

Minutes CCANH BOD Meeting February 10, 2010

Location: Zampa's Restaurant, Epping, NH

Present: M. Kalter, C. Stallkamp, B. Bode, D. Gittins, P. Whelan, G.R. White, M. McCarthy, M. Watosky, D. Swanson, E. Goethel, J. Barnum, G. Thompson, D. Beattie, P. Bickford, B. Bickford

Guest: K. Jakobs

Meeting called to order by J. Barnum @ 1833H

Minutes of January BOD meeting accepted with corrections (Kalter/White)

Treasurer's Report: M. Reeve reported no change in account balances. Motion made and accepted to approve an expenditure of up to \$350.00 for accounting software to assist Treasurer prepare reports and statements. (White/P.Bickford)

Government & NGO Updates

PREP: Mitch Kalter reported there were 36 applications the director position being vacated, 16 will be interviewed. PREPs next meeting will be in late March. A retirement party is being held on February 19th to honor the outgoing director.

ASMFC: Ritchie White

Striped Bass: Commission is reevaluating triggers for recruitment in light of growing concerns about the Juvenile Index. A report is due back in May.

Microbacteriosis is having a huge impact on Chesapeake reared fish. Initial studies show widespread infection with 100% mortality. More studies will be done.

Mortality has been overstated on MRFSS sampling.

Poaching in the EEZ off mid Atlantic coast has been blatant and ongoing. Enforcement has been difficult as fishery regulation enforcement is not Coast Guard priority.

Recent studies have shown striper geographical population shift, big fish in EEZ. Early analysis appears to show fish are constantly moving in and out EEZ

An addendum motion made by NY & NC Commissioners to increase commercial harvest passed, 8 for/ 7 against. This proposed addendum will go to a public hearing process.

Herring: Commission endorses recommendation on proposed Herring harvest with an Addendum to increase NH small mesh fleet catch.

Mike Watosky added this years quota will be 91 metric tons down from 126 mt. The cutback will have big impact on lobster industry.

NOAA budget cuts will have enormous negative impact on all surveys performed at a time when survey data is vitally important.

NEMFC: Don Swanson reported that David Goethel has been nominated to fill vacant seat on Council.

Old Business

Bluefin Tuna Update: Jeff Barnum said CCA National's response to CCANH letter which recommended National defer taking a position on CITES listing was noncommittal and thanked CCANH for the letter. National will take up Bluefin Tuna management at its next meeting.

Ritchie White informed the board that the Congressional delegations from ME, NH, MA & RI have drafted a letter requesting NOAA to oppose Bluefin CITES listing.

TunaMania: After saying he had nothing to report, "it's over"; Bryant Bickford did report that TunaMania 2010 was a success, 192 attendees with a waiting list of 35.

Mike Reeve said auction revenue was lower than '09, \$6700 vs \$8200.

A motion was made (Reeve/Whelan) to donate \$4000 to Dr. Molly Lucavage of the UNH Large Pelagic Research Lab. Passed unanimously.

Banquet: Banquet date is March 27th.

Jeff Barnum reported that of the 4 major sponsors contacted, 2 have said yes.

Artist of the year will be name? McCabe?

Conservationist of the year is Peter Wellenberger

Both will be attending the banquet.

New Business

Piscataqua River Dredging: Dave Gittins and Peter Whelan reported that the Army Corp of Engineers initially wanted to dump fill from dredging the turnaround basin off Long Sands beach in York, ME. After negative reaction received at public hearing in York, the next location proposed is off Wallis Sands beach in Rye, NH.

Peter Whelan will provide Army Corp of Engineer contacts to Jeff Barnum so CCANH can draft letter inquiring about fill testing and project timetable as well as requesting CCANH be included on notification list.

Spring Summer Schedule: Jeff Barnum

March 1st- newsletter deadline and banquet program deadline

March 6-7 Pelham Sportsman Show- Swanee is looking for assistance

March 13- Navtronics Show, CCANH will have table

March 27- Banquet 0800H Set up, 1700H Doors open

People are needed to help at every stage of the event.

April 3- Eldredge Bros. Fly Fishing Expo CCANH will be manning the food table.

April 9-11 – KTP Paddle Sport Show Volunteers needed for all shifts.

April 18- Beach Cleanup CCANH/HomeDepot collaboration

Other Business

Brigham Pendleton Design has agreed to continue maintaining website for \$100 per month without contract.

Marianne Potje will be writing an article about Oyster Restoration for TIDE

Cheri Patterson will be writing an article about dam removal for????

Jeff will contact NHF&G about staying on page 7 of the Saltwater Digest.

A motion was made (P.Bickford/Gittins) to elect Karl Jakobs to the Board of Directors.Unanimous

Motion to adjourn(Gittins/Bode)unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 2014H

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Thompson
Secretary CCANH