

Minutes CCANH Board Meeting May 14, 2010

Location: Zampa's Bistro, Epping, NH

Present: Thompson, Swanson, B.Bickford, Jakobs, McCarthy, Lovett, Gittins, White, Whelan, Albright, Stallkamp, Bode, Barnum, Beattie, Reeve.

Guest: Eric Orff

Meeting called to order 1830H

A motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting with changes was made and seconded(Swanson/Jakobs) Unanimous,

Treasurer's Report: Mike Reeve was pleased to announce that CCA National has finally sent him a copy of CCANH 2009 financial statement, which was distributed to the BOD.

Government and NGO Reports

ASMFC: Ritchie White reported that an addendum to increase the overall striped bass quotas passed with a vote of 9 for and 6 opposed. Rhode Island has 2 new proxies with commercial backgrounds. The process now requires public hearings with a vote in August. Ritchie feels that the final vote will fail.

Menhaden: The stock assessment indicates the species is not overfished. Quotas have been exceeded 3 of the last 6 seasons. An addendum requiring a coastwide cutback is likely.

Herring: An addendum to allow additional fishing days for the small mesh fleet failed in a tie vote with Maine casting an opposing vote.

CCA National: Swanee participated in a conference call. CCA National will be releasing a position paper regarding the ASMFC addendums on striped bass and menhaden.

Old Business

Kid's Fishing Day: Peter Whelan reported that everything was in place for the Big Brother/Big Sister Fishing Event on June 5th. Peter Whelan, Ritchie White, Larry Albright, Dick Coite, John Habig, Silas Gordon, Dave Gittins, Mike Reeve will be meeting at the Wentworth at 0715H that Saturday.

Circle Hook: Doug Grout has told CCANH that the survey takers for the MRFS will be able to hand out brochures from NHF&G and brochures with sample circle hooks courtesy of CCANH and Gamakatsu.

Rich Goodenough welcomed the idea of placing the CCANH brochure and sample hooks in the gift bags going to the participants in his striper tournament. He has asked for 150 sets.

Thanks to all board members who assisted in assembling the hooks and pamphlets at the meeting.

Access Map: Bob Bode discussed the state of the project and the possible mediums available to end users. The geographic range will be very southern Maine south to the Merrimack River in Massachusetts. Visitors to the CCANH website will find a link available to this map with Google maps locating access points. A printed piece is planned to allow handouts at outreach events.

New Business

CHOIR: The CHOIR Coalition has requested CCANH be an ongoing endorser of CHOIR's agenda. After discussion, consensus was to sign on to CHOIR letters on a letter by letter basis and that all endorsements be resource related. A motion was made(Gittins/Watosky) to sign on to a CHOIR letter addressed to Paul Howard. Unanimous.

May Newsletter deadline- May 21st. Mitch will be contacting members.

Eric Orff Presentation: Guest and CCA member Eric Orff is a retired wildlife biologist with the NHG&G. He presently serves as a consultant and lobbyist for the National Wildlife Federation. His presentation focused on the realities of climatic change and its far reaching effects. Simply put, Eric would like each and every one of us to support the American Powers Act which would force a reduction in fossil fuel usage and increase alternative and renewable sources. CCANH will sign on to a group letter being sent to NH Senator Judd Gregg asking him to support this act. CCANH will also send an individual letter to Sen. Gregg.

Other Business

The New Hampshire Governor and Legislature has appropriated \$500,000.00 from access fee revenues to be used in the general fund. A motion was made(White/Reeve) to communicate to the NH Government officials that CCANH opposes the taking of \$500,000.00 from the access fund and transferring it to the general fund. CCANH will also request NHF&G to oppose this action. Unanimous

Membership: Mike Reeve provided board members with past and current membership statistics. Discussion followed on different methods to reenlist those who have not renewed their membership. It was decided that board members needed to call the list. Please arrive at the June 9th board meeting at 1800H to do some telephoning.

A kyak island cleanup is planned for late August. More information will follow.

Upcoming meetings and events:

- BB/BS Fishing Event-6/5
- Piscataqua Celebration-6/5
- BOD Meeting-6/9 at 1800H
- Flatbread Fundraiser-6/15

Motion to adjourn(Gittins/Whelan)Unanimous.

Meeting adjourned 2035H

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Thompson
Secretary