

**SOUTH ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

**JOINT EXECUTIVE/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Hilton New Bern Riverfront Hotel  
New Bern, NC**

**December 8, 2010**

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Additional Observers and Participants Attached

The Joint Executive/Finance Committee of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council convened in the Hilton New Bern/Riverfront Hotel, New Bern, North Carolina, December 8, 2010, and was called to order at 10:40 o'clock a.m. by Chairman David Cupka.

MR. CUPKA: We're going to go ahead and start the Executive/Finance Committee Meeting. The first order of business will be the approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, the agenda is approved. Next is approval of the minutes from our last meeting. Any changes, additions or corrections to the minutes? Seeing none, the minutes are approved. Our agenda item is the status report on the FY 2010 Council Budget, which is behind Attachment 1, and I'm going to call on Bob to go over that for us.

MR. MAHOOD: The chairman has asked me to give the short version of my report, so basically what I will do is just ask if anyone has any specific questions? It is laid out pretty clearly. I guess the bottom line is we're looking pretty good this year. We should have some money to carry into next year that may help us if our budgets come up short next year.

We're now in the first year of a five-year grant contract through the NOAA Grants Office; so any money we have at the end of the first year we're able to carry over into next year's budget and subsequently on through 2014. It bodes well but we're looking at some surpluses the first year because we're unsure what is going to happen to budgets in some of the out years. Mr. Chairman, unless somebody has got some questions.

MR. CUPKA: Any questions for Bob on our current year budget? See none, then we will move into the 2011 budget and activities schedule.

MR. MAHOOD: I was going to give a primer on how we develop our budgets since we have some new members, but I'll do that in more detail at the next meeting when we actually have a budget. What we've done is in the activities schedule, the staff has put together the activities that we believe will take place or are required to take place to accomplish the goals the council has established for 2011.

That information is then given to Mike and he puts dollars on it and that gives us at least the activities' level part of our budget. He then gets with Deb and Deb gives him the fixed costs relative to what we will need. Based on what we have put together so far, we're looking at a budget of about \$4 million. A little over \$4 million will be our needs for this coming year.

Again, included in this budget are the SEDAR activities, so that is another variable we will have to look at as we go forward into 2011. At this time we don't know what our SEDAR funding is going to be and we don't know what our administrative budget funding is going to be. Hopefully, by our March meeting we will know that. We have a meeting with the NOAA leadership as part of the CCC meeting up in Washington in January, and one of the major items for that annual meeting in January is the budget.

Hopefully when we come from that we'll know more. As you all are aware, we're under a continuing resolution, which seems to be the norm nowadays as opposed to the exception.

Hopefully congress will take some action before they leave this year, but that's debatable whether that will happen or not. Mr. Chairman, that's kind of where we are on 2011.

MR. CUPKA: Any questions for Bob on the 2011 activities or budget? Robert.

MR. BOYLES: Mr. Chairman, not a question but just in keeping with the discussions that we've had earlier about the states that are continuing to be squeezed, certainly my state is anticipating another rather large budget cut. I wanted to say two things. One, I appreciate the council support. We have bumped up the state liaison grant I believe two years ago.

That has become more and more important to our operations, and I would simply end with a plea that based on the year end 2010, if there is any room in the council budget, would the council consider re-evaluating those state liaison grants. I again can recite chapter and verse, and I think you are tired of hearing me talk about the double-digit levels of budget cuts that we have sustained, but I suspect North Carolina, Florida and Georgia are so similarly situated. Thank you.

MR. CUPKA: Thank you, Robert, and we have discussed that at least preliminarily and we will continue to look at that whole issue and see if we can do anything. Other questions or comments? Gregg.

MR. WAUGH: We know the activities schedule is still a work in progress, but John has mentioned that there may be a need to add an additional SSC meeting next year. Right now we've got two in the budget. Roger has indicated we need to consider adding a couple of habitat subcommittee meetings. Those we will add in as the document is refined.

MR. CUPKA: We can certainly add those in for planning purposes; and once we get a budget, we'll budget those out and see where we stand. Other comments? Okay, that brings us down to other business. Robert.

MR. BOYLES: Mr. Chairman, I'm not sure if this is appropriate at this point, but I do have a report from the personnel committee that does have a bearing on the Calendar Year 2011 Budget. I'll be prepared to bring that motion forward at your pleasure.

MR. CUPKA: Okay, why don't we go ahead and do it now.

MR. BOYLES: Mr. Chairman, the personnel committee met in closed session on Monday evening and passed a motion. **The motion reads to modify the retirement plan to allow for employees to receive up to an additional 4 percent in their 401(k) account based on an employee's matching contribution to the account up to 4 percent. On behalf of the personnel committee, I make that motion.**

MR. CUPKA: Okay, we have a committee motion from the personnel committee. Is there any discussion on the motion? Is there any objection to the motion? Seeing none, that motion is approved. Any other business, Robert?

MR. BOYLES: No, sir, thank you.

MR. CUPKA: Is there any other business to come before the committee. Seeing none, then the committee is adjourned.

(Whereupon, the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 o'clock a.m., December 8, 2010.)

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