

## Minutes CCANH Board Meeting August 11, 2010

Location: Zampa's Bistro, Epping, NH

Present: C. Stalkamp, M. Kalter, M. Watosky, D. Lovett, B. Bickford, E. Goethel, D. Swanson, G. Thompson, J. Barnum, K. Jakobs, D. Beattie,  
Guests: Brian Golino, Joe Frost

Meeting called to order 1834H

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the June meeting as written.(Kalter,Watosky) Unanimous

Treasurer's Report: In Mike's absence, Jeff reported there was no significant change in the accounts.

### Government and NGO Reports

PREP: Mitch reported that the formal kickoff of the 10 Year Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at the Fishtival being held in Portsmouth. Mitch is planning on attending.

ASMFC: Herring Advisory Committee- Mike Watosky participated in a conference call. Herring catch in area 1A is off 90% from 2009 catch, to date 12 metric tons vs 1200 metric tons. Fishing will be open 7 days per week from August 9 through September 13 to hopefully increase season catch.

Lobster bait is at critical level

A public hearing will be held September 13 at 7:00pm at the Urban Forestry Center in Portsmouth to discuss proposed increased quotas of the commercial striped bass fisheries on the Atlantic coast for 2011. CCANH will draft a position letter to be read at the hearing. The period for public comment ends October 1.

Don Swanson announced his appointment to the ASMFC Menhaden Advisory Panel. Don reported the Menhaden Management Board passed a motion by a vote of 16-0 to initiate an addendum to consider a range of Maximum Spawning Potential per cent. Present MSP is 10%. The Management Board is proposing 15%, 25%, 40% MSP. The MMB would like to initiate some management while the Technical Committee looks at difference reference points. Pending approval in November and followed by a public comment period, implementation of increased MSP per cent would be in 2012. The CCANH board discussed menhaden over fishing. Ellen Goethel questioned why a study has not been done to research maximum spawning potential as a tool in menhaden fishery management

NEMFC: Don was unable to attend the NEMFC meeting in Portland in June but will be at the meeting in Portsmouth August 25. Focus of this meeting will be catch monitoring.

Don added that observers were now onboard boats which should provide better data.

Ellen Goethel is a representative on the technical committee of MRFS. She reported that she has questions about the validity and value of the recreational survey due to collection methods. The resulting data could be flawed.

Jeff reminded board members who are responsible for reporting on agenda items that if they are unable to attend the scheduled board meeting, it is important to provide a report to the president.

### Old Business

Jeff reported he has authorized the gallery in Virginia to lower the price on the Crossman painting from \$4000 to \$3250. The painting remains unsold.

Access Map: The access map has been added to the quick links on the CCANH website. Bob Bode would like feedback from all viewers. The next step will be translating this exceptional work into a printed piece for outreach events.

Circle Hooks: All of the hooks and CCANH brochures given to NHF&G to be given out by the survey takers have been distributed. Ritchie White and Gordon Thompson will check to see if any sets given to the Wentworth Kids Event and the Dockside Striper Tournament are available.

Officer and Appointee Responsibilities: Jeff passed out a list of CCANH Officer and Appointee Responsibilities. He recommended that membership and directory duties be transferred to the secretary.

It was agreed that board members need to shoulder more responsibility on existing committees. (Banquet, TunaMania, BB/BS Fishing Event, Oyster Restoration etc.)

Discussion followed about contributions of board members in general.

Mitch suggested standing committees to involve general membership and lessen board workload. The Board was in overall agreement that committees are a step in the right direction.

A motion that all board members shall serve on at least one or more standing committee was made and seconded. (Kalter/Watosky) Unanimous

The board will review and establish the list of standing committees at the September meeting.

Nominating: Bryant Bickford reported that in spite of the several conversations to find a board member interested in serving as President, the nominating committee did not have a name to put forth in nomination. In light of this, Don Swanson offered to serve as President. Mike Watosky then agreed to fill the Vice President vacancy.

A motion to accept and vote on the ballot of Don Swanson-President, Mike Watosky-Vice President, Michael Reeve-Treasurer and Gordon Thompson-Secretary was made and seconded.(Barnum/Goethel) The vote of the board was unanimous.

The newly elected officers will take office at the September 9 meeting.

- \*Roundabout Diner Fundraiser- Possibly October/November similar to Flatbread.
- \*Oyster Restoration-A new restaurant added. Bryant Bickford now doing most of shell collection.
- \*Website Photo Gallery- Always looking for new seacoast related photos.
- \*Banquet- Board members should have alternative fundraising ideas for Sept. meeting.
- \*Shorey Brook, So Berwick- May be looking for assistance in dam removal.
- \*Fishtival Portsmouth- Pia Bickford
- \*Kayak Coastal Cleanup 8/28- Bob Ferri
- \*Coastal Cleanup 9/25- Mike Watosky

#### Other Business

CCA Maine has requested a meeting September 1 to discuss future collaboration. Barnum will attend.

Karl Jakobs has offered to provide a recreational kayak at cost to CCANH to be used as a fundraising raffle item. Jeff has asked Karl to bring cost details to the September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Next meeting September 8<sup>th</sup> .

Motion to adjourn(Kalter/Barnum)Unanimous

Meeting adjourned 2025H

Respectfully submitted,  
Gordon Thompson  
Secretary