

Maine Commercial
Fishing Safety Council

Janine Drouin, Chair

Curtis Haycock, Vice Chair

Ann Backus, Secretary

Members:

Kris Boehmer

John Drouin

Peter Gasperini

Marc McCole

John McMillan

Parker Poole

Mark Murry, ex officio

Jeff Nichols, ex officio

Commercial Fishing Safety Council

Minutes of the Quarterly Meeting, September 15, 2022 (draft)

Present: Ann Backus, Kris Boehmer, Janine Drouin, John Drouin, Mark Murry, Jeff Nichols, Parker Poole

Absent: John McMillan, Marc McCole, Curtis Haycock, Peter Gasperini

I. Welcome – Janine Drouin, CFSC Chairman

II. Minutes of Quarterly meeting June 12, 2022, presented, but could not be voted on until the CFSC approves the DMR's Remote Policy in person at the December 15, 2022 meeting.

III. Presentation of the slate of officers by the Nominating Committee (Kris Boehmer, Parker Poole, Ann Backus).

The Nominating Committee presented the following slate of officers: Janine Drouin to continue as Chairman, Parker Pool, to replace Curtis Haycock as Vice Chair, and Ann Backus to continue as Secretary.

The slate of officers could not be accepted because this was a remote meeting; approval of the slate will need wait for the in-person meeting on December 15, 2022.

IV. Discussion of the draft report to the Commissioner

The draft of the Report to the Commissioner was discussed, changes made, and otherwise there was agreement regarding the content.

V. Brief update on the Safety Symposium proposed by John McMillan

This item was tabled as Mr. McMillan was not present. Janine will reach out to John McMillan and report at the working group meeting in October.

VI. Discussion of CFSC participation in the 2023 Fishermen's Forum

Ann Backus offered to support a booth for the CFSC that would be staffed on a shared basis by CFSC members. She provided the deadline for a decision that was set by the Fishermen's Forum committee. The idea of hosting a session at the Forum was brought up. The deadline for sending in an abstract for that session is December 1, 2022. The decision about a large session was tabled until we could have more information on the Safety Symposium proposed by John McMillan.

VII. Discussion of Council Initiatives for 2023

Several items were discussed in the context of CSFC initiatives. They include considering a CFSC website, whether the recreational boating safety course for inland fisheries might include the coastal fisheries, issues around the pogie fishery mentioned by Parker Poole, safety issues encountered by commercial fishermen in relation to aquaculture sites (radar reflectors), whale take reduction issues and wind power.

The recreational boating stakeholder group still looking for members (Steve Ingraham).

VIII. Other business

It was mentioned that the NSTB (National Transportation Safety Board) is making a recommendation that fishermen carry personal locator beacons. It was suggested that we invite Dan Kennedy to discuss issues related to wind power at the December meeting. Relative the question on the Near miss survey we conducted on whether or not the respondent had a damage control kit, there was discussion about whether we should develop a list of items that would be contained in a "damage control kit."

Kris Boehm agreed to provide an update up at the October working group meeting on the inland waters boating safety course.

We added a meeting on November 3 to discuss potential forum booth and session.

IX. Next meetings: Working group meetings Thursdays, October 13, November 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm.

Quarterly meeting: December 15, 2022 In person in August at DMR headquarters 2:00-4:00 pm.

X. Adjourned 5:00 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Backus

December 12, 2022