

MINUTES

Joint Meeting Technical Coordinating Committee and
South Atlantic Shrimp Technical Committee
January 13 - 14, 1981
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Vice-chairman, J. Y. Christmas, called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm. He noted all the Gulf States were represented except Alabama.

Mr. Christmas asked that the meeting be informal in the sense everyone should feel free to ask questions while we would follow the general agenda. He called on Pete Eldridge to give a brief introduction and overview of the regional statistical program.

Dr. Eldridge noted the changes that were taking place in the program organization of TIMS and its branch functions. He introduced Jim Zweifel who became acting head of TIMS upon the resignation of Erich Groess. Jim is the head of the survey design division of TIMS.

Dr. Eldridge gave an overview of the TIMS system and its divisions functions. Dr. Eldridge discussed the regional statistical program work to be done with states. (See Enclosure One). He is hopeful to have \$100K to continue work started last year with Texas, Mississippi, Puerto Rico (Codremar) and the Virgin Islands for acquisition of Intelligent Computer terminals. In addition, work will continue with other states in the region to improve statistics.

He reviewed the continuing problem of confidentiality of statistics provisions which states need so that they will be able to fully share in detail information that has been collected. He indicated NMFS understanding of the time required by states in developing provisions to have equivalency with NOAA standards.

Dennis Spitsbergen reviewed the South Atlantic Shrimp and Statistical programs. The shrimp statistics are collected under the authority of the South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board. The South Atlantic statistics program has been operating for approximately three years and has significantly improved data collection, although additional work needs to, and is planned, to further improve the program.

They seem to have little problems in obtaining real time data for catch effort, etc. The system is working well and includes port samplers funded by the regional program as well as the S/F program. One state is supporting a biologist under the program. A copy of this work for the past three years ending September 1980 will soon be available

for distribution. Copies can be obtained from Dale Theiling of the S. C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department.

Kim Newlin discussed data collection in the near future with the apparent hiring freeze and limits on personnel. He stated a NMFS policy of seeking State personnel to replace the port samplers lost through natural attrition. The total number of port samplers will be increased by the cooperative regional statistics program.

Pete Eldridge began the discussion on shrimp management statistical needs in the S.E. region. There is a need to have a consensus concerning needs in order to develop a uniform system between the South Atlantic and Gulf for shrimp and other fisheries.

After that introduction Dr. Ford asked for a state by state overview of management practices and special problems they encounter. The discussions by each State centered on average pounds landed yearly, management authority, seasons, license structure, user groups, number of vessels and boats, sampling or monitoring programs if any, count sizes, as well as special state problems.

Wayne Swingle reported on the final regulations for statistical gathering under the FMP for shrimp in the Gulf. He also reviewed the experiences with collecting statistics with mandatory reporting of all Stone Crab fishermen. Because of a 25-50% compliance, the Council is developing an amendment to the plan to allow random sampling with mandatory reporting required by all who are selected.

Pete Eldridge noted that the Council will be holding a meeting similar to this to evaluate the total statistical requirements in FMP's. This meeting will help educate all partners as well as provide input to NMFS statistical program. This is in line with the common goal of a truly uniform regional system for data collection that has been discussed here, one that addresses the needs of states, industry, and Councils for information.

The discussion of states needs for statistical information included these topics:

- A. Need for more timely data on catch and landings, i.e. monthly or possibly weekly by fishing area.
- individual state terminals may do this
- B. Need of reporting increased count size break down, i.e., 68 to 100 count (heads off)
- C. Catch data for fin fish by grid zone (council)

- D. Division of Gulf Bay systems back into smaller areas
- E. Possible change to North-South divisions rather than East-West.
- F. Increased economic information.

Richard Condrey of LSU noted a problem he has found when using old data under the new system when calculating days fished. He needed clarification of how interview data were expanded to get total catch.

Dr. Ford called on Jim Zweifel of NMFS to discuss the status of recreational statistics as well as sample vs census in data collection.

Mr. Zweifel questioned whether the data in the system fully permits evaluation of management decisions. Jim suggested that data should be judged according to its usefulness for management as well as its accuracy. He stated that management decisions can be made on a statistically valid sample of the fishery. He also noted that computers were underutilized in processing fishery statistical data.

Since the shrimp FMP for the Gulf called for sales receipts TIMS is suggesting a credit card system. He was questioned about the inclusion of small boats in the system. At this time he said no small boats were included. The consensus of the group was that small boat information was essential and must be included.

The time frame for the new sales receipt report forms to be in operation was given as January 1, 1982. Comments on their design, content, and use is greatly needed.

Questions were raised by Mr. Swingle concerning the value of the Human Sciences Research information for other recreational statistics. Wayne Swingle noted the need for total fish kill information for useful management of fisheries.

A question was surfaced concerning whether implementation of the Gulf shrimp FMP would provide authority to collect data in state waters. According to the legal opinion in the Gulf Shrimp FMP, it will. However, this issue is currently being challenged in court in the Northeast in the New England groundfish plan.

Ken Roberts of LSU gave his personal comments on what data are needed from an economic point of view. He called for information to allow price forecasting, which he feels will be of great value looking at the current state of the shrimp industry. This can be accomplished by real time price information. Better size info, on a real time basis

and effort data related to economic parameters are needed. He noted the need for # crew information and share methods as well as expenditure data to get a handle on value of recreational shrimping. Ken also noted the current estimate of the % of shrimp consumed outside the home (restaurants) is 85%. These are changes in the industry, and we need information to evaluate new developments and their impact on management measures.

Pete Eldridge closed with a call for a core group in the Gulf to work with NMFS on regional statistical needs. He suggested a subcommittee of the T.C.C. for this work. Dr. Ford saw no problem in developing this type subcommittee.

The group will have further contact at the Spring meeting of the GSMFC in Brownsville, Texas in March of this year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted B. Ford, Chairman
Technical Coordinating Committee

STATISTICAL MEETING

New Orleans, Louisiana
January 13-14, 1981

LIST OF ATTENDEES

<u>NAME</u>	<u>ORGANIZATION</u>
Larry B. Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Peter Eldridge	NMFS/Charleston Lab
Wayne Swingle	Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council
J. David Whitaker	S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department
Dale Theiling	S.C. Wildlife and Marine Resources Department
Bob Mahood	Georgia Coastal Resources Div./DNR
Ron Essig	Georgia Coastal Resources Div./DNR
C. E. Bryan	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Al Green	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Jim Zweifel	National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami
Kim Newlin	SEFC, National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami
Ken Harris	SEFC, National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami
Katy West	North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
Dennis Spitsbergen	North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
Stu Kennedy	Florida Department of Natural Resources
Claude Boudreaux	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Tom Van Devender	Mississippi Bureau of Marine Resources
Darrell Tidwell	National Marine Fisheries Service, Miami
Fred Deegen	Mississippi Bureau of Marine Resources
Harry Schafer	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Judd Pollard	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Orville Allen	National Marine Fisheries Service, New Orleans
Ted Ford	Louisiana Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Ken Roberts	Louisiana State University - Sea Grant
Richard Condrey	Louisiana State University - Sea Grant

Enclosure One:

Present Status of Regional Statistical Program

A. Cooperative Agreements

This fall the Southeast Fisheries Center (SEFC) received approximately 100K of additional funds for the regional statistical program. The SEFC developed a strategy for disbursement of these funds and Dr. William Fox will convey that information to each state shortly. Basically, the objectives of this year's work are to provide access to the TIMS network for each agency and to input data into the TIMS network that presently is being collected by state agencies, but is not yet available to TIMS due to a lack of computer link. Because agencies in Texas, Puerto Rico, the United States Virgin Islands, and Mississippi are collecting data, intelligent terminals will be acquired for those agencies initially. Other agencies will be linked into the regional network as funds become available. Details of the respective arrangements will be formalized by cooperative statistical agreements.

B. Confidentiality

Presently, Texas and North Carolina have statistical laws and regulations that are equivalent to those of NOAA. Florida and South Carolina are submitting appropriate legislation to their respective state legislatures this spring. Laws of Puerto Rico and United States Virgin Islands are presently being reviewed by the southeast regional general counsel, Mr. Craig O'Connor. The states of Mississippi, Georgia, and Louisiana, appear to need changes to make them equivalent to NOAA. Alabama law needs to be reviewed.

C. Characteristics of Ultimate Regional Statistical Network

Although it will take some time to fully implement the final (ultimate) regional statistical program, it will include characteristics described below. The regional statistical program will consist of a series of cooperative statistical agreements between NMFS and the respective state/territorial fishery management agencies. State and federal port agents will collect data using statistically valid surveys that will insure accuracy as well as minimize costs of collection. Data will be entered at the state level via intelligent terminals where initial editing will occur. Then, data will be batched into the central (host) computer where they will undergo a regional editing process prior to being accepted by the regional (master) file. The regional file will be separated by state. The use of interactive programs and/or query languages will allow users to quickly generate reports for management and research purposes.

Detailed data will be available only to those personnel that are under appropriate confidentiality provisions. Summary data will be available to all users. The NMFS will not release detailed data except under special circumstances but States can share detailed data between agencies provided that appropriate confidentiality safeguards apply.

D. Projection of FY1981 Cooperative Statistical Activities

Negotiations will begin shortly with fishery management agencies in Texas, Mississippi, Puerto Rico (CODREMAR), and the United States Virgin Islands. Intelligent terminals will be acquired by TIMS for the above fishery agencies in order to implement cooperative agreements. Upon installation of terminals data will be routinely transferred into the regional statistical data bank.

Work will continue on definition of user specifications for the regional data bank. Part of this job will be to define data elements that should be included in a regional commercial license (vessel) file that will be an important component of the regional data bank. A critical activity in this process will be State input provided by the Gulf and South Atlantic statistics subcommittees that have been established and maintained through the assistance of the Gulf and Atlantic Fishery Marine Commissions.



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FISHERIES RESEARCH &
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23 February 1981

TO: Mr. Charles Lyles

FROM: Harriet M. Perry

SUBJECT: Minutes, Blue Crab Subcommittee Meeting, Atlanta

The Blue Crab Subcommittee met with representatives of the crabbing industry and government officials at the National Blue Industry Association's Annual Meeting held in Atlanta on January 30-31. Representing the Subcommittee were:

Phil Steele - Florida
Steve Heath - Alabama
Harriet Perry - Mississippi
Paul Hammerschmidt - Texas

Highlights of the meeting were a marketing panel put together by Blue Channel Crab Corporation and a survey of the status of mariculture operations in the United States presented by Dr. Paul Sandifer, Assistant Director of the South Carolina Marine Resources Laboratory in Charleston.

The Subcommittee chairman spoke to the industry group on current blue crab research activities in the Gulf and with the help of Subcommittee members presented a special slide program on the status of the fishery for soft crabs in the Gulf to representatives of Texas Sea Grant and the Texas Department of Health.

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April 9, 1981

Mr. Charles H. Lyles
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Dear Mr. Lyles:

For the purpose of reporting the minutes for the 31st Annual Spring Meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Enforcement Committee Meeting, the following is offered.

The Law Enforcement Committee was called to order by Chairman William C. Walker of Texas at approximately 1:15 p.m., March 17, 1981.

By special invitation of the committee Mr. Charles H. Lyles, Executive Director graciously met with the committee to share his experience in marine fisheries, to highlight the history of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, and to recommend some ways the law enforcement committee might contribute to the Commission.

From the Commission's authorization by public Law No. 8166 and subsequent State Legislation the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission has grown to what we know it as today. In the early days there was no cooperation between the states using resources from the Gulf of Mexico, and even open hostilities prevailed between user groups and state agencies. Fishing groups from one state were fishing another state's waters and in certain areas pay offs from user groups to state agencies was commonplace.

It was evident that the only way to improve the situation was to improve the structure of the various state agencies and to encourage communication throughout. Thus, the formation of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission.

As a result of the discussion with Mr. Lyles, the law enforcement committee derived some direction to move forward and contribute not only to the Commission, but to each individual agency involved as well. The committee will discuss these suggestions at length and explore methods if implementation at future meetings. Some of

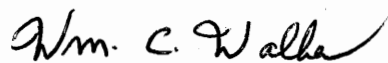
Mr. Charles H. Lyles
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these suggestions are:

1. Maintain a high degree of professionalism among marine officers. This includes selection, training, equipping, and supervision.
2. Establish a working communication net between member state agencies to deter boat and motor theft.
3. Establish and organize areas of enforcement which are common to member states (limitations of size limits on certain species and species classified as endangered). Explore the limitations of the "Lacey Act" as it applies to marine animals and fish.
4. Provide information to the enforcement divisions of the various state members concerning unethical seafood dealers and producers.
5. Produce and publish an enforcement profile regarding a standard for marine patrol officers including the following:
 - (A) recruitment
 - (B) selection
 - (C) training
 - (D) statutes (ideal)
 - (E) budget (ideal)
 - (F) salary (ideal)

During this year's spring meeting in Orlando, Florida, the committee adopted a resolution so stating that the host state for the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting will also provide the chairman for the law enforcement committee. Upon being appraised of this resolution, the committee members present unanimously elected and approved Mr. Ray Montet of the Louisiana Game and Fish Department as the chairman of the enforcement committee for the meeting this fall in New Orleans, Louisiana. No other business was brought forth and the meeting was adjourned.

Sincerely,


William C. Walker, Captain
Supervisor, Coastal Law Enforcement

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Attachment

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GULF STATES MARINE
FISHERIES COMMISSION

MAR 26 1981

Date: March 24, 1981
TO: Charles H. Lyles
FROM: R. Richardson *R.R.*
RE: 3/17/81/ Meeting - Menhaden Advisory Committee

Enclosed are the minutes of the above referenced meeting for your review and mailing to the members of the Menhaden Advisory Committee.

Also enclosed is the attendance list for the meeting.

G S M F C ROUTING

MINUTES

Menhaden Advisory Committee

March 17, 1981
Fort Brown Motor Hotel
Brownsville, Texas

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman at 1:20 PM. A roll call was taken establishing the presence of a quorum with all industry represented and three states represented. (See attached list of attendance).

Minutes of the October 15, 1980 meeting held at Kissimee, Florida were read and by motion of Jim Nelson seconded by Bill Lunsford were approved.

Borden Wallace reported on the current status of the menhaden film being produced with financial assistance from industry. Comments on the script have been reviewed and is being edited for the sound track. When completed each company will receive one copy with additional copies being available at cost.

Ed Swindell inquired about the printing of 5,000 copies of the article "Farmers of the Sea" published in the "Louisiana Conservationist". A letter had been written to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries requesting the printing, however, there had been no response to date. Ted Ford explained that, although this had been turned down by his predecessor, he will explore the cost and attempt to have this completed by the Department.

Michael Wascom, LSU reported on the final document for the project "Legal Ramifications of the Discussion and Implementation of Regulatory Options for the Gulf of Mexico Menhaden Fishery". After review and discussion a motion was made by Jim Nelson seconded by Dalton Berry that the Menhaden Advisory Committee recommend that the Gulf State - Federal Fisheries Management Board accept the document as a completion of the project and request that the authors, Michael Wascom, LSU and Thomas Schoenbaum, Tulane Uni. be be complemented on their work. This motion was passed by the Menhaden Advisory Committee.

Bob Chapoton reported on the progress of computerizing the information from the 1980 Captain's Daily Fishing Reports. Report of the catch by the menhaden industry for 1980 was over 95% complete. It was suggested that this is currently probably the best catch reporting of any fishery in the U. S. Bob reported that printing of the report forms

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Menhaden Advisory Committee

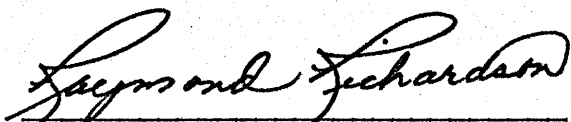
for 1981 has been completed and will be mailed to the plants prior to the start of the 1981 season. Borden Wallace, Bob Chapoton and J. Y. Christmas will coordinate current information available to attempt to develop plotted charts for use by the Captains in the Gulf fishery before the start of the 1981 season if possible. An update on the Review of the 1980 Gulf Menhaden Purse-Seine Fishery and Outlook for 1981 was passed out and discussed.

J. Y. Christmas reported on Assessment of the Menhaden Management Plan Implementation. After discussion it was suggested that there is probably a need for updating certain aspects of the plan at the present time. A sub-committee consisting of J. Y. Christmas, Chairman, Bob Chapoton and Jim Nelson was appointed to prepare documentation of projects completed, accomplishments, and updating of the management plan. When completed this will be logged into the minutes of the Menhaden Advisory Committee to reflect results of management to date and future consideration for management.

There was considerable discussion on new projects and priorities for consideration for State-Federal funding. As a result of the discussion a sub-committee was appointed consisting of Borden Wallace, Chairman, Harry Schafer, Dalton Berry and Bob Chapoton, with Ed Swindell as advisor, to coordinate projects and priorities. These will be submitted to the GS-FFMB for consideration as soon as possible.

Melissa W. Smith, U. S. Department of Energy gave a report to the Committee on the progress of continuing studies by DOE of salt brine disposal impact. Harry Schafer reported that DOE has made \$360,000.00 available to Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for a one year study of salt brine disposal impact on menhaden in Louisiana. This study is scheduled for completion in September 1982.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.


Raymond Richardson, Chairman

Menhaden Advisory Committee Meeting

Brownsville, Texas
March 17, 1981

*Ray Richardson, Chr.	Seacoast Products, Inc.	
Larry Simpson	GSMFC	Staff
*Harry Schafer	LA Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries	
*J. Y. Christmas	GCRL, MS	
Ed Swindell	Zapata Haynie Corp.	
*Wm C. Lunsford, Jr.	Zapata Haynie Corp.	
*James J. Nelson	Standard Products Co., Inc.	
*Robert B. Chapoton	NMFS, SEFC	Beaufort Lab
*Dalton R. Berry	Petrou Fisheries, Inc.	
*W. Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products, Inc.	
Melissa W. Smith	U. S. Dept. of Energy	
Mike Wascom	Sea Grant Legal Program, LSU	
Karen Jo Foote	LA Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries	
Barney Barrett	" " " " "	
Mike Windhan	" " " " "	
Claude Baudreaux	" " " " "	
Peter Eldridge	NMFS, TIMS	Chas. Lab
Gary Matlock	TX Parks & Wildlife Dept.	
Ted Ford	LA Dept. Wildlife & Fisheries	
*Tom Moore	TX Parks & Wildlife	

* Committee Members

STATE/FEDERAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT BOARD
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

Harold Allen, Vice-chairman of Board, presiding. He called the meeting to order at 4:25 pm. Members represented by States were as follows:

Alabama	Taylor Harper and John Ray Nelson
Florida	Ed Joyce
Louisiana	Ted Ford and Harry Schafer
Mississippi	Richard Leard and J. Y. Christmas
Texas	Tom Moore and John Mehos

Rep. Leroy Wieting gave general welcome to Texas to those present. The Agenda was adopted as printed.

The Minutes were adopted from the October, Orlando meeting without change.

Mr. Larry Simpson gave the report on the FY 1980 administrative contract. He noted the application for and the receipt of an additional 6 K to complete the Board's work that year (22.5K) total for FY 80).

Mr. Charles H. Lyles reported on the administrative contract for FY 81. He mentioned the request of an increase in the administrative funds to support the Board's work of 8.5K for a total of 25K. The request was denied and the contract remains at 16.5K for FY 81.

Mike Wascom, contractor for the legal study on menhaden, reported on his final report. The report was accepted with a minor change in one quote of the Texas statutes pertaining to menhaden. The Commission plans to distribute the report to the states and interested individuals for their use in fisheries work.

The final report on the Human Sciences Research contract for recreational shrimp statistics is still outstanding and will be finalized at the October Board meeting.

Raymond Richardson, Chairman of the Menhaden Advisory Committee, reported to the Board on that Committee meeting. They reviewed the legal study which incorporated their previous comments and complimented the authors for a fine publication. They recommended acceptance of the report.

The Board, based on this recommendation, passed a motion to accept the report.

Mr. Richardson noted the effective function of the Daily Fishing Report information collection, which is 95.4% of the total catch by the industry.

He mentioned the need for a plan implementation update which will be a focus of the Committee in 1981.

The Shrimp Management Committee did not meet; however, current bills being considered by the Texas legislature were briefly discussed by John Mehos and Rep. Leroy Wieting.

A report by the Blue Crab Subcommittee of the T.C.C. was given by Paul Hammerschmidt. He reported on that Committee's January 1981 Atlanta meeting which concerned marketing of that species. He submitted a proposal for consideration of funding by the Board in October from its FY 82 programatic funds.

A motion was made and passed to refer this project to the T.C.C. for its consideration and recommendation to the Board.

Harold Allen reported on the status of the programatic funds (50K) for FY 82 in the Gulf. He stated the funds are still in the budget and not yet targeted for reduction. Since budgets are in a state of constant change these funds could be transferred or used before they are available in October.

He suggested the Board might consider the use of the funds to coordinate State action concerning cooperative statistical programs with the center which has had an increase in their budget to do this work.

A motion was made and passed for the Board to invite proposals for the funds (50K) to come in until a May 4th deadline. These projects will be reviewed by the T.C.C. for comment and recommendations at their called meeting in mid-May. The Board agreed to act on the T.C.C.'s recommendations for final project(s) as soon as possible after they are received.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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

GULF STATE-FEDERAL FISHERIES
MANAGEMENT BOARD

Wednesday, March 18, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

Ted Ford	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Harry Schafer	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Larry Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Ed Joyce	FL. Department of Natural Resources
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Tom D. Moore	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Paul C. Hammerschmidt	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
I. B. Byrd	National Marine Fisheries Service/St. Pete
Harold B. Allen	National Marine Fisheries Service/St. Pete
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Richard L. Leard	Mississippi Bureau of Marine Resources
John Mehos	Commissioner/State of Texas
Leroy J. Wieting	Commissioner/Texas State Representative
Ed McCoy	N.C. Division of Marine Resources
Taylor Harper	Commissioner/Alabama State Representative
John Ray Nelson	Commissioner/State of Alabama
Terry J. Cody	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Gary Matlock	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Ann Terbush	NMFS/Washington, D.C.
Raymond T. Richardson	Seacoast Products, Inc.
Willis H. Clark	Sea Grant/Texas A & M
Billy E. Fule	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Peter Eldridge	NMFS/Charleston, S.C.
Tom McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Bill Chauvin	American Shrimp Cannery & Processors
Bill Fox	NMFS/Miami, Fl.
Ed Swindell	Zapata-Haynie Corp., Houston
W. Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products, Metairie, La.
Wm. C. Lunsford, Jr.	Zapata-Haynie Corp., Towson, Md.
Gregg T. Waugh	S. Atlantic Fishery Management Council, S.C.

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

Dr. Ted Ford, Chairman of the T.C.C., presiding. He noted all five Gulf States were represented.

Prior to the regular T.C.C. meeting Dr. Aaron Rosenfield conducted a special workshop concerning the introduction of non-indigenous species (exotic) into the marine environment. He noted the existence of some programs which deal with this problem in other areas such as the fresh-water environment, land areas, etc. The federal laws and proclamations are not useful for coping with this problem in the marine environment (Lacey Act, Black Bass, others). He cautioned the States to become aware of the importation of certain species and presented methods to eliminate or reduce the effect of their introduction into the marine environment of the Gulf of Mexico. He suggested the use of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission's T.C.C. as a means to coordinate this effort in the Gulf, and participate in the National Aquaculture Plan to provide Gulf input.

In the regular T.C.C. meeting, Terry Cody reported on the Mexus-Gulf meeting held in October, 1980 at Tampico, Mexico. The two day meeting included a presentation of 12 scientific papers on the biological aspects of cooperative research. Reports on the 9 working groups were heard including coastal pelagics, demersal fishes, ichthyoplankton, shrimp, pollution, turtles, statistics, remote sensing, technology. They also approved plans for research in 1981. Next meeting will be in New Orleans sometime in September, 1981.

Karen Foote presented a report on the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries' monitoring effort on the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (LOOP). They have monitored the site since 1978 looking at water chemistry, currents, benthic studies, and resource sampling.

They are currently monitoring the brine discharge resulting from expansion of the salt dome storage capacity, and will continue as long as this process continues, probably another 1 1/2 years. They have yet to determine environmental degradation or problems.

Dr. Bill Fox and Walter Nelson presented a new program the South-eastern Fisheries Center (SEFC) is developing concerning cooperative resource assessment program by the states and National Marine Fisheries Service. They want to develop a comprehensive and compatible data base using initially this program for fishery independent data. They will also try to involve NOAA sister agencies such as National Ocean Survey (NOS) and other countries.

Pete Eldridge reported on his work with the Statistical Subcommittee concerning the cooperative program with the states for data collection. Their main focus was to define the necessary data elements they need to collect and work out mechanisms for placement of computers in the states for '81 and '82.

Harold Allen and Bill Fox gave an overview of the current budget cuts within NMFS for '81 and '82 as of March 10, 1981. The NOAA was cut approximately 23% from the Carter budget; that is, 4.4% down from base in '81 budget. One hundred thirty-six million dollars was cut in 1981 and 250 million dollars cut in 1982. This will result in a close-out in the 88-309, 89-304, Sea Grant, and Coastal Zone Management (CZM) programs on September 30, 1981, and a 5 million (50%) cut in SK funds for '81, and a close-out of funds for '82. The cuts in NMFS nation wide represent 99 positions, of which the S.E. Region must take 32 position cuts. These will be 5 positions from the S.E. Regional Office, and 27 from the S.E. Fisheries Center, mainly from the Galveston Lab.

Buck Byrd reported on his Grant-in-Aid workshop. The Grants Office in the Regional Office will provide all help possible to clear the books under the 88-309 program by September, 1981.

The Chairman of the T.C.C. will recommend to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission that the Commission take such steps as necessary to save the Grant-in-Aid programs.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted B. Ford, Chairman
Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 18, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

Ted Ford	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Hugh A. Swingle	AL. Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources
Ed Joyce	FL. Department of Natural Resources
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Tom McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Ann Terbush	NMFS/Washington, D.C.
Paul Hammerschmidt	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Gary Matlock	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
Bill Fox	NMFS/Miami
I. B. Byrd	NMFS/St. Petersburg
James I. Jones	MS/AL Sea Grant
Fred Prochaska	University of Florida/Gainesville
Harold B. Allen	NMFS/St. Petersburg
Gregg T. Waugh	S. Atlantic Fishery Management Council, S.C.
William C. Lunsford, Jr.	Zapata-Haynie Corp., Towson, Md.
Richard L. Leard	MS. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Mike Windham	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Karen Foote	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Claude Boudreaux	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Harry Schafer	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Charles White	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Corky Perret	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
W. J. Demoran	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Walter Nelson	NMFS/Pascagoula
Edward W. Swindell	Zapata-Haynie Corporation
Robert B. Chapoton	NMFS/Beaufort, N.C.
Henry H. Hildebrand	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
James J. Nelson	Standard Products Co., Inc.
Billy E. Fule	Texas Parks and Wildlife Department

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
Technical Coordinating Committee

Exotic Species Workshop

Brownsville, Texas

March 18, 1981

Walter M. Tatum	AL. Dept. of Conserv. & Nat. Resources
Hugh A. Swingle	AL. Dept. of Conserv. & Nat. Resources
Ed Joyce	FL. Dept. of Natural Resources
Bill Fox	NMFS/Miami, Florida
James I. Jones	MS/AL Sea Grant
Fred Prochaska	University of FL./Gainesville
Gregg T. Waugh	S. Atl. Fish. Mgmt. Council/Charleston
Wm. C. Lunsford, Jr.	Zapata Haynie/Towson, MD.
Karen Foote	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Claude Boudreaux	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Corky Perret	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
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Ted Ford	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Larry Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm.
Tom D. Moore	TX. Parks & Wildlife Department
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Tom McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
I. B. Byrd	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
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Henry Hildebrand	Corpus Christi, TX.
Harold B. Allen	NMFS/St. Petersburg, FL.
Ann D. Terbush	NMFS/Washington, D.C.
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm.
Billy E. Fuls	TX. Parks & Wildlife Department
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Charles White	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Mike Windham	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Gary Matlock	TX. Parks & Wildlife Department
Paul Hammerschmidt	TX. Parks & Wildlife Department
Bob Chapoton	NMFS-Beaufort Laboratory
Richard L. Leard	MS. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation

EXECUTIVE SESSION
MINUTES
Friday, March 20, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

Chairman Elton J. Gissendanner, presiding. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Gissendanner at 7:50 am.

The Agenda was adopted with some changes in order of presentation.

The Minutes were approved with one change on last page concerning motion by Mr. Lyles for Florida's Dr. Gissendanner to serve as Chairman for 1980-81. Correction is motion made by Mr. Yancey.

A report by the Industry Advisory Committee was given by Mr. Lyles. Only one item is of paramount concern, that is the current economic problems within the shrimp industry. They feel efforts until the next meeting should be directed at support of Breaux's legislation designed to help the shrimp industry. Motion by Executive Committee to accept the report was passed.

The Enforcement Committee report was given by Mr. Tom Moore for Captain Walker. Mr. Lyles met with the Committee at their request to provide them with the history of the Commission, and activities as to how they could best serve the interests of this Commission in areas of cooperative interstate enforcement. Mr. Lyles suggested such things as means to coordinate investigation of theft of boats and motors, transport of illegal harvest fish and shellfish across state lines (Lacey Act) and possibly development of a model manual to guide in the standards set for employment, procedures for law enforcement.

Other areas identified by the Executive Committee were regional input into development of new state laws which have as their focus law enforcement (oyster tagging, etc.) Coordinating mechanism for states to work with Councils when fishery management plans are implemented. Motion by Executive Committee to accept the report was passed.

Dr. Ted Ford gave the report of the Technical Coordinating Committee (T.C.C.).

The T.C.C. included a workshop session by Dr. Aaron Rosenfield concerning the introduction of non-indigenous species (pests, predators, pathogens) into the waters of our states. This served to caution and highlight the states' ability to protect against importation of these organisms.

In the regular T.C.C. meeting Terry Cody of the Texas Parks and Wildlife reported on his attendance at the Mexus-Gulf meeting. The T.C.C. recommends continuation of a scientific relationship with Mexico due to transboundary stocks of our marine animals.

Pete Eldridge followed up the call joint meeting of the T.C.C. and the South Atlantic Shrimp Technical Committee held in January. His workshop was to aid in coordination of the S/F program for statistics.

Karen Foote of Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries reported on how that agency is monitoring the Louisiana Offshore Oil Port (L.O.O.P.) project for environmental damages.

Dr. Bill Fox of Southeastern Fisheries Center (SEFC) introduced a new program calling for cooperative monitoring and assessment.

Harold Allen of the Southeast Regional Office (SERO) outlined the budget and personnel cuts in the Grant-in-Aid programs to the States. This includes closing out of programs for P.L. 88-309, P.L. 89-304, Sea Grant, and Coastal Zone Management (CZM). Bill Fox outlined how budget and personnel cuts would be handled by the SEFC.

The T.C.C. recommends that the Commission consider, under other business, taking a formal position against the cuts in the 88-309 program.

A question was raised about participation of the T.C.C. on the National Aquaculture Committee. The Executive Director will inquire about the procedures and supply information to enable the T.C.C. to take action at the October meeting about its participation.

A motion by the Executive Committee to accept the report of the T.C.C. was passed.

The report by the Sea Grant Committee was given by Willis Clark. He noted the long association of the Committee with the Commission, as well as its commitment for closer future cooperation at the Orlando meeting last October. Since that time the new administration has called for a close-out of the program for FY 83. FY 82 funds were set to be 1.82 million for close-out operations.

Sea Grant has supplied information to legislators to try to have the program survive. Senator Pell introduced a measure which calls for 35 million in FY 82, and Senator Parkwood introduced a measure which called for 40 million FY 82, 83, 84. The outcome is uncertain.

The Executive Committee recommended action on behalf of Sea Grant.

Mr. Lyles suggested coordination with Sea Grant to act in joint effort to save 88-309/89-304, etc., along with Sea Grant program.

The Executive Committee passed a motion to accept the report of the Sea Grant Committee.

The T.C.C. recommended a Resolution to the Executive Committee for approval concerning support for National Sea Grant. The motion was made and passed unanimously for the Executive Director to modify the Resolution to include additional specific information, and improve wording. This Resolution to be distributed to appropriate Congressional delegations and State governors, etc. (Resolution attached.).

The report of the S/F Board was given by Ann Terbush of National Marine Fisheries Service.

The final report for work done in FY 80 was accepted. The request for increase in the administrative funds was denied. They will remain at 16.5 K. The final report on the Menhaden Legal Study was reviewed and accepted with compliments to authors Michael W. Wascom and Thomas J. Schoenbaum. The final Human Sciences Research report on recreational shrimping is still outstanding.

Fifty thousand dollars for programatic needs of the S/F Board is in the budget at this time for FY 82; however, its fate is uncertain. Projects for the Board to consider for funding in October meeting need to be received by the T.C.C. by May 4th for their review and recommendation to the Board.

A motion by the Executive Committee to accept the report of the S/F Board was passed.

Dr. Ford requested information by the Executive Director to be sent to the States informing them of current criteria for the 50 K projects to provide a better chance for approval.

Mr. Lyles gave the Executive Director's report. He noted a successful attempt to increase the P.L. 88-309 program funds nationally by 2.5 million. However, an anti-busing rider was attached to the commerce budget which President Carter vetoed. We are now operating under a continuing resolution which allows spending only at last year's level. The situation is further complicated by the changing status of items from recissions to deferrals. The program was slated for close-out with zero funding FY 82 (October 1, 1981).

The Committee fully agreed to closely coordinate the efforts of states, the three Commissions, and should include Council members for individual actions. The reductions in the Grant programs and the N.M.F.S. programs in Galveston will affect the future plans and implementation of the Council plans.

The central point was to coordinate through this Commission for a uniform consistent position of the Gulf of Mexico.

Title IV, the Fisherman's Contingency Fund, has begun initial payment. The Executive Director will continue to seek changes in administration of the program to provide better functioning.

The Dingell-Johnson (D-J) Expansion Committee requested \$500 for their effort on behalf of passage of the amendments to the program. The Executive Committee declined to act on that request because of the precedent it might establish.

Rep. Breaux is developing a new comprehensive shrimp assistance legislative package. The Executive Committee passed a motion to have the Commission support the passage of this legislation.

Mr. Lyles noted the American Fisheries Promotion Act (the Breaux Bill) has passed and awaits writing of regulations by N.M.F.S.

He reviewed the Auditor's Report and noted no problems with the Commission's handling of the finances.

The next Commission meeting will be in New Orleans, and the subject will be State and Federal laws concerning Fishery Management which are outlined in the publication "To Stem the Tide". Gary Knight will chair the meeting as well as develop the program.

Mr. Lyles noted the drastic need for economic research in the N.M.F.S. In light of the current situation the Executive Committee passed a motion to have the Commission, by letter, emphasize need for economic work for marine research.

Mr. Lyles relayed the request of Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands to be included in the general coordination in support of the Grant-in-Aid programs for fisheries. A motion was passed to include the Territories in our operation to save 88-309.

The Executive Committee passed a motion to accept the Executive Director's report.

Mr. Larry Simpson gave the Assistant Director's report. He gave an update on the status of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's

plans and future activities.

Mr. Simpson distributed a draft Administrative Manual and requested comments of the Committee so final action on the manual and the comments can be taken at the October Commission meeting.

He outlined a request which the Committee may wish to approve in October concerning the purchase of an office computer which could handle bookkeeping, word processing, multiple letter writing, mailing labels, etc. He will supply specific information on the cost, capabilities, brands, etc. for Committee action in October.

Under other business the Executive Committee passed a motion to authorize the printing of the proceedings of the Limited Entry workshop within budget constraints.

The Committee briefly discussed the Council/State confrontation over fish traps.

The Committee recommended the T.C.C. look at the question of overlap in research priorities and report to the Committee in October.

It was noted that Mr. Jesse Guidry has been reselected as the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries replacing Joe Colson.

The Committee passed a motion to include CZM as a program to be included in the effort to save programs from budget cuts.

There being no other business the meeting adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Lyles
Executive Director

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Friday, March 20, 1981
Brownsville, Texas

List of Attendees

Larry Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
John Mehos	Commissioner/State of Texas
Willis H. Clark	Sea Grant/Texas A & M
Ted Ford	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Elton Gissendanner	FL. Department of Natural Resources
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Ed Joyce	FL. Department of Natural Resources
Taylor Harper	Commissioner/Alabama State Representative
Hugh Swingle	AL. Department of Natural Resources
Harry Schafer	LA. Department of Wildlife & Fisheries
Richard Leard	MS. Bureau of Marine Resources
John Ray Nelson	Commissioner/State of Alabama
Tom Moore	Texas Parks and Wildlife
Ann Terbush	NMFS/Washington, D.C.
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Virgil Norton	University of Maryland
Fred Prochaska	FL. Sea Grant/Gainesville
Wade Griffin	Texas A & M
Michael Carron	Commissioner/State of MS.
Leroy Wieting	Commissioner/Texas State Representative

Resolution Proposed for Adoption by
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

WHEREAS, fish and fish products imported into this country account
for a \$2 billion annual trade deficit, and

WHEREAS, it is a recognized national goal to increase the efficiency
and productivity of the U.S. fishing industry to reduce trade
deficits and increase private-sector employment, and

WHEREAS, relevant scientific and technical knowledge--and effective
application of such knowledge--is essential to achieving those
goals,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Com-
mission strongly recommends continued Federal support of the
National Sea Grant College Program.

Gulf State-Federal Fisheries

Management Board

MINUTES

Tuesday, May 19, 1981

Kenner, Louisiana

Dr. Richard L. Leard, proxy for Chairman Richard K. Yancey, presiding.

Dr. Leard noted that all five Gulf States were represented.

The special call meeting of the Board was convened to consider the proposals for funding by the \$50K programmatic monies for FY1982, of the State-Federal Fisheries Management Program. Dr. Ted Ford, Chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee recommended for that committee, three actions as follows:

- (1) Fund the blue crab proposal at \$14,607.72 for larvae studies.
- (2) Fund study on estimate of natural and fishing mortality and shrimp recruitment at \$19,629.
- (3) The balance of the \$50K (\$15,763.28) be used to fund needed expenses of the Board or its committees for such things, but not limited to travel, publication etc., or the winter menhaden survey with the Department of Energy up to that balance if the work can be accomplished for that sum.

A motion was made and passed unanimously to approve the proposals as recommended for funding by the Technical Coordinating Committee.

A motion was made and passed that in the event of a conflict with the third recommendation, no further action would be taken by the Board until its October meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

ATTENDANCE LIST
Special Call Meeting

GULF STATE-FEDERAL FISHERIES MANAGEMENT BOARD

GSMFC, AIRPORT RAMADA INN

New Orleans, Louisiana

May 19, 1981

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Ted B. Ford	LA. Wildlife & Fisheries
Harriet M. Perry	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Kenneth C. Stuck	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Hugh A. Swingle	AL. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Res.
Harry Schafer	LA. Wildlife & Fisheries
Richard L. Leard	MS. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation
Melissa W. Smith	U.S. Department of Energy (SPRO)
Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products, Inc.
Richard E. Condrey	Center for Wetland Res., LSU
William Demoran	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Larry B. Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Tom D. Moore	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Edwin A. Joyce	Florida Dept. of Natural Resources

Technical Coordinating Committee
MINUTES
Tuesday, May 19, 1981
Kenner, Louisiana

Dr. Ted Ford, Chairman of the Technical Coordinating Committee, presiding. He noted all five Gulf States were represented and a quorum was present.

Dr. Ford gave opening remarks on how the meeting was to be structured and described the handout information on the projects. The call meeting of the T.C.C. was for the purpose of review and discussion so as to recommend specific projects to the State-Federal Fisheries Management Board (S-FFMB) for its decision on work to be done in FY 1982.

A proposal which was handed out to update the menhaden management plan for approximately \$7,500 was considered. A motion was made and passed to table this proposal.

The Blue Crab Subcommittee proposal for larvae studies at \$14,600 was discussed. Harriet Perry and Ken Stuck of the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory gave a technical explanation as well as its implications to management.

The completion of the regional statistical network was reviewed. The Chairman commented this should be the type of project that NMFS should conduct directly. One comment was that the NMFS had received over a million dollars for increases in statistics and statistical gathering.

Richard Condrey discussed the proposal for a winter menhaden survey in conjunction with the Department of Energy surveys of the LOOP discharge area. This proposal would be for an additional survey to get base line information on eggs and larvae transport and effects before the onset of reported peak abundance.

Questions concerning beginning dates of the cruise and effects on the overall DOE contract with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, as well as the disposition of the sorted samples, were discussed.

Richard Condrey also discussed the proposal project to derive estimates of natural and fishing mortality and initial number of

shrimp recruitment from the Gulf Coast shrimp data. Richard discussed the technical aspects as well as the implications to shrimp management.

A motion was made and passed to recommend the blue crab proposal for funding by the S-F Board at \$14,607.72. A motion was made and passed to recommend the derivation of estimate on natural and fishing mortality and shrimp recruitment for the Gulf Coast shrimp data for funding by the S-F Board at \$19,629.

A motion was made and passed to use the balance of the \$50 K available to fund any needed expenses for travel, publication, etc. of the Board or its committees, if allowable, or the winter menhaden survey up to \$15,763.28, if the work can be done for that amount.

It was agreed that if neither of the proposals can be accomplished with regard to the last motion, other recommendation will be deferred until the October T.C.C. meeting.

A proposal by Gary Knight to the Commission for analysis of statutes and judicial decisions affecting State-Federal jurisdiction with respect to marine fisheries management was distributed. The committee took no action at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted B. Ford, Chairman
Technical Coordinating Committee

ATTENDANCE LIST

Special Call Meeting of Technical Coordinating Committee

GSMFC, AIRPORT RAMADA INN

New Orleans, Louisiana

May 19, 1981

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J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Lab
Tom D. Moore	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Edwin A. Joyce	Florida Dept. of Natural Resources

Menhaden Advisory Committee
MINUTES
Ramada Inn - Airport
Kenner, Louisiana
July 29, 1981

The Chairman, Mr. Raymond Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m. He explained the reason for calling the meeting; that is to discuss the possibility of extending the Gulf menhaden season two (2) weeks due to the possible late arrival of fish on the grounds. He noted all members were notified of the meeting by a written agenda with ten (10) days prior notice. Mr. Richardson had a roll call of all members of the committee present (see attendance list attached).

Mr. Nelson spoke against the extension of the season citing that Mississippi catch was down from last year and more fish were caught off Florida and Louisiana than Mississippi. He was concerned about biological implications to the season extension and that the fishery in Mississippi may not be able to absorb the extended fishing which Louisiana could. He also cited problems the extension would have on administration, i.e. keeping crews two weeks longer, contracts to pay off at certain time, etc.

Bob Chapoton was called on to give an update on current season statistics to help with this decision. His remarks are numerical as follows:

- 1) Landings as of July 17, 1981 were 25% less than at this date in 1980. Earlier however, in June, landings were 36% less than in 1980 so some improvement was indicated.
- 2) Annual landings have varied and since peak of 820,000 metric tons, in 1978, production has declined two consecutive years to 701,000 in 1980.
- 3) Our forecast for 1981 with 590,000 vessel-ton-weeks of effort by 50 vessels is for a catch of 655,000 metric tons. Forecast for 1980 over estimated actual landings by 19%.
- 4) Estimates of landings during two additional weeks of fishing for four recent years, 1977-1980, would have increased total annual catches by an average of 2.5% and ranged from 0.4% to 3.9% annually.

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- 5) Age and tag recovery information thus far for 1981 indicated relatively few 2-year old Gulf menhaden in purse-seine catches. Age-1 fish dominating in all locations and year class appears of moderate size, but that estimate of true abundance was not possible at this date.
- 6) Other comments were made in response to questions about spawning age and seasons, number of vessels and effort, MSY estimates, effective effort, migrations, recruitment pattern, natural mortality estimates, and catchability.
- 7) Guarded concern was expressed about eventual catch of 1-year old fish in 1981 and number surviving to reach spawning age this winter and possible impact on 1982 and 1983 population size and catches.
- 8) With short-lived fish, such as Gulf menhaden, maximum use and harvest suggest relatively high fishing rate of 1-year olds. If population size of 1's is low, catches can decrease spawning stock and affect replacement levels available for future catches.
- 9) Environmental conditions have and will continue to greatly influence population size of Gulf menhaden and that the purse-seine fishery will need to be flexible as total population levels change in future years.

Jack Styron spoke against the extension but noted the group should agree after the vote not to have dissention over its outcome either way.

Earl Conrad commented in favor of the extension citing the economic benefit that might be accrued but was careful to preface that this should be done if no apparent damage to the stocks would occur.

A motion was made by Mr. Brumfield to recommend extension of the Gulf menhaden season by two (2) weeks. Motion seconded by Mr. Jake Dermer. The vote failed 3 to 2 with state members abstaining.

It was agreed by consensus that the committee work in the future to develop a flexible mechanism whereby changes in the season length could be accomplished more efficiently within the states if needed in future.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Richardson
Raymond Richardson, Chairman *by VKH*
Menhaden Advisory Committee

List of Attendees

Menhaden Advisory Committee
Kenner, Louisiana
July 29, 1981

Industry Members

George A. Brumfield	Zapata Haynie Corp.	Moss Point, MS.
Jake Dermer	Petrou Fisheries, Inc.	Empire, LA.
Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden	Metairie, LA.
Jack Styron	Wallace Menhaden	Metairie, LA.
James J. Nelson	Standard Products	Kilmarnock, VA.
Raymond Richardson	Seacoast Products	Port Monmouth, NJ

State Members

Gary Matlock (for C.E. Bryan)	Texas Parks & Wildlife	Austin, TX.
Vincent Guillory	LA. Dept. of Fish & Wild.	Grand Isle, LA.
J. Y. Christmas	GCRL	Ocean Springs, MS.
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Fish & Wild.	New Orleans, LA.

Federal Member

Robert Chapoton	NMFS	Beaufort, NC.
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Other

Ted Ford	LA. Dept. of Fish & Wild.	New Orleans, LA.
Larry Simpson	GSMFC	Ocean Springs, MS.
Charles H. Lyles	GSMFC	Ocean Springs, MS.
Edward Swindell	Zapata Protein, Inc.	Houston, TX.
Earl Conrad	Zapata Protein, Inc.	Houston, TX.
Corky Perret	LA. Dept. of Fish & Wild.	New Orleans, LA.
Paul Kalmon	writer	
P. Haines	Zapata Haynie Corp.	Dulac, LA.



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MINUTES - BLUE CRAB SUB-COMMITTEE
13 October 1981
New Orleans, Louisiana

The Blue Crab Sub-committee met on 13 October 1981 with the following members and alternates in attendance:

Florida - Phil Steele, Ed Joyce
Alabama - Steve Heath, Walter Tatum
Mississippi - Harriet Perry
Louisiana - Gerald Adkins
Texas - Paul Hammerschmidt, C. E. Bryan

Mr. Larry Simpson, Mr. J. Y. Christmas and Mr. Richard Condrey addressed the group on matters involving the development of fisheries management plans. A supplementary meeting was called for the afternoon of 13 October to further discuss the Sub-committee's role in the preparation of a management plan for the blue crab fishery in the Gulf of Mexico. At this meeting, members of the Sub-committee agreed that a planning profile should be developed rather than a management plan. The matter was to be brought to the attention of the TCC on 14 October.

The Sub-committee met again on 15 October to review a management planning profile developed for the blue crab fishery in South Carolina. A tentative work schedule was agreed upon and work assignments were made.

Harriet Perry was re-elected chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

Harriet M. Perry

MINUTES

Industry Advisory Committee
Tuesday, October 13, 1981
Fairmont Hotel
New Orleans, La.

The Industry Advisory Committee met at the Fairmont Hotel, Tuesday, October 13, 1981 at 9:00 a.m., Leroy Kiffe presiding. A copy of the agenda is attached. Items on the agenda were to be taken up in the order approved by those present. It was the desire of the group concerning H.R. 4041, the shrimp development bill often called the Breaux Shrimp Bill, that the Chairman appoint a committee and empower them to come in with recommendations. A list of the members is attached. Bob Jones requested that Sea Grant be added to the agenda.

The next item on the agenda was the Weicker Bill - S-1564. Senator Weicker, Republican of Connecticut, has introduced a bill to place tuna under the F.C.M.A. There was considerable discussion of the merits of and demerits of the bill. We had the benefit of Dave Burney and Ed Wolfe from the tuna industry to present their side of the question. The result of the discussion was a recommendation that the Commission act on the following motion:

Motion on Tuna

A motion was made by Roger Anderson that the Industry Advisory Committee of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission recommend to the Commission that it adopt a position of cooperation with the U.S. Tuna Foundation in relation to management and conservation of the tuna stocks within the Fishery Conservation Zone of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Commission recommend to the U.S. Representatives to ICCAT that they seek coastal state preference for tuna stocks located within the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Conservation Zone. The motion was seconded by Ralph Rayburn and passed without objection.

The shrimp committee returned and presented the following report: The committee accepts unanimously the concept of marketing effort for shrimp (re: marketing boards of National Shrimp Congress, National Fisheries Institute, Breaux Bill combinations). Endorse the concept of loans or guarantees to consolidate mortgages, etc., for solid* fishermen to survive. There seemed to be majority support for temporary tariffs (in the vicinity of 3%) and/or quotas although there was a

feeling that it had little chance of passing. Further action to await Breaux's hearings, October 29th and 30th.

There was a discussion of H.R. 3816 - amendments to Title IV of the O.C.S. Bill - suggested that the Director continue to push for passage of these amendments. There was also discussion of S-532 and H.R. 3492, which exempts vessel owners from paying unemployment compensation on vessel crews. Most industry members felt that presently it is the best way of keeping crews during off season and therefore, did not suggest pushing for exemption as would be provided by this legislation.

The next issues discussed were funding of P.L. 88-309 - 89-304, Sea Grant and sufficient funding for the Galveston Laboratory. It was recommended that the Executive Director be empowered to prepare a resolution endorsing sufficient funding for these activities without naming specific amounts.

There was a note of concern about the growing hostility among state legislators on the matter of non-resident license and there was some concern over the growing trend to allocate all of a single species to one harvester group.

Walter Zimmerman was elected Chairman for the coming year.

The meeting journaled at 3:40 p.m.

*A solid fisherman is one who receives 75% or more of his income from the fishing industry.

LIST OF ATTENDEES

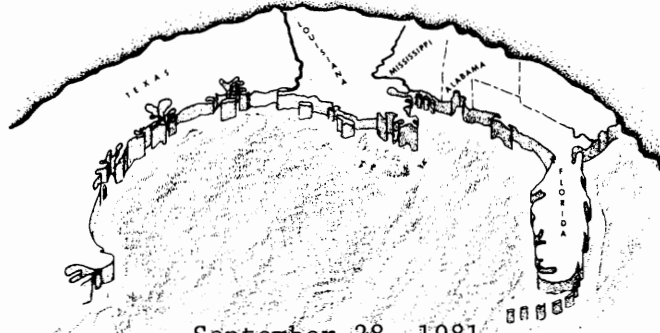
INDUSTRY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, October 13, 1981

Charles H. Lyles	G.S.M.F.C.	Ocean Springs, MS.
Leroy Kiffe	LA. Shrimp Ass'n.	Lockport, LA.
Walton Kraver	Deep Sea Foods, Inc.	Bayou La Batre, AL.
Alan Robinson	Am. Shrimp Cannery & Proc.	New Orleans, LA.
Bill Chauvin	Am. Shrimp Cannery & Proc.	New Orleans, LA.
Guy Pete	Pete Shrimp Company	Brownsville, TX.
Carl Gayman	Gayman Shrimp Company, Inc.	Brownsville, TX.
Willis Clark	Sea Grant - Texas A&M	College Station, TX.
Linda Lerway	Texas Shrimp Association	Austin, TX.
Tom Moore	Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.	Austin, TX.
Ray Richardson	Seacoast Products, Inc.	Port Monmouth, N.J.
Gary Matlock	Texas Parks & Wildlife Dept.	Austin, TX.
Bill Sandman	Sahlman Seafoods, Inc.	Tampa, FL.
Sal Versaggi	Versaggi Shrimp Corp.	Tampa, FL.
Hugh Swingle	AL. Dept. of Cons. & Nat. Res.	Dauphin Island, AL.
H.H. Von Harten, Jr.		Beaufort, S.C.
J. A. Prunty	Petroleum Consultant	New Orleans, LA.
Harold Von Harten	Key-Tex Shrimp	Key West, FL.
Roger D. Anderson	Gulf & S. Atl. Fish. Dev. Found.	Tampa, FL.
Johnny McQuaig	McQuaig Shrimp Company	Key West, FL.
Bob Jones	Southeastern Fisheries	Tallahassee, FL.
Jook Patrenos	Southeastern Fisheries	Tallahassee, FL.
Randall Dickinson	Caleb Haley and Company	Gulf Shores, AL.
Jerry Brashier	Bureau of Land Management	New Orleans, LA.
Walter W. Zimmerman	Texas Shrimp Association	Port Isabel, TX.
John P. Jackson	Jackson Seafood Company	Rockport, TX.
Elaine Rayburn	Texas Shrimp Association	Austin, TX.
Ralph Rayburn	Texas Shrimp Association	Austin, TX.
David Burney	U.S. Tuna Foundation	Washington, D.C.
Ed Wolfe	U.S. Tuna Foundation	Washington, D.C.
Wilma Anderson	Texas Shrimp Association	Aransas Pass, TX.
Ed Clark	Texas Shrimp Association	Aransas Pass, TX.
Harold Allen	National Marine Fisheries Serv.	St. Petersburg, FL.
Ted Shepard		New Orleans, LA.
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TO: All Members Industry Advisory Committee
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission

FROM: Charles H. Lyles *C. H. Lyles*

SUBJECT: Industry Advisory Committee Meeting
9:00 am, October 13, 1981
Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana

Attached is material on the subjects which members of the Industry Advisory Committee may use in deliberation necessary to arrive at a position to recommend to the Commission at the Executive Session on Friday, October 16. The subjects are listed as follows, but not in the order of priority. The order of priority will be established by the Committee members in session. If you have additional subjects which you think should be included, please let me have them.

1. User fees - Coast Guard
2. P.L. 88-309/89-304 Amendments
3. Weicker Tuna Bill - S. 1564
4. New Breaux Bill (H.R. 4041 - American Shrimp Industry Development Act)
5. Magnuson Act (FCMA) Amendments
6. Marine Mammals
7. S/K
8. Texas Option
9. Closure Everglades to commercial fishing
10. Red drum and spotted seatrout - Texas
11. Restrictive Management Legislation S/F
12. Increasing problems - States fees for out of state fishing licenses
13. Amendment - Unemployment Compensation for Crews of Vessels - S. 532
14. S. 1337 - Processing Vessels in Alaska
15. H.R. 3816 - Amend Title IV OCS Lands Act
16. H.R. 794 - Wetlands Inventory



AD HOC COMMITTEE

to discuss

H.R. 4041 - BREAUX SHRIMP BILL
Tuesday, October 13, 1981
Fairmont Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Leroy Kiffe	Louisiana
Ted Shepard	Louisiana
Joe Ross	Mississippi
Walter Zimmerman	Texas
Wilma Anderson	Texas
Walton Kraver	Alabama
Randall Dickinson	Alabama
Sal Versaggi	Florida
H. H. Von Harten, Jr.	Florida

Menhaden Advisory Committee
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Tuesday, October 13, 1981
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ray Richardson, Chairman, presiding. Mr. Richardson called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m. He called the roll for Committee members as follows:

George Brumfield - absent	Harry Schafer - present
Jake Dermer - absent	J. Y. Christmas - present
Dalton Berry - present	Hugh Swingle - present
Borden Wallace - present	Charles Futch - absent
James Nelson - present	Bob Chapoton - present
Ray Richardson - present	
Gary Matlock - present	

(Gary permanently replacing C.E. Bryant)

The agenda was approved by concensus. Harry Schafer made a motion to approve March 17, 1981 minutes. Seconded by Hugh Swingle. Motion carried.

Hugh Swingle made motion to approve the minutes of July 29, 1981 Call Meeting. Seconded by James Nelson. Motion carried.

Bob Chapoton gave a report on the 1981 menhaden season data (ending September 30, 1981). These data indicate '81 season is approximately 22.5% below last year. A big question for next year is the number of Age I fish. Cameron was only down 11% which indicates a good group of Age I fish and if survival is good over winter '82, season could be good. For 1982 he predicts about what we had this year, maybe some better (approximately 600,000 metric tons). James Nelson noted '80 season for Moss Point was better than '79 and Figure I (attached) of the entire Gulf does not show this.

Vincent Guillory, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries discussed a data analysis project be conducted on the relationship of environment to year class strength and oil trends. The data used was for 1964-1978. He indicated what environmental conditions (river discharge, temperature, salinity, etc.) produced the best catch/effort. The write up of this report will be done in the winter and final report out in spring of 1982.

Under current projects, the Beaufort Lab is computerizing the 1981 vessel captains daily reports. About 2/3 of the 45K allocated for this

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work is spent for Gulf work. The results of this program are about 95% of all the catch documented by location, time of day and by vessel.

The committee discussed the need for a management plan update. Current statistics and other areas should be strengthened to have better plan. The group decided to recommend this to the Board for future action.

Richard Condrey discussed the Department of Energy menhaden study concerning salt dome oil storage construction. The project duration is through November 15, 1982.

Under new business, Hugh Swingle made a motion to recommend Bob Chapoton as new chairman for 1982 to the Board. Motion was seconded by Harry Schafer. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Chapoton, Chairman
Menhaden Advisory Committee

MENHADEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Tuesday, October 13, 1981

LIST OF ATTENDEES

Larry B. Simpson	G.S.M.F.C.	Ocean Springs, MS
Bob Chapoton	NMFS, Beaufort Lab	Beaufort, NC
Borden Wallace	Wallace Menhaden Products	New Orleans, LA.
Jim Nelson	Standard Products Co.	Kilmarnock, VA
Dalton Berry	Petrou Fisheries, Inc.	Empire, LA
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J. Y. Christmas	GCRL	Ocean Springs, MS.
Vincent Guillory	LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fish.	Grand Isle, LA
Gary Hutton	LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fish	Grand Isle, LA
Tim Morrison	LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fish	Baton Rouge, LA
Richard Condrey	LSU-Center for Wetland Res.	Baton Rouge, LA
John Merriner	NMFS, Beaufort Lab	Beaufort, NC
Albert Jones	NMFS	Miami, FL
Bill Fox	NMFS	Miami, FL
C.E. Bryan	Texas Parks & Wildlife	Austin, TX
David Pritchard	NMFS	St. Pete., FL
Dick Schaefer	NMFS	Wash., D.C.
Bob Williams	NMFS	Wash., D.C.
Walter M. Tatum	AL Dept. Cons. & Natur. Res	Gulf Shores, AL
Larry King	A.S.M.F.C.	Wash., D.C.
Ray Richardson	Seacoast Products, Inc.	Port Monmouth, NJ
Ray Stevens	Zapata Haynie	Dulac, LA
Corky Perret	LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fish.	New Orleans, LA.



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October 9, 1981

TO: Industry Members, State, and NMFS Personnel
With Special Interest in the Menhaden Fisheries

FROM: Robert B. Chapoton *Bob*

SUBJECT: Status of Purse-Seine Landings of Gulf Menhaden in
1981 Fishing Season

As of the dates given, estimated purse-seine landings (thousands of "standard fish") of Gulf and Atlantic menhaden are as follow:

	<u>1981</u>	<u>1980</u>	<u>Change</u>
<u>Gulf menhaden (as of September 30, 1981)</u>			
Mississippi	276,000	369,000	-25%
Louisiana			
East (Empire, Dulac and Morgan City)	613,000	911,000	-33%
West (Intracoastal City and Cameron)	758,000	851,000	-11%
TOTAL.....	1,647,000	2,131,000 ^{1/}	-22.7%

^{1/} 92% of 1980 catch was "in" at this date.



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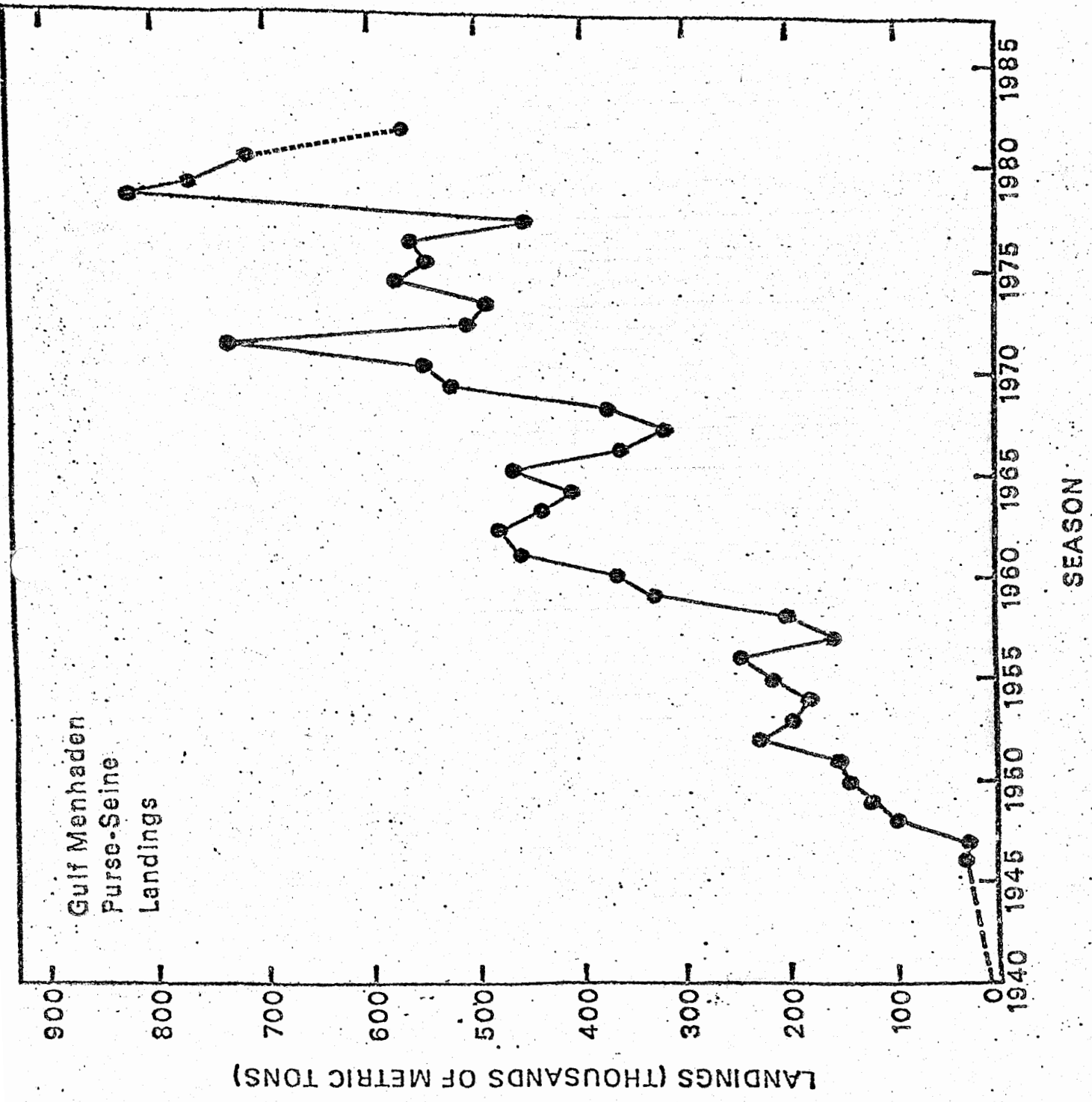
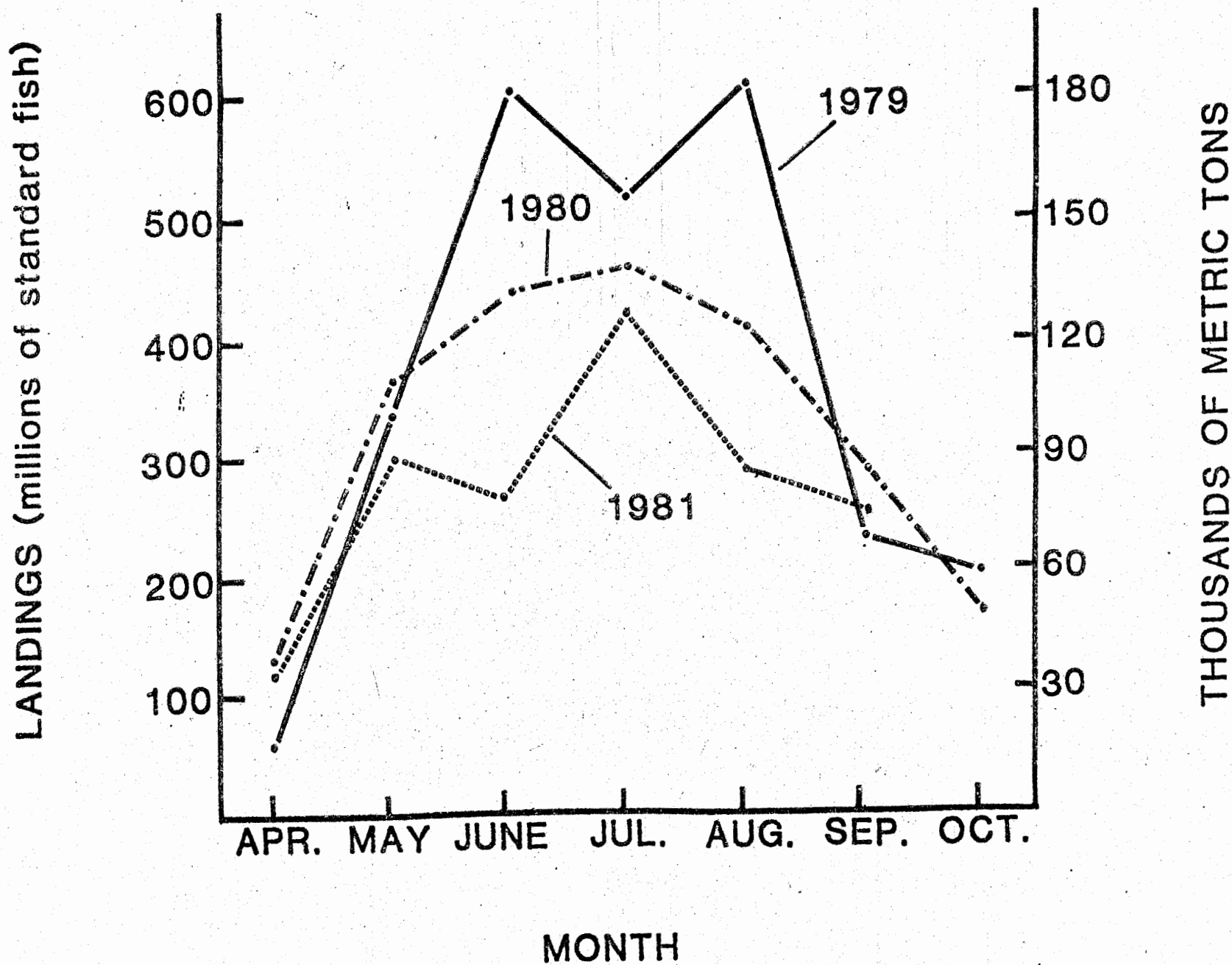


Figure 1

LANDINGS OF GULF MENHADEN (by month)

Figure 2



MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Report of Meeting of Sea Grant Committee of GSMFC,
October 13-14, 1981, New Orleans

The Sea Grant Committee of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission met on October 13-14, 1981 at the Fairmont Hotel, New Orleans during the Fall meeting of the Commission.

In attendance representing the Marine Advisory Services Programs were:

Willis Clark, Texas A&M, Chairman
Ron Becker, LSU
David Etzold, Mississippi Southern
(representing David Veal and Bill Hoskings)
Marion Clarke, University of Florida
Mac Rawson, University of Georgia
Pete Granger, South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium

Termination of Public Health Services Activities.

A discussion of this subject took place as a followup to a meeting with PHS and insurance industry representatives in Washington, D.C. during July, soon after the termination of PHS activities was announced. Numerous inquiries on this matter have been made to MAS personnel and PHS personnel have been seeking ways to convey information on private sector insurance to the public through MAS. Marion Clarke has taken a lead role in this effort by forwarding information to MAS Program Leaders and has arranged a meeting for MAS personnel, former PHS officials, fishing industry representatives and representatives of the insurance industry, to be held in Atlanta on November 10, 1981.

Status of Sea Grant Program on Energy Efficiency in the Fishing Industry.

Contracts were made in late 1980 to research energy efficiency methods and practices for the shrimping industry. These contracts call for the findings of these projects to be disseminated to the industry through workshops and individual contacts. Current plans call for training sessions for MAS personnel to be held in Houston on January 26, 1982 and in Orlando, Florida on January 28, 1982. Following these sessions, available materials and knowledge gained at the sessions will be passed on to industry personnel by county marine agents in each state.

Progress on AGNET and Electronic Mail Systems

The use of new procedures and equipment for storing, handling and processing information gained through research and for conducting business on a more efficient basis has been discussed in each of the recent meetings of the Sea Grant Committee. Some programs have progressed more rapidly than others in their internal operations. The Committee is specifically interested in how the several institutions can work together to share information and thus provide more effective service. Ron Becker and Marion Clarke are the primary spokesmen on this topic.

Federal Sea Grant Budget Situation

Willis Clark presented an up-to-date report on events in Washington, D.C. concerning the Sea Grant budget for FY82 and projections for FY83 and beyond. The situation for FY82 is extremely uncertain with the Administration holding at its request for \$1.7 million for closeout and with no appropriation bill having come out of Congress. However, Sea Grant is in the FY83 budget of the Department of Commerce at approximately 50% of the FY81 level. Also, Sea Grant is contained in Congressional legislation which has been proposed calling for the use of OCS revenues to support several coastal and marine activities beginning in FY84.

Sharing of MAS Specialist and Gulf and South Atlantic Cooperation

A major portion of the meeting was devoted to a discussion of how the Gulf and South Atlantic Sea Grant MAS Programs might develop more effective and efficient programs through better planning and cooperation and the sharing of specialist capabilities. This has been attempted on the West Coast and in New England under a formal structure with some success. For the Gulf and South Atlantic no formal structure is being suggested, however, the overall budget situation and the affect this will have on individual programs may dictate the need for followup on this often discussed action of closer ties between institutions. Therefore, following a lengthy discussion, the group directed the chairman to write a letter to all Sea Grant directors informing them of the thoughts of the MAS Program Leaders and requesting their support.



Willis H. Clark

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Harold Allen, Vice-chairman, presiding. Mr. Allen called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. He reviewed Board procedure of one vote per state with National Marine Fisheries Service and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission Executive Director as non-voting members of the Board.

Ted Ford made a motion to accept the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Rick Leard. Motion carried.

Ted Ford made a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Rick Leard. Motion carried.

Ted Ford made a motion to elect Harold Allen as Chairman of the S/FFMB for the next year. The motion was seconded by Rick Leard. The action carried.

Leroy Kiffe made motion to elect Leroy Wieting as Vice-chairman of the Board. The motion was seconded by Hugh Swingle. Motion carried.

Based on discussions of the Technical Coordinating Committee and the Blue Crab Subcommittee, the Board indicated a need to modify the contract. Hugh Swingle made a motion and was seconded by Ted Ford to change the name of the contract and by reference the direction from a management plan to a planning profile or feasibility study. This is to clarify the intent of the Board that this was the type document the plan was supposed to be. Motion carried. The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission office will work closely with National Marine Fisheries Service to accomplish this.

Mr. Ray Richardson, Chairman of the Menhaden Advisory Committee, gave that Committee report. He indicated the minutes will be supplied later for the record. The Committee had several technical presentations which they heard with interest. They recommend for future funding consideration an update (last approximated at 7.5K) of the Gulf Menhaden Management Plan. They are considering an industry National Marine Fisheries Service cooperation on reporting of oil yields which would be of importance in data analysis to State and Federal biologists.

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The Committee plans to address a framework mechanism which will allow modification of the menhaden fishing season if necessary, and appropriate. The Committee recommended Bob Chapoton as Chairman for the next year. The Board accepted this report by consensus.

The Shrimp Management Committee did not meet formally; however, the Board was aware of the Shrimp Dynamics Project funded for FY '82. This work was briefly outlined by Richard Condrey to the Technical Coordinating Committee previously at this meeting. A progress report of this work will be reviewed at the March '82 meeting.

Paul Hammerschmidt of the Blue Crab Subcommittee gave that Committee's report. He indicated since last March they had held Blue Crab workshops in each State dealing with handling and biology of that animal. They began work in conjunction with the change in direction of the Blue Crab Management plan to address the modifications. As a group they reviewed and commented on Mr. Lyles' contribution to the planning profile or feasibility study of the history and catch statistics for that fishery. They will continue on this work at this meeting. The Blue Crab Subcommittee elected Harriet Perry as Chairperson for 1982.

Dick Schaefer gave the Board an update on the status of funding the S/F program for FY '82 and beyond. He feels the merits of this and similar S/F programs will cause them to continue.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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Ron Becker	LA. Sea Grant Program - LSU	Baton Rouge, LA.
David Etzold	University of Southern Mississippi	Hattiesburg, MS.
Bill Fox	National Marine Fisheries Service	Miami, FL.
Walter Nelson	National Marine Fisheries Service	Pascagoula, MS.
Morris M. Pallozzi	National Marine Fisheries Service	Washington, D.C.
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Ted B. Ford	LA. Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries	New Orleans, LA.

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Dr. Ted Ford, chairman of the T.C.C., presiding. He noted all five Gulf States were represented. Dr. Ford recognized Representative Mike Hogan from Louisiana who was in attendance.

The agenda was adopted by consensus. Dr. Ed Klima of the Galveston Laboratory gave a status report on the Sea Turtle Head Start Program. In that program they are establishing a second nesting beach to hatch and release I year turtles. The program involves Mexico and has had some interesting data on radio transmitter tracking of turtles which had these devices attached when released in the wild. He concluded by stating this is a research not an operational project. They can culture and release turtles and these animals grow in the wild, the next big question is will they nest.

Dr. David Etzold reported on the status of the controlled fresh-water introduction to Eastern Louisiana and Western Mississippi marshes project by the Corp of Engineers.

He indicated the Corps was finished with the stage I studies which indentified sites for possible release of freshwater. The Vicksburg office of the Corps has approved the report which allows them to proceed with stage II and III studies. These will be combined and he expects completion next summer (June, final draft) with final report due in September 1982. They plan to hold public hearings.

Data on the trends in ex-vessel value and size composition of shrimp catches from 1960 to 1980 was prepared by Charles Caillouet. These data indicate a decreasing average size for shrimp caught during the May through August period of those years. No final data on the effects or catches associated at the Texas closure were available at this time.

Buck Byrd of National Marine Fisheries Service, Regional Office reported on the status of 88-309 and 89-304 programs. He indicated six months ago the programs were scheduled for close-out beginning FY82. There is little change for the future, however Congress is still considering continuation of the program at reduced levels. This past year, the programs realized a \$680K supplemental add on nationally. The Southeast

Region has obligated for all of this with no problem. Basically 89-304 funds for the Southeast were doubled last year. The status of 1982 funds is not a continuing resolution but are presently deferred. We will not know until the FY82 budget is out what funds are available. The full house has recommended \$2.9 million, the Senate subcommittee recommends \$5.0 million. Mr. Byrd suggests the states be ready to obligate the funds immediately when they become available.

Pete Eldridge gave a status report on the regional statistical program between the states and National Marine Fisheries Service.

The NMFS and seven other state or territorial fishery management agencies in the southeast have signed statistical memoranda of understanding in preparation for the implementation of the regional statistical program. Participating agencies include those in North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Puerto Rico, and the United States Virgin Islands. Negotiations are underway with the remaining three agencies. In addition, since 1977, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Georgia, which have signed cooperative statistical agreements with NMFS, have been collecting statistics jointly with NMFS in the South Atlantic.

In late September, TIMS let a contract to purchase eight Apple terminals with associated equipment in order to begin implementation of the regional terminal network that will support the statistical program. Seven additional terminals will be obtained later this year provided that funds are available. Software development for the Apple terminals will begin shortly. Mr. Eldridge will be working with state agencies in order to define user specifications for data entry, editing, and report generation programs.

There is no new information concerning the status of the SEFC statistical initiative.

Walter Nelson reported on the development in the southeastern area monitoring and assessment project (SEAMAP). After a history of the program discussions centered on the mechanism to implement the program. Such things as what organizations of the commission to coordinate through, form and representation on the committee to address SEAMAP,

identification of initial activities, funding, etc.

The NMFS recommends the following:

- 1) Form a subcommittee of the T.C.C. for this purpose to coordinate.
- 2) Identify representatives for the committee.
- 3) Develop management and operational protocol.
- 4) Identify funding and staff needs.
- 5) Selection of initial surveys.
 - Northern Gulf shrimp survey.
 - Southeastern ichthyoplankton survey.

The T.C.C. indicated interest in this program and discussed this at length. A motion was made by Ed Joyce to form a subcommittee composed of representatives from each state and other appropriate agencies. This includes representatives of South Atlantic States and Caribbean in the Southeastern Regional NMFS. The meetings for this subcommittee would be coordinated through the GSMFC office. Motion was seconded by Walter Tatum. Motion passed with one no vote.

Mr. Charles H. Lyles reported on the background and developments surrounding the State-Federal contract to develop a blue crab management plan. The committee indicated a need to modify the direction of the project to develop a feasibility study or planning profile rather than a management plan. This would include as a major portion problem areas within the state management of this species to help with future developments in the management of this animal.

A motion was made by Ed Joyce to amend the contract to reflect this position. Motion was seconded by Tom McIlwain. Motion passed by consensus.

Mr. Allen indicated he would support this approach.

Harriet Perry, chairperson of the blue crab subcommittee reported on their work. She indicated the subcommittee had discussed the management plan modification for blue crabs and her group was in complete agreement with the T.C.C. action. In other work she indicated all the Gulf States have established monitoring programs and that the subcommittee is reviewing Mr. Lyles' contribution to the plan or feasibility study of

the history of the blue crab fishery and historical catch/landings statistics. Dr. Ford recommended that the blue crab subcommittee be authorized to stay for the general session which will be on management issues they would gain knowledge from.

Richard Condrey reported on his plans and work initiated under the State-Federal contract on shrimp dynamics. He gave background and qualifications of the people who will be involved. He asked and received clarification and guidance on one point in the contract concerning cooperation with NMFS studies in a similar area.

Dr. Ford recognized Representative Joe Allen from Florida in attendance.

Bill Fox reported on the recent MEXUS-GULF annual meeting held in New Orleans. He indicated the NMFS continues to support this kind of effort of international cooperation. The meeting was a technical or scientific gathering between Mexico and Gulf scientists. Several papers from both countries were given. The number of working groups for 1982 was reduced from 9 to 7 by combining the function of the statistics/data management group into all the existing separate groups and combining the functions of remote sensing with gear technology. The highlight project for 1982 will be a major assessment of the Gulf of Mexico resources. Next years meeting is tentatively set for last week in August in Veracruz, Mexico.

Dr. Ford considered the agenda item covering a change in the By-laws of the Commission to allow a proxy to serve as chairman or vice chairman of the Commission if elected. After discussion the committee decided for an individual on the Executive Committee to bring this up at the Executive Session rather than a T.C.C. action.

The agenda item to allow federal representation on the T.C.C. was considered. Tom Moore made a motion to include as members of the T.C.C. the Regional Director of the Southeastern Regional Office or his designee and Southeast Fisheries Center Director or his designee. Motion was seconded by Harry Schafer.

Hugh Swingle made a substitute motion that only the Southeastern Fisheries Center Director be made a member of the T.C.C. Discussion

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indicated no need to have both. Motion was seconded by Tom Moore.
Motion carried with one "no" vote.

The Committee discussed the authorization for T.C.C. to identify high priority research needs and recommend these same to the State-Federal Board and/or Executive Committee. Harold Allen does not agree with this policy to fund this type research without a management plan or its equivalent in place.

No action was taken by the committee.

Ed Joyce reported from the Nominations Subcommittee the recommendation Dr. Ted Ford serve as Chairman of the T.C.C. for next year. Tom McIlwain made the motion Dr. Ford be elected. Hugh Swingle seconded the motion. The motion carried. Dr. Ford accepted the position and selected J. Y. Christmas from Mississippi as Vicechairman.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ted B. Ford, Chairman
Technical Coordinating Committee

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

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Executive Session
Friday, October 16, 1981
Fairmont Hotel
New Orleans, Louisiana

Chairman Elton J. Gissendanner, presiding. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Gissendanner at 8:00 a.m.

The agenda was adopted with the following changes on motion from E. Joyce and seconded by T. Ford.

1. Add consideration for plaque re: L. St. Amant
2. By-law change to allow proxy to hold Chairmanship/V. Chairmanship if elected by the Commission
3. Addition of NMFS member to the T.C.C.

The Minutes were approved as presented on motion by Rep. Allen, and second by H. Swingle.

Motion to direct the Executive Director to present a plaque to Dr. Lyle St. Amant naming him as Chairman Emeritus of the GSMFC by E. Joyce. Second by T. Moore. The motion passed unanimously.

The Industry Advisory Committee report was given by Leroy Kiffe, Chairman. The Minutes of the Committee were presented for the records. As Chairman he recommended to the Executive Committee that the Commission take action to support the following items:

- a. That the Commission adopt a position of cooperation with the U.S. Tuna Foundation in relation to management and conservation of the tuna stocks within the Fishery Conservation Zone of the Gulf of Mexico, and that the Commission recommend to the U.S. Representatives to ICCAT that they seek coastal state preference for tuna stocks located within the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Conservation Zone. Motion made by Allen and seconded by M. Carron to do so. Motion passed.
- b. Prohibit the initiation of Coast Guard user fees. Motion made by Kiffe and seconded by Kemp. Motion passed.
- c. Support continued funding for 88-309 and 89-304 and S/G for FY 1982 and beyond. Motion made by Kiffe and seconded by Ford. Motion passed.

Dr. Ted Ford, Chairman gave the Technical Coordinating Committee report. He indicated the meeting was lengthy but very beneficial to the

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participants. The Committee reviewed the Sea Turtle Head Start Program presented by Dr. Ed Klima. David Etzold gave an update on the progress of the Corps of Engineers project for Controlled Freshwater Introduction to Eastern Louisiana and Western Mississippi Marshes. Ed Klima gave a brief update on trends in ex-vessel value and size composition of shrimp catches prepared by Charles Caillouet of the Southeast Fisheries Center, NMFS. Buck Byrd gave a status report on 88-309 and 89-304 funding. Pete Eldridge gave an update on the Regional Statistical Program with the States and NMFS. Walter Nelson reviewed the Southeastern Area Monitoring and Assessment Project (SEAMAP) and discussed the preliminary findings of the State meeting. The Technical Coordinating Committee plans to conduct further meetings to identify how the States and the Commission might fit in the overall program. The Technical Coordinating Committee will advise the Commission of future suggested actions, and progress. S/FFMP contracts were reviewed and discussed. The Technical Coordinating Committee and the Blue Crab Subcommittee recommended to the S/F Board, and was subsequently accepted that they modify the Blue Crab Management Plan Contract to instead do a feasibility study or planning profile before doing a management plan. Bill Fox, NMFS, S.E. Center Director, gave a report of the Annual MEXUS-GULF Conference. The Technical Coordinating Committee again elected Dr. Ted Ford as Chairman for 1982. Minutes of the Technical Coordinating Committee will be submitted later for the record. Motion was made by Ford and seconded by Joyce to accept the report. Motion passed.

Willis Clark, Chairman, gave the Sea Grant report. According to Mr. Clark, they had a very productive meeting on Tuesday which necessitated an additional 2 1/2 hours of meeting on Wednesday. The Sea Grant Committee was complimentary of the Commission in providing for this Committee a mechanism for Gulf-wide coordination of Sea Grant and Commission needs. The group included all the Gulf Sea Grant Project Leaders in the Gulf except Mississippi, who had a site visit during the meeting time. Georgia and South Carolina were also represented. They discussed such topics as Public Health Hospitals for seamen, energy efficient mechanisms for the fishing industry, electronic mail capabilities and the Sea Grant budget

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situation. They plan to further integrate the Sea Grant programs across the Gulf. No actions were recommended to the Executive Committee.

Minutes will be submitted later for the record. The report was accepted after a motion by Wieting and a second by Carron to do so.

The Enforcement Committee met; however, they gave no oral report at the Executive Committee. Observers indicated a very good meeting with good attendance. A motion was made by Ford and seconded by Wieting to accept their written report. Motion passed.

GS-FFMB report was given by H. Allen, Vice-chairman. Mr. Allen gave a brief overview of the meeting, and indicated the Minutes would be submitted later for the record. He reviewed the past year's work of the Board as reported by Mr. Lyles to that group. The new S/F contracts for work to support the Board's plans were discussed. He indicated as did Dr. Ford in the T.C.C. report the change in the contract for a blue crab management plan to a feasibility study or planning document for that species. He indicated the selection of Robert Chapoton as Chairman of the Menhaden Advisory Committee. Richard Schaefer gave an update on the status of funds for the Board's work in FY/1982. Programatic funds in the amount of 50K were awarded for the following work:

- a. Shrimp Population Dynamics Model
- b. Gulf States Blue Crab Planning Document
- c. Morphological Characteristics of Blue Crab Larvae from the North Gulf of Mexico

The final approval of the administrative support contract (16.5K) is pending approval, and word should come any day. H. Allen was elected Chairman for the coming year. A motion was made by Ford and seconded by Wieting to accept the report. Motion passed.

Mr. Lyles gave the Executive Director's report. He recommended Dr. Mike Carron chair and reactivate the Recreational Fisheries Committee. A motion was made by Ford and seconded by Brumfield to do so. Motion passed. The Executive Director recommended he be allowed to work to reactivate the Legal Committee with a yet to be named chairman. L. Wieting made that motion and was seconded by H. Swingle. Motion passed.

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Dr. Ford made a motion on the recommendation of the Executive Director to join as an associate the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies at approximately \$40.00. The motion was seconded by H. Swingle and passed.

The Executive Director indicated the Commission would partially sponsor the Key West Shrimp Symposium in November. He recommended that each state might send their top shrimp biologists.

Mr. Lyles indicated a request by the Texas Shrimp Association to hold a joint meeting in Austin in March of 1983 with the Commission. This would require a change in the meeting site between Florida and Texas for March 1983 and October 1983. A motion was made to do so by H. Swingle and seconded by R. Leard. Motion passed.

Mr. Lyles indicated at the request of the Commissioners he would withdraw his resignation notice and remain with the Commission past December 31, 1981. He would not commit to any certain time for the future, and reserved the right to give the Commission only two weeks notice at any time past December 31, 1981. The Executive Committee agreed by consensus.

A motion was made by L. Wieting and seconded by Rep. Theriot that in the absence of the Executive Director at any time, the Assistant to the Director would assume the function of Executive Director. Motion passed.

Mr. Wieting made a motion, and was seconded by Rep. Allen to have the Chairman appoint one person per state to a policy planning committee to give the staff guidance on such things, but not limited to policy, personnel, budget, emergency issues. The Motion passed with Rick Leard voting in the negative.

Assistant to the Director gave his report on the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, MEXUS-GULF meeting, the proposed Administrative Manual, and the purchase of a data/word processor.

Concerning the budget item for a word/data processor purchase, a motion was made by H. Swingle seconded by Ford to allow the Executive Director to choose to purchase either the CPT or IBM machine after checking on the CPT capabilities.

After discussion of the costs involved, a motion was made by Swingle and seconded by Brumfield to defer the purchase of the word/data processor equipment until such time as the Commission receives confirmation of the Federal Budget support for the S/F administrative grant for the S/FFMP. Indications from H. Allen were that the continuing resolution which the Federal Government was operating FY82 expenditures under expires November 20, 1981 and that the delay in purchase may be temporary. The motion passed with 7 yes and 6 no votes.

The Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission budget for FY '82 with its changes as presented was adopted after a motion by Ford and second by Leard to do so was made.

A motion by Swingle and second by Carron was made to adopt the Administrative Manual with the clarifying language under Section 15.3 Means of Travel to read after deleting second sentence "Travel costs paid an individual for use of private vehicle cannot exceed the cost of coach air fare.". The motion passed.

Under other business, a motion was made by Ford and seconded by Swingle to add the National Marine Fisheries Service Center Director or his designee to the Technical Coordinating Committee. The motion passed.

Dr. Ford made a motion that the States' resource agency heads chief proxy be allowed to hold the position of Chairman or Vice-chairman of the Commission if elected. The motion was seconded by Swingle. The motion carried. According to the by-laws this item must lay on the table 120 days and will be acted on at the March 1982 meeting.

L. Weiting made a motion that the Commission produce an educational slide show about the makeup and function of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission for use by interested individuals. The motion was seconded by Rep. Allen and was passed.

At this point, outgoing Chairman for 1980-1981, Dr. Elton Gissendanner, passed the gavel to Jesse J. Guidry, Vice-chairman of the Commission 1980-1981 to succeed him as Chairman for 1981-1982. Dr. Ford, proxy for Mr. Guidry, accepted for him.

Dr. Ford presented Dr. Gissendanner a gift from the incoming chairman, Mr. Guidry, and the Commission for his able leadership this past year.

A motion was made by Mr. Swingle and seconded by Mr. Brumfield to elect Rep. Taylor Harper from Alabama as Vice-chairman. The motion passed.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Lyles, Executive Director

LIST OF ATTENDEES

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Larry Simpson	G.S.M.F.C.	Ocean Springs, MS.
Sam Theriot	Legislator	Abbeville, LA.
Ted B. Ford	Assistant Secretary	New Orleans, LA.
Walter M. Tatum	AL. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Res.	Gulf Shores, AL.
Hugh Swingle	AL. Dept. of Conser. & Nat. Res.	Dauphin Island, AL.
Ginny Herring	G.S.M.F.C.	Ocean Springs, MS.
Robert Williams	National Marine Fisheries Service	Washington, D.C.
Harold B. Allen	National Marine Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, FL.
I. B. Byrd	National Marine Fisheries Service	St. Petersburg, FL.
Richard H. Schaefer	National Marine Fisheries Service	Washington, D.C.
Linda Lerway	Texas Shrimp Association	Austin, TX.
John Miloy	Texas Coastal & Marine Council	Austin, TX.
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory	Ocean Springs, MS.
Bill Sarratt	"The Fish Boat" Magazine	Covington, LA.
Morris M. Pallozzi	National Marine Fisheries Service	Washington, D.C.
Harry Schafer	LA. Dept. of Wildlife and Fisheries	New Orleans, LA.
Richard Leard	MS. Dept. of Wildlife Conservation	Long Beach, MS.
George Brumfield	Designee - Millette	Moss Point, MS.
Michael Carron	G.S.M.F.C. - Commissioner	Bay St. Louis, MS.
Bob Kemp	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department	Austin, TX.
Tom A. Moore	TX. Parks and Wildlife Department	Austin, TX.
Joe Allen	State Representative	Key West, FL.
C. H. Lyles	G.S.M.F.C.	Ocean Springs, MS.
Elton Gissendanner	FL. Department of Natural Resources	Tallahassee, FL.
Leroy Kiffe	G.S.M.F.C. - Commissioner	Lockport, LA.
Leroy J. Wieting	Legislator	Portland, TX
Edwin A. Joyce, Jr.	FL. Department of Natural Resources	Tallahassee, FL.

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF WILDLIFE AND FISHERIES

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November 18, 1981

Mr. Charles H. Lyles
Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm.
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Ocean Springs, Ms. 39564

Dear Mr. Lyles:

As per your request, I hope the following will help.

We had eleven (11) in attendance at the meeting of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Comm. in October. Attached is a list of those that attended.

Everyone felt we had a productive meeting.

Mr. Charles Fuss of the National Marine Fisheries talked on enforcement experiences on stonecrab and shrimp management plan in the Gulf and how the cooperative agreement with Florida is working. He also discussed the cut-back in the federal funding and explained how National Marine Fisheries could aid the individual states with communication and computer system. Also, the possibility of Marine Fisheries helping the states procure confiscated vessels from Customs and surplus vessels from the federal government. These vessels would be either donated or loaned to the states to assist the Marine Fisheries in their Gulf management plan.

Cooperative enforcement and the Lacy Act was discussed at length by Tom Mahen of the Marine Fisheries. The areas that were covered were illegal netting, fishing and endangered species. He explained the steps and procedures each state would have to take to cooperate with Marine Fisheries in enforcing the Lacy Act.

Trusting this is the information you desire, I am

Sincerely,


Col. Ray Montet
Chief - Enforcement Division

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

Law Enforcement Committee

Captain Jerald Waller	Alabama Dept. of Conservation
William Walker	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Suzanne Montero	National Marine Fisheries, Inc.
Charles Fuss	National Marine Fisheries, Inc.
Thomas N. Moore	Texas Parks & Wildlife
Morris N. Pallozzi	National Marine Fisheries Service
Thomas Mahen	National Marine Fisheries Service
Jim Hanley	Mississippi Fisheries Service
Mike L. Hogan	Louisiana State Legislature
Harold B. Allen	National Marine Fisheries Service
Ray Montet	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE
Minutes
Wednesday, December 2, 1981
Kenner, Louisiana

Dr. Ted Ford, Chairman of the T.C.C. presiding. The meeting was a call meeting of the T.C.C. to act on the new Southeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (SEAMAP).

Dr. Ford requested that the meeting be informal in tone. He posed a question as to how much funds would be needed by the States and the Federal sector to implement the program. He reviewed the past Gulfwide monitoring and assessment work done under the Gulf of Mexico Estuarine Inventory (GMEI) conducted in the late 60's. Dr. Ford indicated a need for integrated offshore and inshore data, as well as the Gulf States desire to have these data -- as exemplified by the past GMEI study -- however, they did not have the resources to accomplish this large a task. He reviewed the past history of Federal membership on the T.C.C.

Mr. Charles Lyles stated this program would give an emphasis to the collection, analysis, distribution and implementation of data basic to the needs of all State and Federal partners. He emphasized the need for good overall data for management. Mr. Lyles stated this approach has a better chance for new money funding.

Mr. J. Y. Christmas indicated the data would meet mutual needs of State and Federal agencies.

Mr. Corky Perret questioned whether this program was to be a one year or ongoing program, and at how much funding.

Dr. Bill Fox stated he had the same points to make as those previously made. That is, this is a cooperative S/F program; it involves direct work by State and Federal personnel, and there were no real S/F boundaries to a fishery resource. He stated an additional need for an overall (holistic approach) to data. On the funding he indicated, after a startup phase, he hopes to get a high priority budget item which would base-fund the ongoing program.

Mr. Walter Tatum posed the question as to what alternatives are available where a State would not, or could not, participate. Dr. Fox indicated that means can be worked out to help or do work in that particular state or instance.

Mr. Tatum stated when a State funds a position that this is for a long term commitment. If the funds are available only for one year, this does not mean the State can let people go. The federal people must realize this State position.

Mr. Lyles indicated a need for the States, maybe through the T.C.C., to indicate their priorities regarding research, data, etc., each year before the Center goes into the budget cycle for its proposed work.

Mr. Christmas questioned the effect this SEAMAP program would have on existing programs, such as P.L. 88-309 and P.L. 89-304. Dr. Fox stated he could see no negative effect and further, it would probably enhance these ongoing programs.

In the discussion regarding the formation of a SEAMAP Subcommittee of the T.C.C., State people reaffirmed that no one person or persons can actually make a commitment for their State to do a certain work. They would indicate trends and probable State levels of participation with the final action to be cleared through their State's administration.

Dr. Fox stated he sees the goals of the Subcommittee to be a planning and coordinating body for the previously stated objectives in the January 1981 Strategic Plan for SEAMAP. That is, what to do, how to standardize, how to use the data and oversight responsibility after it is initiated. This would involve T.C.C. oversight and modification.

Dr. Andy Kemmerer stated his perceived goals of the Subcommittee as:

1. Planning
2. Coordination of Needs
3. Coordination of Platforms and Sampling Activity
4. Coordination of Budget Requirements
5. Availability of Data (Coordinated Data Base)

Dr. Ford questioned whether the T.C.C. or the Subcommittee should set their goals and whether or not the Subcommittee should have a charter.

After much discussion Harry Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Walter Tatum, not to have a charter at this time. The T.C.C. would give to the Subcommittee a charge, or guidelines, within which they could operate. One such charge is that actions would be taken by consensus rather than individual vote. The motion was unanimously approved. The relationship of the Subcommittee to the T.C.C. would be similar to that of the previous Red Drum and Spotted Sea Trout Subcommittee of the T.C.C.

The structure of the Subcommittee was discussed and it was decided that one member from each State and one member from N.M.F.S., with the Chairman or Vicechairman of the T.C.C. as ex-officio members, would constitute the Subcommittee. Staff support to the Subcommittee would be provided through the Intergovernmental Personnel Act (IPA) to be discussed later. While continuity is expected, the members could utilize a designee if unavoidable conflicts with meetings should arise.

Mr. Tatum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schafer, to have the T.C.C. select a Chairman and Vicechairman for one year and thereafter the Subcommittee elect annually in December its own Chairman and Vice-chairman from its membership. The motion was unanimously approved.

Working groups (specific area expertise) can be utilized by the Subcommittee to support and advise as needed. They will be tapped by the Subcommittee and do not have to be members of the Subcommittee.

The representatives on the SEAMAP Subcommittee are as follows:

Alabama	Walter Tatum
Florida	Alan Huff
Louisiana	Claude Boudreaux
Mississippi	Tom McIlwain
Texas	Gary Matlock
NMFS	Walter Nelson

A motion was made by Mr. Tatum and seconded by Mr. Schafer to elect Dr. Tom McIlwain as Chairman of the SEAMAP Sub-Committee. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dr. McIlwain and seconded by Mr. Schafer to elect Walter Tatum as Vicechairman. The motion was unanimously approved.

N.M.F.S. administrative support was discussed. Dr. Kemmerer indicated that Mr. Perry Thompson would be assigned to the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission staff under an IPA loan to support this and other efforts of the Commission.

Programmatic funds to effect the SEAMAP Subcommittee initially would also be assigned to the Commission for administration. The amount

of programic funds will be estimated by the Subcommittee and the T.C.C. later. The IPA requires the Commission to pay 1/3 of Mr. Thompson's salary (approximately 8.7K) and administrative costs of his involvement with the SEAMAP Subcommittee and other Commission duties.

Initial SEAMAP activities were discussed. It was suggested the SEAMAP Subcommittee test run be a May/June Gulf-Wide assessment. This project previously identified by N.M.F.S. tentatively includes N.M.F.S., Mexico, Florida D.N.R. and Louisiana in separate actions during the same time frame to sample within specific areas for all or part of the following:

1. Ichthyoplankton NMFS Rough Sort
2. Bottom Trawls
3. Environmental Samples

This work was thought to be a beneficial way to test the coordination and uniform development of the data from these separate actions under the SEAMAP program.

A motion was made by Mr. Tatum and seconded by Dr. McIlwain that the Subcommittee work toward this May/June project as the initial action addressed by the Subcommittee. Further, after its first meeting, the Subcommittee would address this as well as other potential projects and priorities to be considered for the future. The motion was unanimously approved.

1982 Budget and staffing requirements were discussed. Programatic funds are required by the Commission for such items, but not limited to:

- . Staff Time
- . Equipment
- . Printing and Supplies
- . Travel
- . Meeting Costs

The estimated budget needs will be addressed by the Subcommittee at their meeting when the costs for the required work will be more apparent.

An infomal caucus of the Subcommittee met to determine scheduling of their first meeting. Chairman McIlwain concluded that the best time for all those involved would be in New Orleans on January 7, 1982 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and January 8, 1982 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Specific details on meeting site and hotel will be sent out later with an agenda. Among other things, the following will be addressed:

1. Initial Funding Requirements for Commission
to administer SEAMAP Subcommittee
2. Mechanics of May/June trial projects
3. Identify future projects and priorities

There being no further business, the call meeting of the T.C.C. was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry B. Simpson
Recording Secretary

Technical Coordinating Committee

GULF STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
TECHNICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 2, 1981
New Orleans, Louisiana

List of Attendees

Larry B. Simpson	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
Charles H. Lyles	Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
J. Y. Christmas	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Ted Ford	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
T. Alan Huff	Florida Department of Natural Resources
Bill Fox	National Marine Fisheries Service
Tom McIlwain	Gulf Coast Research Laboratory
Roy B. Johnson	Texas Parks & Wildlife Department
Claude Boudreaux	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Harry Schafer	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Corky Perret	Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries
Perry Thompson	National Marine Fisheries Service
Andrew J. Kemmerer	National Marine Fisheries Service
Walter R. Nelson	National Marine Fisheries Service
Walter M. Tatum	Alabama Dept. of Conservation & Natural Resources

