

NEW JERSEY MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL
Galloway Township Library
Galloway, New Jersey
July 8, 2010

In Attendance were: Chairman Gilbert H. Ewing, Jr.

Councilman Erling Berg
Councilman Patrick Donnelly
Councilman Edward Goldman
Councilman Richard Herb
Councilman Walter L. Johnson III
Councilwoman Frances Puskas
Councilman Joseph Rizzo
Councilwoman Eleanor Bochenek
Councilman Scott Bailey

Also in attendance representing the Division of Fish and Wildlife:

David Chanda, Director
Thomas W. McCloy, Administrator, Marine Fisheries Adm. (MFA)
Brandon Muffley, Chief, Bureau of Marine Fisheries
Peter Himchak, Supervising Biologist, Marine Fisheries Adm. (MFA)
Captain Mark Chicketano, Bureau of Law Enforcement
Mike Celestino, Principal Biologist, Bureau of Shellfisheries
Sherry Bennett, Council Secretary

Ms. Bennett read the compliance with the Sunshine Law. Notice of meeting was filed with the Secretary of State on June 9, 2010

Mr. Herb made a motion for approval of May 13, 2010 meeting minutes. Mr. Goldman seconded. Motion passed for approval of meeting minutes.

Chairman Ewing began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Audience Conduct

Chairman Ewing reminded audience to take conversations outside or wait until the end of the meeting. If you wish to speak or make a public comment there are sign up sheets available. Please wait until your name is called and come to the front of the room before speaking.

Law Enforcement Report

Captain Chicketano presented the Law Enforcement Report.

District 7 Highlights April – May 2010

On 4/24/10 CO's received a complaint of a fisherman taking short striped bass in Sea Bright and apprehended the individual with four striped bass. Three of the fish were undersized so summonses were issued for possession of over-limit and sublegal striped bass. Shortly afterwards a member of a "Beach Cleanup" crew approached a CO and supplied him with information regarding a different individual on the same beach who was taking over-limit striped bass. The

complainant added that the fisherman had two women running fish back to his vehicle. The "Beach Cleanup" foreman identified the vehicle to the CO who then observed striped bass through the windows of the vehicle. Subsequent investigation and interviews resulted in the apprehension of the fisherman with 8 striped bass of which 5 were undersized. Summonses were issued for possession of over the limit and undersized striped bass.

On 5/16/10 a CO was notified of a recreational boat taking summer flounder during the closed season. This was the second occasion this complainant witnessed the individual harvesting summer flounder in the past week. After the first occasion, the CO determined that the fisherman was launching his boat out of the Atlantic Highlands Municipal Ramp. The CO set up surveillance of the ramp and approximately two hours later the boat arrived at the ramp. The CO inspected the vessel and all compartments but one was locked. The fisherman opened the compartment and removed some of the contents, but was unable to pull a tackle box out. The CO assisted him and found a plastic bag behind the tackle box, containing three summer flounder. Summonses were issued for possession of summer flounder during closed season and interference with the duties of a Conservation Officer. A local police officer assisting the CO also issued this individual a summons for driving with an expired driver's license.

While off duty a CO received an ongoing complaint from one of his informants regarding an individual taking tautog during closed season at the Shark River Inlet jetty. He contacted the CO who responded to the complaint and set up surveillance of the individual. While watching the subject, the CO observed two other individuals taking tautog as well. CO's responded and inspected the fishermen as they returned to their vehicles. The CO apprehended a fisherman with possession of four tautog. Summonses were issued for possession of tautog during closed season and undersized tautog. Shortly thereafter another CO inspected additional fishermen on the inlet jetty and apprehended a fisherman possessing three undersized tautog. Summonses were issued for possession of tautog during closed season and undersized tautog.

District 7 Highlights May – June 2010

On 5/25/10 a CO received a phone call from an informant with information regarding an individual keeping fluke during the closed season. The CO passed this information on to another CO who was able to determine where the suspect docked his boat as well as what vehicles were registered to him. The CO then shared this information with the first CO, which resulted with the subject being inspected at his boat slip. Upon inspection by the CO the subject admitted to fishing for, keeping, and filleting five fluke during the closed season. The appropriate summonses were issued.

A CO received a complaint in reference to the Four Winds Restaurant in Wall Township having striped bass listed on the appetizer menu. CO's proceeded to the restaurant and examined the "Specials" menu and observed "Four Winds Striped Sea Bass Ceviche" listed as an appetizer. The CO's inspected the restaurant's coolers, but did not find striped bass. When the restaurant's owner was interviewed, he claimed that the fish in question were not striped bass. The owner stated that the fish were in fact black sea bass he obtained from a sport fisherman in Brielle. He claimed that the hostess made up the menu and mistakenly added "striped" to the menu. The owner could not provide records for the black sea bass and was issued a summons for failing to provide mandated records for the purchase of these fish.

On 6/11/10, a CO received information that Captain Ed's Restaurant in Point Pleasant possessed striped bass for sale. The complainant claimed the striped bass were served as "grouper". The CO asked for assistance from another CO, and both CO's proceeded to the restaurant to conduct an inspection. The CO's obtained the menu, which listed grouper. Next the CO's asked to inspect the

restaurant's coolers. As the CO's were involved in the inspection, the restaurant manager hurriedly picked up an Igloo cooler and carried it outside of the rear of the restaurant. The CO pursued the manager and observed him trying to conceal the cooler among milk crates. The CO found two, whole striped bass in the cooler. A summons was issued for possession of striped bass for sale and failure to have adequate records for the striped bass.

On 6/3/10 a CO was watching three fishermen on the Pullman Ave jetty in Long Branch who were fishing for tautog. These fishermen gave the CO the appearance of knowing they were doing something wrong. When they caught fish, they would keep them low, below the level of the rocks and place them into a cooler. The CO observed their actions for two and a half hours. At one point the fishermen took a lunch break and one of the individuals filleted four fish. They began eating the fish raw, accompanied with dipping sauce and sashimi. The individual who filleted the fish also threw paper towels in water. The CO stealthily approached the fishermen without detection and when he announced himself they attempted to dump the cooler into the water without success. As the CO was processing the fishermen back at his patrol vehicle, the individual who filleted the fish placed his personal identification into a trash can to conceal it. They were in possession of a total of 13 tautog (including the four that were filleted). Two of the individuals were issued summonses for possession of eight tautog during closed season. The individual who filleted the fish was issued four summonses for: possession of 5 tautog during closed season, mutilation of four marine fish, littering and interference with the duties of a Conservation Officer.

On 6/5/10, CO's conducted a boarding of the Party boat, FV Paramount in Brielle. Seven summonses were issued to the patrons: Four of the summonses were for possession of a total of 30 undersized black sea bass; and 3 summonses for possession of three tautog during closed season

On 5/30/10 a CO responded to the Barnegat Light State Park jetty in reference to a complaint of a fisherman possessing tautog during closed season. The CO apprehended the fisherman with 24 tautog, of which 16 measured less than 14 fourteen inches. Summonses for all illegally possessed fish were issued for both violations.

On 05/29/10 a CO inspected two fishermen returning to their vehicle at Sandy Hook National Park. Upon inspection he found 2 legal-sized striped bass in a bag they were carrying. The CO also discovered 4 additional legal-sized striped bass in their cooler. The fishermen claimed the 2 additional striped bass belonged to their "friend" who had already left. As if by magic, one of the men's cell phone rang and it was their alleged "friend" on the other end of the call. The CO asked for the cell phone and spoke with the "friend" who admitted to having fished and caught two, legal striped bass - however, the "friend" also admitted that he took his two legal striped bass home with him! The two fishermen were issued summonses for possessing over-limit striped bass

On 05/25/10 deputation charges against a commercial clammer stemming from a violation, which occurred last year, were finally heard in Highlands Municipal Court. The clammer pleaded guilty and was sentenced to 3-year clam license suspension and \$1,000 fine.

DISTRICT 8 HIGHLIGHTS - SEPTEMBER 10

District 8 Officers; along with Officers from Districts 5, 6, and 7, have been conducting mandatory patrols of the oyster harvests as part of an FDA plan to control the growth of the disease, *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* or Vp. Vp is a naturally occurring organism and is not related to or indicative of pollution. Vp is temperature dependent and is most effectively deterred by the implementation of harvest controls, which limit the exposure of harvested oysters to warm air or direct sunlight. The FDA plan requires officers to patrol and observe harvest activities in key

areas, especially the Delaware Bay, for a minimum of three days per week. Without these patrols being conducted, the NJ Oyster season would have been closed to all harvest due to the risk of exposure of the consumer to an outbreak of this potentially fatal disease.

On 6/20/10, while patrolling Atlantic City Inlet jetties, a CO observed several fishermen targeting tautog. The CO observed one group of fishermen for several hours. When the group was finished fishing, they sent one; empty handed individual off the jetty in an attempt to draw a waiting conservation officer out for an inspection. In an attempt at counter-surveillance, the group used binoculars to observe the empty handed “decoy’s” fate. The CO maintained his observations and contacted another CO for assistance. The CO’s waited until all of the fishermen were completely packed up and all were back at their vehicle. As the vehicle left, the CO’s stopped the vehicle and recovered 31 undersized tautog possessed during the closed recreational season. The driver of the vehicle took responsibility for the possession of all of the illegal fish and the appropriate summonses were issued to him. Incidentally, these fishermen told the officers that the fish had been illegally sold to them by another fisherman in the area; an increasing claim made to the officers.

Captain Chicketano gave Council an update on a previous question asked by Dr. Donnelly regarding number of summons issued for fluke. To date 40 summons have been issued in regards to fluke parts, especially those on hook, without a carcass on board, or caught that day. Enforcement actions have been reasonable with those who have frozen fish on board.

Dr. Donnelly asked is catching of tautog that easily attainable. Captain Chicketano said in his estimate catching of tautog is highly attainable because the fish are highly concentrated on rock jetties, and easier to catch than fluke. He has seen 90% violation rate in the Point Pleasant Canal.

Dr. Donnelly asked if the violation rate is still high when we go to one fish allotment. Captain Chicketano responded in the affirmative indicating an open season provides a reason for someone to be out tautog fishing.

Legislative Report

Mr. McCloy presented the Legislative Report.

Legislation regarding limited entry into the menhaden fishery (A2304/S1140) has passed in the Senate and the Assembly and is awaiting the Governor’s signature. This bill will affect eligibility for permits in 2011. Those who did not have a menhaden limited entry license 2002-2009, will not be issued one for 2011.

Handout #2, S1957, concerns use of artificial reefs for commercial and recreational fishing. This is another variation of “pots off the reef bill.” This version will split the reefs in half reserving half for recreational fishing and the other half for everything else.

Two new bills were recently introduced but are not in the handouts:

S2122 – allows for cultivating commercial shellfish species in certain coastal and inner harbor waters for research and educational purposes. The purpose of this bill is a result of the Department’s change in recent policy on the shellfish gardening.

S2185 – Establishes a recreational license plate with the monies dedicated to fishery research. Ms. Puskus asked whom the money would go to. Mr. McCloy responded to the NJ Agriculture Station of Rutgers, not the Division.

Chairman Ewing commented you mean the recent license plate we have been talking about within the Executive Committee, the money generated from that will not be going to the Division. Mr. McCloy said not if S2185 passes.

Ms. Puskus asked who is sponsoring this bill. Mr. McCloy responded Assemblyman Albano and Senator VanDrew.

Mr. Berg requested copies of each of these two new bills.

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Report

Mr. McCloy presented part of the ASMFC report. He brought Council's attention to a few upcoming meetings.

American Lobster Management Board

The Lobster Board will be meeting on July 22, 2010, in regards to the Southern New England Stock. The technical committee will be making their recommendation for a 5-year moratorium on SNE stock.

Chairman Ewing commented that he did attend the lobster meeting for federal waters in Cape May and agreed something needs to be done.

Mr. Himchak commented that NJ only has two years of lobster at sea sampling data. The lack of a long time series of data makes it hard to argue a position in the lobster fishery.

The summer meeting of ASMFC will be held in Alexandria, VA on August 2 to 5, 2010.

Atlantic Striped Bass

A Striped Bass Public Hearing will be July 22, 2010 in Toms River at 7pm, in regards to Addendum 2. The two issues being discussed are increasing the commercial quota and a change in the definition of recruitment failure.

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)

Mr. Berg presented Council with the MAFMC report. Handout #3.

The MAFMC adopted its recommendations regarding 2011 fishery management measures for the surfclam, ocean quahog, Atlantic mackerel, *Loligo* and *Illex* squid and butterfish fisheries. The details can be found in the MAFMC news release in the Handouts.

The MAFMC also took action for further development of Amendment 11's alternatives regarding mackerel limited access.

The MAFMC reviewed public hearing and written comments and chose additional options for the Annual Catch Limit (ACL)/ Accountability Measures (AM) Omnibus Amendment.

A summary of the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee's (TRAC) mackerel assessment was presented to the MAFMC. The TRAC recommended that annual catches not exceed the average total landings (80,000mt) over the last three years (2006-2008).

The Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee discussed the draft mission statement and ways to improve program coordination with other regional cooperative research efforts. The goal of the

RSA Program is to fund scientific research that provides information to improve the conservation and management of fishery resources under the purview of the MAFMC.

The MAFMC is seeking nominations for its annual Fishery Achievement Award. The MAFMC also bid farewell to Council Executive Director, Dan Furlong, who will be retiring on July 15, 2010. Christopher M. Moore has been selected as the MAFMC's next Executive Director.

Mr. Goldman asked what the recreational mackerel fishery limits are. Mr. Berg said it is set at 6.2% of the allocation.

Chairman Ewing asked if the MAFMC changed anything in regards to recreational sea bass fishery. Mr. Berg responded that there was no change to bag limits but the season was modified to run May 22- October 11, and November 1st to December 31st, as printed in the register.

Mr. Himchak commented that Mr. Berg has been reappointed to his position on the MAFMC, for another term.

Chairman Ewing congratulated Mr. Berg on a good job.

Shellfish Council Reports

Atlantic Coast

Mr. Johnson indicated there was no Atlantic Coast Shellfish Council Report at this time.

Delaware Bay

Mr. Bailey presented the Delaware Bay Shellfish Council report.

Oyster License Consolidation

Over the past two years, the Division of Fish and Wildlife has been working with the Delaware Bay Section of the New Jersey Shell Fisheries Council (Council) and oyster industry representatives to undertake revisions to the Oyster Rules that would allow for the limited consolidation of oyster licenses within the oyster industry. This is an ongoing process which will culminate in the formal proposal and adoption of amendments to the Oyster Rules in accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, N.J.S.A. 52:14B-4 et seq.

However, until that process is complete, it is in the interest of the industry and the current oyster management system to implement an interim administrative change prior to a final rule adoption in order to allow for a specific modification to oyster licenses at this time. This interim administrative change involves the Department's consent to permit oyster harvesters to consolidate licenses and annual tag allotments by amending a harvester's current oyster dredge vessel license(s) through an ACO until such time as the current rules are amended. Administrative Consent Orders will be prepared by the Department and will allow for the transfer and consolidation of up to three oyster dredge vessel licenses and the allocations assigned to those licenses to one designated harvest vessel owned by the same person. Applications for consolidation will be accepted beginning July 12, 2010 at the Delaware Bay Office.

Bureau of Shellfisheries

Mr. Celestino from Bureau of Shellfisheries brought Council's attention to the Commissioner's June 7th Press Release regarding shellfish gardening:

Commissioner Bob Martin banned research-related gardening of commercial shellfish species in coastal and inner harbor waters classified as contaminated, and also is seeking immediate removal of species now being grown in such waters. The goal is to protect the public health and the economic health (which is approximately \$800 million-a-year shellfish industry) of the state's nationally significant shellfish industry.

Commissioner Martin stressed the state fully supports these educational and environmental projects when they are in compliance with DEP policy. He said the DEP will work with research groups to identify waters where they can continue their efforts and explore alternate options such as raising non-commercial shellfish species.

Dr. Bochenek asked why is NJ the only state banning shellfish gardening when other states have been doing this for years and have not experienced any problems with their gardens. Director Chanda replied because NJ currently does not have the enforcement officers to support the patrols of these beds to meet the mandates to stay in compliance like other states may have resources for. Captain Chicketano gave some background to the Council on shellfish gardening. NJ along with other shellfish producing states have to meet compliance with U.S. Food and Drug Administration mandates. For example, NJ has 28 zones, with 3 parameters monitored at each zone: quantity control, ease of patrol and ease of harvest. Ease of patrol is categorized into low, medium and high risk. Low risk must be patrolled 4 times a month, medium 8 times a month and high 16 times a month. In 2009, NJ was found to be 75% out of compliance in these 28 zones of patrolling areas due to lack of officers. Therefore, the Commissioner decided to prohibit shellfish gardening in prohibited/restricted waters in order to protect NJ's FDA shellfish certification

Committee Reports

Executive Committee Meeting Report

Dr. Donnelly presented the Executive Committee Report. (Handout #4) The Executive Committee met for a second time with recreational advisors and Division staff on June 23, 2010 to further discuss funding options for the Marine Fisheries Administration.

Detailed presentations on three funding options (recreational saltwater fishing license, striped bass license plate and a conservation lottery) were provided to the Committee and advisors. Each presentation provided information on potential revenue expectations, repositories for funds, utilization of funds, potential implementation process and schedule, possible support or resistance from various user groups and/or government, and any other considerations or provisions associated with each option. The Committee and advisors then openly questioned, debated and provided suggestions/changes for each option.

The Executive Committee then met after the open meeting to discuss all of the options. The Committee supports, in concept, all of the options and believes it will likely consider all of them, as well as an increase in State appropriation, to adequately fund the Marine Fisheries Administration. The Committee recognizes there is an immediate need to move forward with an option that may bring in revenue as soon as possible.

The Committee supported the concept of the conservation lottery and believes it has the potential to provide needed funding to Marine Fisheries (and the Division). However, the Committee can not fully endorse the lottery in its present form since it lacks the specifics in terms of a percent breakdown of what each conservation entity would receive and the lottery is likely not going to

provide any funding until FY2012 at the earliest, and more likely not until FY2013. The Committee also supports the striped bass license plate but is concerned about the lack of commitment from the Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC) on moving forward and overall movement away from creating new vanity license plates. The Committee believes a recreational saltwater fishing license has the greatest likelihood of generating immediate and significant revenue and supports a license provided it contains various provisions, similar to those associated with the freshwater fishing license. Those provisions would include: revenue placed in a dedicated account, used solely for marine fisheries management, contained various exemptions (i.e. youth, senior, vets etc.), year round and short term licenses, reciprocity in shared waters of neighboring states, meets the criteria for the Federal Saltwater Registry Program, and the establishment of an advisory Oversight Committee.

Given all of these considerations, by August 1st the Committee is requesting to have the draft legislation of a recreational saltwater fishing license, the MVC striped bass license plate implementation schedule, and the conservation lottery legislation details that would describe the percent breakdown of how lottery revenue would be distributed to the various conservation agencies. In mid-August the Committee would hold a third meeting to review these specifics in order to make an official recommendation to the full Council at their September 2, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Herb suggested that at the meeting in mid-August to be with full committee and advisors and a copy of the official recommendation to Council prior to September 2 meeting.

Ms. Puskus asked if this license plate is similar to the VanDrew/Albano S2185/A3113 proposal for license plate? Mr. McCloy responded he was not sure what the intent of S2185/A3113 was or if there was some other license plate legislation. Ms. Puskus stated that it seems that if S2185/A3113 proposal goes through marine fisheries will not be allocated any monies unless changed. Which then only provides two possibilities for revenue.

Regulatory Updates

Mr. Muffley brought Council up to date on the regulatory updates.

The 2008 Regulatory Proposal is still awaiting approval by the department to move forward. Handout #5 deals with a Notice of Administration Change regarding modifications of the black sea bass recreational season and the escape vent size in lobster pots. This NAC is now in effect.

Chairman Ewing would like to send a letter, if Council agrees, to express the Council's disappointment on the 2008-2010 Regulatory Proposal. The Department provided assurances that the multi-species proposal would move forward after the Council agreed to split out the shark provisions to avoid a moratorium.

Mr. Goldman made a motion to send letter to the Commissioner expressing Council's disappointment in regards to the 2008 Regulatory Proposal and wish to see it move forward as soon as possible. Mr. Herb seconded.

Mr. Rizzo suggested asking the Commissioner to sit down with the Council. Chairman Ewing thought this would be a good idea, as this would be a second request in the letter.

Motion passed.

Update on Non-Compliance with ASMFC Shark Plan

Mr. Muffley brought Council's attention to Handouts #6, 7 and 8.

No public was in attendance at the rule proposal public hearing held in May. However, Handout #6 is in regards to two written comments received in letters. One letter from the NJ Council of Diving Clubs thought the regulations were discriminatory to the sport diver fishery, which takes fish by spear. They were also concerned that dogfish appear to be considered as sharks. They also felt something should be added to allow a sport diver to defend themselves if a shark becomes aggressive.

The second letter from the Recreational Fishing Alliance NJ Chapter supported the proposal and concept but was highly critical with how this proposal had not moved forward in a more timely fashion.

Handout #7 deals with the adoption document where all public comment was addressed and 2 administrative changes were made. The document was filed June 24th and scheduled to be published in the July 19th edition of the N.J. Register.

Handout #8 are letters to the ASMFC stating NJ is now in compliance and requests withdrawal of the non-compliance finding in regards to coastal shark regulations.

Mr. McCloy expressed to Council the amount of work that had to be done to be able to stay in compliance with coastal shark regulations. If the 2008 Regulatory Proposal had already been approved, all of this would not have been necessary.

Old Business

Mr. McCloy brought Council's attention to Handout #9a, which deals with Council's letter to Senator Menendez asking for his support of the Flexibility in Rebuilding American Fisheries Act of 2009. These letters were mailed to all NJ federal legislators. Handout #9b is response from Congressman LoBiondo, stating his support should it come before the House of Representatives for a vote.

Handout #10 is Council's letter addressing Marine Fisheries Administration appropriation in the fiscal year 2011 budget.

Handout #11 is response from Senator Van Drew on the appropriation issue.

New Business

Mr. McCloy brought Council's attention to Handout #12 in regards to menhaden and the menhaden bait fishery / striped bass fishery conflict two months ago. A lot of correspondence sent through mail and emails to support A2304/S1140.

Mr. McCloy brought Council's attention to the Commissioner's response to (Handout #13) an e-mail in regards to Commercial Blue Crab Pot License Transferability. Chairman Ewing expressed his concern that the Commissioner should have consulted with the Council before responding to this. Mr. Johnson requested a letter from Council be sent to the Commissioner and the Governor reminding them of the process and the duties of the Council.

Mr. McCloy suggested developing an agenda of points to talk to the Commissioner about at the meeting Council is requesting and include this issue in the letter the Council agreed to write earlier.

Mr. Goldman asked about the status of horseshoe crabs. Mr. Himchak responded it is premature to make a comment on the 2010 data while we are waiting for the data to be processed. The survey for 2010 just ended the end of June.

Dr. Donnelly stated that at some point science has to say there is no connection to horseshoe crabs and the shore birds, especially when NJ keeps a moratorium on horseshoe crabs and still the red knot population declines.

Mr. Chanda commented that without the horseshoe crab moratorium the birds would be gone. So there has been a positive effect for shore birds in regard to the moratorium on horseshoe crabs.

Chairman Ewing commented that it will take a while to see changes in regards to horseshoe crabs and shore bird populations.

Mr. Bailey asked for dates of the public hearings on horseshoe crabs. Mr. Himchak responded that the NJ public hearing was July 1, 2010 at the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area office and public hearings were scheduled in DE, VA, MD. Mr. Himchak will send the specific hearing information to Council and Bailey.

Mr. McCloy brought Council's attention to some sad news. Donald Byrne, biologist with the Bureau for 30 years and a pure scientist who loved his job passed away suddenly last week. Mr. Byrne was in charge of Ocean Trawl Survey. The Division has some really big boots to fill and we all will miss Mr. Byrne. Our Prayers go out to the Byrne Family.

Chairman Ewing also offered Mr. Bailey Council's condolences on the recent passing of his son.

Public Comment

Mr. Schnyder from the Coalition Protection Fisheries, passed out handouts for Council to read. He asked the Council to recommend closed loop cooling on industry nuclear power plants in NJ so as to prevent the unnecessary killing of marine organisms that occurs from the current flow through cooling.

Mr. DiDomenico supported the comments that the horseshoe crabs were doing well and there was no need to continue the moratorium. He also offered his help to see NJ has a chance for RSA next year.

Mr. Nowalsky, expressed his concerns that Council promptly addresses concerns on RSA. He also brought up the menhaden/striped bass controversy and asked that the menhaden committee reconvene.

Ms. Puskus asked Mr. Nowalsky if he had any suggestions/recommendations then he is more than welcome to express his suggestion. Mr. Nowalsky feels there is a conflict occurring in striped bass in May. Since there is no other fishery in May there may be no industry for the future.

Dr. Donnelly asked Mr. Nowalsky if he was aware of Senator Van Drew's bill on the license plate. Mr. Nowalsky stated he was not aware of the legislation specifics.

Ms. Doreen Muermann, from the Blue Crab Committee, expressed her concern that transfer of crab licenses be done responsibly and thanked Council for their support.

Meeting adjourned.

Next Meeting is September 2, 2010, Galloway Township Library.

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