WHEREAS, the United States was unsuccessful in its efforts to exclude marine species, including fish, crustaceans and molluscs which could involve shrimp, oysters, as well as, commercial and other finfish, and**

**WHEREAS, the position of the United States is to not become signatory to the Convention since marine species were not excluded and furthermore, the United States was unsuccessful in its efforts to include a federal-state clause in the Convention which would recognize the constitutionally reserved authority, in the United States, of the several state's Divisions of Wildlife Management, and**

**WHEREAS, there is no provision for input from the public of the several states directly into future meetings of the Conference of the Parties, now**



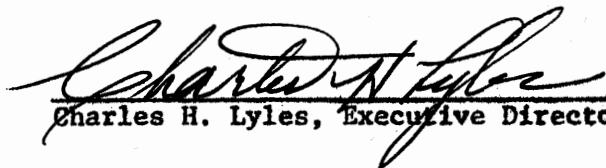


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission does hereby go on record as strongly favoring the position of the United States not to become signatory to the Convention now or in the foreseeable future, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the President, the United States Senators from the five Gulf Coast States, the Secretaries of the U.S. Department of State, Interior, Commerce and Agriculture, the Directors of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service, and the Director of International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies.

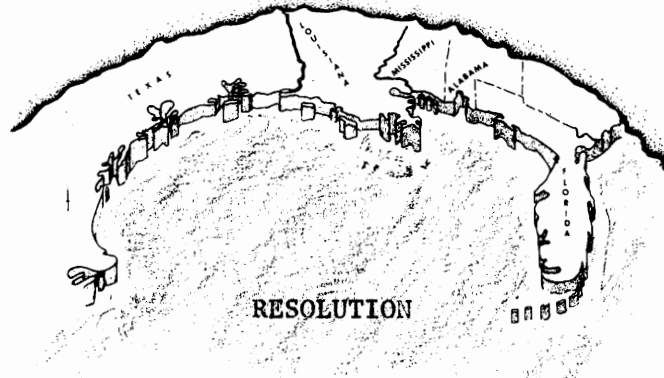
Unanimously adopted by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission at the Mobile Hilton Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, March 21, 1980.

I certify this is a true and correct copy.

  
Charles H. Lyles, Executive Director

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WHEREAS, the Congress of the United States has elected to provide various programs to promote national-state management of fishery resources, and

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service has been charged with responsibility for administration of said programs, and

WHEREAS, effective administration of said programs requires a knowledge of the numerous complex rules and regulations, and

WHEREAS, the Gulf States have been able to effectively and efficiently conduct these programs, and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Region, through its Grant Program Administration Branch has provided necessary services essential to successful implementation and continuation of said programs; now,

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission does hereby commend the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southeastern Region, for efficient and effective administration of Grant-in-Aid Programs, and

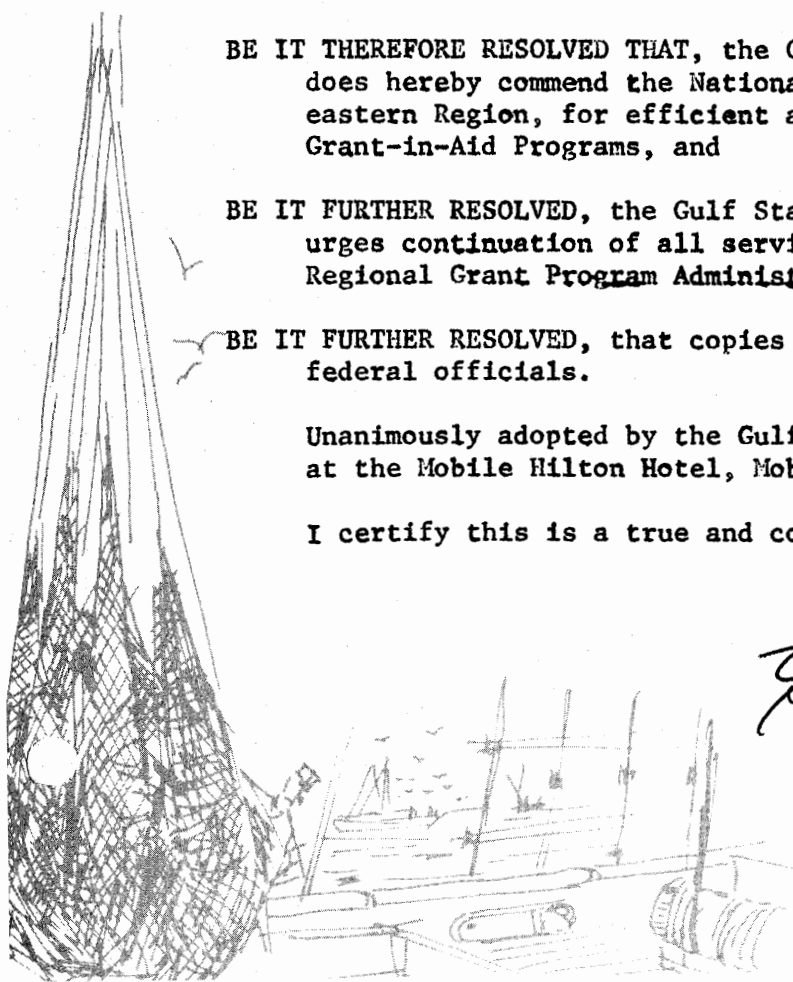
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission urges continuation of all services now provided through the Regional Grant Program Administration Branch, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies be directed to all appropriate federal officials.

Unanimously adopted by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission at the Mobile Hilton Hotel, Mobile, Alabama, March 21, 1980.

I certify this is a true and correct copy.

  
Charles H. Lyles, Executive Director





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FISHERIES RESEARCH &  
DEVELOPMENT SECTION

9 April 1980

## MEMORANDUM

TO: Mr. Charles Lyles

FROM: Harriet Perry

SUBJECT: Minutes, Blue Crab Sub-committee

The Blue Crab Sub-committee of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission met on 18 March 1980 at the Mobile Hilton with the following members in attendance:

C. E. Bryan - Texas  
Harriet M. Perry - Mississippi  
Steve Heath - Alabama  
Phil Steele - Florida

Committee members with papers for the Colloquium Proceedings were reminded to submit them as soon as possible.

Tentative plans were made for a workshop to be held at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs to discuss research priorities for future funding. Two such projects were briefly mentioned; larval transport and regional tagging. Included in the workshop will be a visit by committee members to a closed recirculating seawater system for shedding crabs. Design criteria for the system were developed by GCRL and the facility is in its first year of commercial operation.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the tagging workshop held in Charleston.

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Charlie Lyles  
Executive Director  
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission  
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Dear Charlie:

Jenny called to ask that I provide you with a record of the MAS meeting on October 14. Since we are a very informal group, I had not prepared anything. However, I hope this will do.

Charlie, you have been in the fishing business a long time so the current mess may not faze you. But what a mess! On the other hand is there anything that isn't in that same category?

Thanks for everything. You too Jenny.

Sincerely yours,

Willis H. Clark  
Associate Director

Enclosure

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MEETING OF GULF STATES MARINE ADVISORY SERVICE PROGRAM LEADERS

October 14, 1980

Orlando Hyatt Hotel

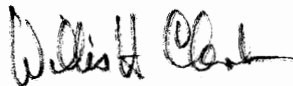
Kississimee, Florida

As a followup to discussions at a meeting of Sea Grant MAS Program Leaders at San Diego in August 1980, Willis Clark, MAS Program Associate and Associate Director, Texas A&M Sea Grant Program suggested that MAS Program Leaders of the Gulf of Mexico Sea Grant institutions should meet at the time of the 1980 Fall meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. The following were present for about a three hour discussion on October 14.

Ranzell Nickelson, Texas A&M University  
Ron Becker, Louisiana State University  
David Veal, Mississippi/Alabama

The general purpose of the discussion was to consider a number of programs and activities at the Gulf Sea Grant institutions and to explore the possibilities of joint programs. The Gulf states group has never been inclined towards an approach such as PASGAP in the Pacific or NEMAS in the northeast. However, even in the absence of a formal organization the possibility of joint activities should always be considered. Accordingly, an informal list of topics was reviewed. Only one item involving the use of computers for business analysis and information retrieval received more than passing attention. This item was introduced by Ron Becker and involved a tie-in to the AGNET system used in Nebraska primarily for agricultural purposes. He is to look more closely at this possibility and keep the program leaders informed.

The MAS Program Leaders agreed that advantage should be taken of the opportunity to meet as a group during the two yearly meetings of the GSMFC. Collectively, although not formally, the group will identify itself as a Sea Grant MAS Committee and will plan to meet prior to or during each meeting of the Commission.



Willis H. Clark

GULF STATE--FEDERAL FISHERIES  
MANAGEMENT BOARD  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 15, 1980  
Orlando, Florida

Mr. Lyles called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm. Mr. Lyles stated that since the current Chairman (Bill Stevenson) has been transferred outside the region to Washington, D.C., and the Vice-chairman, Dr. Lyle St. Amant, has retired from fisheries work the Board should elect new officers as the first order of business.

Mr. Lyles noted that all five Gulf States were represented as follows:

Alabama	Hugh Swingle and Rep. Taylor Harper
Florida	Ed Joyce
Louisiana	Harry Schafer
Mississippi	Rick Leard and J. Y. Christmas (for Rep. Ted Millette)
Texas	Bob Kemp

Mr. Harold Allen then nominated Dick Yancey as Chairman and was seconded by Mr. Swingle. Mr. Yancey was elected unanimously.

For Vice-chairman, Mr. Harry Schafer nominated Mr. Allen, and was seconded by Mr. Kemp. Mr. Allen was elected unanimously.

The Agenda was adopted without change. The Minutes of the previous Board meeting were adopted on a motion by Mr. Swingle, and a second by Mr. Kemp.

Mr. Lyles then reported on the need to seek an increase in the administrative support contract for the State/Federal Fisheries Management Program (S/FFMP). He stated this past year's activities and services needed to administer the contract required him to seek additional year-end money from National Marine Fisheries Service to cover the Board's obligations in the amount of 5.5K. He was instructed to seek additional funding from 16.5K to 25K for the coming year.

Mr. Gary Brown of Human Sciences Research, Inc. (HSR) reported on the final submission of the necessary information to complete the 1979 contract on recreational shrimp, i.e. total catch and number of participants. He reviewed the goals and objectives of the contract and explain-

ed why the Florida data was absent. Final approval and payment was given to HSR by a unanimous vote on the motion by Mr. Harry Schafer and seconded by Mr. Rick Leard to do so.

The contract for Legal Ramifications of the Discussion and Implementation of various management options for the Gulf of Mexico Menhaden fishery was discussed. A draft of the contract was given to the Menhaden Advisory Committee before the meeting to study and comment on before delivery of final copy. These comments will be sent to the contractor and are not of a substantive nature.

Gary Brown reported on the progress of the 1980 recreational shrimp statistics program. He noted the data for the second year would be even better since the mechanics of the operation were tested in last year's study. Data collection will be completed October 31, 1980 and the final report is due in February, 1981.

The Menhaden Advisory Committee Chairman, Mr. J. Y. Christmas, gave that Committee's report. He expanded on his comments about the Legal Ramifications study, saying the Committee was pleased with the interim progress; however, he suggested the contractor address their comments before final approval. He stated the net log system of reporting data on the fishery improved in the total % of those vessels/weeks reporting. In conclusion, the Menhaden Advisory Committee recommends Mr. Ray Richardson as Chairman for 1981. The Board approved without objection the appointment.

The Shrimp Management Committee did not meet this past 6 months so no report was given. The question of whether or not to reprint the shrimp plan done under the S/FFMP was posed at the last Board meeting. A study was done as to whether the plan should be reprinted and it was decided that since the Council addressed shrimp in a broader way, and the S/FFMP plan for shrimp was used as a reference for the council plan, a reprint was not necessary.

Dr. Tom McIlwain gave a report for the Blue Crab Subcommittee of the Technical Coordinating Committee in which he noted the two meetings of that Committee in workshop session to observe and compare work done on that species by each of the Gulf States.

Under other business a question was asked of Dick Schaefer of National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington, D.C. about how the new S/F Program would affect the State/Federal Fisheries Management Program and the interaction between the two. He noted that the entire day's workshop tomorrow would speak to that but his vision is the S/F program would be larger in scope and include as a part of that the specific focus of the S/FFMP.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Lyles, Secretary  
Gulf State-Federal Fisheries  
Management Board



GULF STATE-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD

Wednesday, October 15, 1980

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Hugh Swingle	AL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Taylor Harper	AL. House of Representatives
Elton Gissendanner	FL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Ed Joyce	FL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Leroy Kiffe	GSMFC Commissioner
Richard Leard	MS. Bureau of Marine Resources
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Robert Kemp	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm.
Harold Allen	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
Buck Byrd	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.

Others in attendance in audience.

INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Minutes  
Wednesday, October 15, 1980  
Orlando, Florida

The Industry Advisory Committee, of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission met at the Hyatt House, Orlando, on Wednesday October 15 at 9:40 a.m. Three principal topics were discussed:

1. Status of Title IV of the O.C.S.
2. Shrimp Import Bill
3. Limited Entry in the Shrimp Industry
4. The Breaux Bill - H.R. 7039

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the administration of Title IV. For those who are not familiar with the name, Title IV was intended to compensate fishermen for losses of fishing gear resulting from oil exploration and development in the offshore areas, that is, beyond the 3 mile or 9 mile limit as the State's territorial boundary may be. The Bill was signed into law in September, 1978, and to date no fisherman has been paid for his losses. Dissatisfaction with the administration of the program is deep and almost unanimous throughout the producing segment of the industry. There have been numerous requests by industry members to transfer the activities from National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce to Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior. A lengthy discussion resulted in a request that the law be amended to:

1. Remove the procedure which places the case under the jurisdiction of an administrative law judge.
2. Revise the 5 day reporting time to 30 days or 5 days after the completion of the trip, whichever comes first.
3. Define more specifically the term "Economic Loss". We therefore, request that this Commission authorize the Executive Director to prepare a resolution recommending these changes, and that it be forwarded to all coastal Congressmen of the 5 Gulf states.

Congressman Breaux (D. La.) has introduced a Bill which places a 5% ad valorem import duty on all imported shrimp. This Bill is most

important to the producing segment of the shrimp industry. This nation is operating under an antiquated trade policy, largely controlled by the international bankers to their benefit, and to the disadvantage of the U.S. laborer. This Committee feels that it is high time that we begin to cut away at this insidious structure which is destroying the technological advantage this nation has always had. We therefore, ask this Commission to authorize the Executive Director to prepare a resolution in support of this Bill, and to forward this to all members of Congress from the coastal states.

Finally, Gentlemen, Congressman Breaux has introduced a Bill, H.R. 7039, commonly known as the Breaux Bill, which is designed to aid the commercial fishing industry. The Bill will provide for a gradual phasing out of foreign fishing in the U.S. 200 Mile Zone. This will provide a tool by which foreign fishery trade between the U.S. and other fish consuming countries can be made fair and equal, which is not the case at present. There are numerous trade barriers and import duties which most foreign nations have established to bar U.S. fishery products from entering.

We therefore request that this Commission authorize the Executive Director to prepare a resolution supporting this Bill and that he work actually in support of it.

After all Gentlemen, Congressman Breaux has been a very dear friend of the Gulf States, and he deserves and needs our support. At the request of Frank Wittmann, a letter from Wittmann to Charles H. Lyles is entered as part of the Minutes of this meeting.

This completes my report.

**WITTMANN & BERRY**  
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SECRETARY

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Dear Mr. Lyles:

Thank you for allowing me to read the letter from Mr. Leitzell to Representative Lott, dated July 2, 1980, concerning the problems with the fisherman's contingency fund. My first impression of the letter is the sincere hope that Mr. Lott is not so naive to believe that it includes reasons why one month short of two years after the legislation was enacted not one claim has been paid under the program. As you know, I have been involved with the Act since early January 1979 when I filed the first claim on behalf of Mr. Bradley. Since that time, I have been a witness to the worst forms of bureaucratic foot dragging and incompetency that I have ever seen.

I have heard the accusation in recent years that the National Marine Service has become so academically oriented and technologically stagnant that it can no longer administer large scale programs. My experience during the last year and a half has certainly added credence to this accusation.

With respect to Mr. Leitzell's opinion concerning administration of the program from New Orleans, I think it merely reflects the history of bureaucratic arrogance and indifference to the needs of the fisherman. It is certainly inconsistent with the organization of the National Marine Fisheries Service itself being divided into 4 regions and 4 centers which are spread across the United States many of which have completely redundant functions and programs. I feel it is ludicrous to compare the fishing vessel and gear compensation fund program with the fisherman's protective act as a reason for an administrative site in Washington. The former program

compensates fisherman for gear damage done by foreign fishing activities. We all know that there is virtually no foreign fishing activity in the Gulf at this time. Conversely over 90% of the claims under the fisherman's contingency fund have originated from the Gulf of Mexico. I feel Mr. Leitzell's statement that 489 claims and 1.4 million dollars have been dispursed under the fishing vessel and gear damage compensation fund program and no claims and no money have been dispursed under the fisherman's contingency fund, only illustrated the fact that the center and region directors from the northeast and northwest have been able to exert far greater political influence over Mr. Leitzell than the people who represent the Gulf Coast fishing interest.

If Mr. Leitzell was only slightly familiar with the makeup of the Gulf Coast fisherman, he would know that they rarely look to Washington for any of their needs. The idea of being required to correspond with Washington to make their claims is simply repulsive to the majority of the Gulf Coast fisherman. Since the vast majority of the claims are relitively small in amount, it does not take a genius to see that our office in New Orleans could process, examine and disburse claims far more efficiently than an administrator in Washington who has never seen a shrimp boat before this program began.

I have spent many hours and many dollars in telephone calls to Washington over the past year and a half attempting to determine the status of my client's claim. Finally in frustration I contacted Representative Lott and complained to him about the situation. This yielded absolutely no results beyond a few letters from Representative Lott. In fact, the silence became even more deafening to the point that, at this time, I have absolutely no communications with Washington, a consequence which I had fully expected as a result of my complaint to Mr. Lott.

As you will recall, most of the problems with the legislation, pointed out Mr. Leitzell, were identified by the fisherman themselves at our first meeting on February 9, 1979. Furthermore, none of these impediments sited by Mr. Leitzell should act as a bar in processing the existing claims.

I personally am clearly convinced that the best way to provide for an effective administration of this program is to remove it from the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries

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Service and place it under the control of an agency more knowledgable of OCS and Gulf Coast Fishing Activities.

Finally, I would like to say, that I am deeply gratified that other agencies whose responsibility it is to administer various funding programs to the public, such as; FHA, VA, HUD, Department of Agriculture and others do not share Mr. Leitzell's opinion that one administrative site in Washington is best for the whole nation. Furthermore, I would like to say that I am very disappointed in the ineffectiveness of Congressmen Lott and Congressman Breaux in their support for this program and for the fisherman.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on Mr. Leitzell's statements. With your permission I will circulate this letter among my fisherman clients.

Very truly yours,

Frank P. Wittmann III

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GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Law Enforcement Committee

Orlando, Florida

October 15, 1980

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## Minutes

Those attending the Law Enforcement Committee meeting were Jerry Waller representing Alabama, Jerry Gollott representing Mississippi, William Walker representing Texas and Ray Montet representing Florida. Mr. C. Peter Marini and Ms. Patricia Howell of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Law Enforcement Division, also attended.

Mr. William Walker was elected Chairman for the March meeting. It was proposed and accepted that the representative from the host state be chairman of the Committee.

Mr. Marini discussed the proposed phonic "code system" developed by the National Marine Fisheries Service for use as a link for reliable communications between U. S. and Japanese fishermen operating in the Fishery Conservation Zone. He advised a meeting to discuss and evaluate the "Phonic Code System" and its procedures would be held at the Landmark Motor Hotel, Metairie, Louisiana on October 20, 1980. Mr. Marini stated that NMFS feels it is important that the fishery community get together at this session and others to discuss and develop a position on the value of compatible communications for longline operations and formulate a plan which will assure its success.

The increased NMFS involvement with other law enforcement agencies, especially state agencies, was also discussed. Mr. Marini explained the latest developments in the experimental state/federal communications/data system known as the Southeast Area Enforcement System (SEAES). A dedicated private line system has been designed to link together state and federal agencies in the Southeast Region. Its primary purpose is to provide a rapid and effective means of voice communications.

Ms. Howell discussed a second mechanism NMFS introduced into SEAES to facilitate the exchange of information among the agencies. NMFS proposes using the hardware and software facilities of its already established national Enforcement Management Information System (EMIS). Using portable terminals, state officers and federal agents will have access to suspect and case files pertinent to shared activities and to an effort file



that contains information on the time involved in enforcing the provisions of the various federal laws. By sharing files of common interest state/federal enforcement personnel will have immediate access to information related to current and previous investigations. The primary objective is to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the cooperative enforcement system.

SEAES has been initiated in Florida as a pilot program. During this period the principal users will be the Florida Marine Patrol, U. S. Customs, U. S. Coast Guard and NMFS. As the system becomes "fine tuned" it will be extended to include all other states participating in the cooperative enforcement program.

Following these presentations was a question and answer session. Major Thompson of Florida expressed his department's satisfaction with the SEAES pilot program.

Mr. William Walker discussed Texas' educational program to teach the Vietnamese fishermen U. S. and state navigational and fishery laws and regulations.

Mr. Jerry Gollott expressed Mississippi's concern with the problem of false registration of foreign fishing boats. There was a general discussion of this problem but no solution was reached.

Mr. Ray Montet discussed the restructuring of his department and requested that member states send him copies of their weekly report forms, incident report forms and other activity report forms.

It was agreed that the Law Enforcement Committee should become more aware of the goals and objectives of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission (GSMFC). Perhaps the Executive Director of the GSMFC could meet with the Committee at its next meeting and discuss ways the Committee can become an integral part of the GSMFC.

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TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE  
MINUTES  
Wednesday, October 15, 1980  
Orlando, Florida

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 10:20 am. He noted that all five Gulf States were represented.

Dr. Aaron Rosenfield lead a discussion concerning the transfer and introduction of non-indigenous species. He noted that although some of the introductions are accidental, many are done on purpose without knowledge of the resulting problems. He requested future meetings with State personnel to prevent future problems to the ecosystem caused by the increasing introductions of these species.

Dr. David Etzold updated the status of the freshwater introduction project in the Eastern Louisiana marshes. The project now has compressed the overall time for completion from 4 to 2 years with the final project estimated to be completed in 1988. Current year funding is at 200k with Stage II beginning. Stage III involves Congressional authorization and appropriation for the physical diversion of the freshwater. Under another item he reported on the freshwater inflow workshop he attended in San Antonio, Texas.

C. E. Bryan reported on the Texas experience with its hatchery and stocking program. He reported spawning accomplished by adjusting the photoperiod and hormones. They utilize 6 ponds in two different locations. Stocking is done some 60-72 hours after hatching (with development of mouth parts). They feel they have better results stocking the fry rather than fingerlings 40-45 days later.

Dr. Ken Roberts gave a report on the current status of the shrimp harvest sector of the Northern Gulf. The 1980 problems do not mean the demise of the industry as a whole, just some segments of the industry. Over the past two years the Sea Grant program has looked at the economic and financial condition of the shrimp fishery. He noted the need for a good 1981 season to pull the industry through. Long term solutions must consider the demand side rather than the supply side.

Dr. Peter Eldridge reported on the developing Gulf States Shrimp Catch Statistics Program. He noted the need for computers in each State to input and access the data. This objective is to be accomplished in

1981. State legislation is needed to address confidentiality of statistics for the data. The implementation of the overall program has been delayed from January, 1981 to January, 1982. He requested State input on the program possibly by the T.C.C. in a joint meeting with the Gulf Council at Jacksonville, Florida in early December.

It was noted by Dr. Richard Leard of Mississippi that there is some difficulty in securing an action that is acceptable to NMFS for confidentiality of statistics. The model legislation provided by NMFS to guide the Mississippi commission for fisheries and other states' agencies in this action was used with only minor changes in the wording to make it applicable to Mississippi. He later received a letter from NOAA legal council that the approval by that Agency's commission of this policy of confidentiality, according to the specific guidelines set by NMFS, was not adequate. It appears that a formal ordinance or State legislation that speaks to this is needed.

Richard Condrey of LSU Sea Grant Program gave a progress report on his work determining the brown shrimp mortality rate derived from the Gulf Coast Shrimp Data.

Bob Chapoton commented on the 1980 Gulf Menhaden season stating the year was a relatively good one. Overall catch is about 9% down from the total last year (which was a record). The 1980 catch was 705,000 metric tons, the 4th largest catch recorded. He predicted the 1981 season to be in the 700,000 MT range.

Mr. Wil Seidel reported on alternate methods to help decrease the catch of sea turtles and keep the shrimp seasons or areas open. Recently on the East Coast at an industry meeting the shrimpers agreed to reduce their tow time from 2½ hours to 1½ hours which will decrease incidental turtle catch mortality by 50%. In addition he suggested new methods for resuscitation of comatose turtles. On the gear research to find a trawl which would be selective he reported optimism about a new trap door device for the trawls rather than the panels over the mouth of the net they have been previously working with.

Under other business Mr. "Corky" Perret raised the point of seemingly inequitable allocation of effort, funds, etc. for the Gulf Region vs Pacific and Atlantic in the 1981 national recreational survey. A motion was made by Mr. Swingle and seconded by Tom McIlwain to recommend to the Commission that a letter by the Executive Director be sent

to appropriate people stating the Commission's disapproval. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Terry Cody was to represent the GSMFC at the Mexus Gulf meeting and report to the T.C.C. next March.

Dr. Tom McIlwain gave a report for Chairman Perry on activity of the Blue Crab Subcommittee the past year.

Mr. Hugh Swingle recommended and so moved for the nominations committee, Dr. Ted B. Ford be elected as Chairman of the T.C.C. for the next year. The motion was seconded by C. E. Bryan and was passed unanimously. The Chairman will name a Vice-chairman from a state other than the one he represents. J. Y. Christmas has accepted the Vice-chairman's role again.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ted B. Ford, Chairman  
Technical Coordinating Committee

Technical Coordinating Committee

Wednesday, October 15, 1980

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Ted Ford	LSU-Sea Grant Program
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Hugh A. Swingle	AL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Walter M. Tatum	AL. Dept. of Natural Resources
C. E. Bryan	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Larry Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm.
Tom McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
William Demoran	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
David Etzold	University of Southern Mississippi
Pete Eldredge	TIMS/NMFS Charleston Lab
Ken Roberts	Wetland Resources-LSU
Mark Thompson	Wetland Resources-LSU
J. Mark Lawless	TX. Energy & Natural Res. Adv. Council
Ronald E. Becker	LSU-Sea Grant Program
Richard Condrey	LSU-Sea Grant Program
I. B. Byrd	NOAA-NMFS, St. Petersburg, FL.
Frank Richardson	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Paul Fulham	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
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Pete Juneau	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Barney Barrett	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Claude Boudreaux	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Taylor Harper	Alabama House of Representatives
Wayne Silk	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Mgmt. Council
Corky Perret	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
James J. Nelson	Standard Products Company, VA.
Ronald J. Dugas	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Harold B. Allen	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
W. Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products, Inc.
Richard L. Leard	Bureau of Marine Resources MS.
Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.	FL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Ray Richardson	Seacoast Products

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Minutes

Friday, October 17, 1980

Orlando, Florida

Chairman Richard K. Yancey, presiding. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Yancey at 8:20 am. He first called for proxies: Hugh Swingle for John M. McMillan, Jr.; Harry Schafer for Conway LeBleu; Bob Kemp for Charles Travis; and J. Y. Christmas for Rep. Ted Millette. Mr. Yancey called for adoption of the agenda. The agenda was adopted with changes.

The Minutes were adopted from the March, 1980 meeting in Mobile, Alabama.

Mr. Yancey then called on Dr. Ted Ford to report on the Technical Coordinating Committee (T.C.C.). Dr. Ford noted a need for a call meeting or workshop of the T.C.C. later in the year to discuss states input concerning the introduction or transfer of nonindigenous species into the ecosystem of the Gulf. He reported the fresh water inflow project the Committee has tracked may compress the time frame for beginning the project in the Eastern Louisiana marshes some 3-4 years (1988). States input into the new statistical system for shrimp was discussed. A report on the incidental catch of turtles by the shrimp industry with new innovations in trawl design and drag time was discussed.

A report on the Blue Crab Subcommittee activities was given, noting the two workshops that they attended.

Dr. Ford recommended for the T.C.C. that a letter be sent by the Executive Director expressing the disapproval of the Commission over the allocation of funds and resources given to the Gulf region to carry out the National Recreational Fishing Survey for FY 81.

The T.C.C. again elected Dr. Ted Ford as the Chairman of the Committee for the coming year. The Chairman will name a Vice-chairman from a state other than the one he represents.

A motion by Mr. Colson and seconded by Mr. Swingle was made to accept the report and recommendations of the T.C.C. The motion passed unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was a report by Chairman Kiffe on the Industry Advisory Committee. The Committee discussed several items including the administration of IV of the OCS Bill which deals with the Fishermen's Contingency Fund to pay for damages to trawls caused by hangs on oil and gas development in Federal waters. The Committee recommended seeking the removal of the program from National Marine Fisheries Service and placing it under the Bureau of Land Management which is in the Department of Interior. After discussion of the issue a motion was made by Mr. Colson and seconded by Mr. Nelson to contact the NMFS again to discuss the problems of the program. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Colson and seconded by Mr. Swingle to seek oversight hearings on the legislation to effect changes which would allow the program to function effectively. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Kiffe and seconded by Mr. Nelson to seek specific changes in the calculation of economic loss, the initial reporting requirement time, 5 days increased to 30 days; and the removal of necessity to appear before an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Kiffe recommended for the Committee that the Commission support Mr. Breaux's 5% tax on all imported shrimp, which is pending in Washington. Mr. Christmas made a motion to do so, and was seconded by Mr. Nelson. The motion passed unanimously.

The Committee also discussed the concept of limited entry for the shrimp industry in the Gulf. A motion was made by Mr. Colson and seconded by Mr. Kiffe to contact the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council to have a joint meeting with the Commission to discuss this further. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Colson asked the Industry Advisory Committee to look into the marketing area or create a Subcommittee to address those issues.

Mr. Willis Clark gave a report on the newly reactivated Sea Grant Committee. The Committee began in the early 1970's with members of the Sea Grant community from each of the five Gulf States getting together to discuss the common problems and solutions. After the meeting of the group on Tuesday they saw the need to reactivate the Committee to meet

at each of the semiannual meetings of the Commission. There is a need evidenced by the theme of this meeting to coordinate and understand what each of the various partners are doing in the living marine resources of the Gulf. They plan to continue to meet at the two Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission meetings each year.

The Enforcement Committee did not give a formal report. However, it was noted by each of the fisheries agency heads the need to keep the other Gulf States informed of fishery legislation, laws, or actions of their legislatures that affect the adjoining states. This should be accomplished by direct contact with other state counterparts and by using the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission as a clearinghouse to distribute annually to member States this information.

The State-Federal Fisheries Management Board report was given by Mr. Harold Allen. The discussions of the State-Federal Board are recorded in their Minutes (see S/F Board Minutes) and no action by the Commission was needed. Mr. Dick Yancey was elected a Chairman for the next year, with Mr. Allen as Vice-chairman.

Under item 10e of the agenda it was noted that the National Marine Fisheries Service contributions to the States in support of their participation on the Gulf of Mexico Regional Fisheries Council has remained unchanged since the beginning of the Councils in 1976. There was a motion by Kemp, seconded by Schafer to have the Commission write a letter to the responsible parties to seek a doubled contribution to the States for this purpose, i.e., 25k/state to 50k. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyles gave an update on the progress of the two contracts ongoing with respect to the S/FFMP stating the work is progressing on schedule. He did note that there is a need to increase the administrative contract which funds the work associated with the Board's activities from 16.5k to 25k. A motion was made by Mr. Christmas and seconded by Mr. Swingle to allow the Executive Director to seek this increase with the proper parties. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyles noted he would seek to have the 2.5 million increase which he helped to get in the 88-309 program included in the permanent base budget of the NMFS for ongoing years.



Mr. Lyles reported that the Commission had made a presentation to the Florida Saltwater Advisory Council on the history and possible way it could assist that Council. The Commission stands ready to help the Florida Council in any way the Commission is capable if called on in the future.

Mr. Lyles noted the need to have an increase in the State dues. There has been no increase in the dues since 1976. The Commission activities and services have been affected by lack of funds, the inflation rate has taken its toll, and needed equipment and personnel warrant seeking an increase. A motion was made, after discussion, by Mr. Swingle and seconded by Mr. Gissendaner to seek a 50% increase in each of the State's dues. Motion passed unanimously. The increase will be effective at the next billing period.

Salary increases were discussed by the Executive Committee and the Executive Director recommended a salary increase for Mrs. V. K. Herring to 11K/yr. A motion was made by Rep. Harper and seconded by Mr. Swingle to do so. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mr. Swingle and seconded by Mr. Gissendaner to accept the complete budget which included an increase in the contract to \$24,845.94 for Council liaison funds of which \$19,470.94 is salary for Mr. Larry Simpson. Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lyles reported on need to change banks to receive the best deal on the Commission's money. Problems with the current banks services and administration were noted. A motion was made by Mr. Gissendanner and seconded by Mr. Nelson to seek the best deal for the Commission's money and services was made and passed unanimously.

The future meeting site for the March meeting of the Commission was discussed and on a motion by Mr. Kiffe and seconded by Mr. Colson. The Executive Director will seek to change the site within Texas from Austin to Brownsville. This change is contingent on working out details that would allow the change. Motion passed unanimously.

A possible shrimp symposium for July 1981 was discussed. The Executive Director asked if the Commission was interested in participating. The States would benefit from the meeting, and the Commission could use S/F funds to support its participation. With that Mr.

Gissendanner made the motion, seconded by Mr. Nelson, to allow the Executive Director to pursue the arrangements to have the Commission partially sponsor the shrimp symposium. Motion passed unanimously.

Rep. Taylor Harper noted the need to have a full Commission meeting devoted to the explanation and presentation of the interaction of State/Federal laws and jurisdictions as they apply to fisheries. The Commission agreed this will be the topic of a future meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Lyles and seconded by Mr. Nelson, the Florida service as Chairman was accepted by Mr. Gissendanner, and the Vice-chairmanship by Mr. Colson of Louisiana. Motion was approved unanimously. These men will serve a one-year term ending October, 1981.

Mr. Gissendanner presented a gift of appreciation to the outgoing Chairman from Mississippi, Mr. Dick Yancey, and commended him for a job well done.

Under other business, Mr. Colson suggested the Commission seek to provide input to the Southeastern Regional Director selection. He noted no specific candidate. However, the Commission should recommend a professional from inside the Service as advisable. No action was taken by the Executive Committee.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 11:30 am.

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE SESSION

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Willis Clark	TX. A&M University
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I. B. Byrd	National Marine Fisheries Service
Robert J. Williams	National Marine Fisheries Service
Richard L. Leard	MS. Department of Wildlife Conservation
Elton Gissendanner	FL. Department of Natural Resources
Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.	FL. Department of Natural Resources
Tom D. Moore	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department
Bob Kemp	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department
Joe Allen	Florida Legislature
Paul Fulham	National Marine Fisheries Service
Ed Swindell	Zapata Protein
Irwin Alperin	Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Bill Goudelock	Fish Boat Magazine
Harold B. Allen	National Marine Fisheries Service
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