

RIMFC IAC Meeting Summary

8/10/17 6:00 PM

URI Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium

Members in attendance:

Christopher Rein (Chair) Robert Mattiucci Jerry Carvalho

Michael McGiveney Steven Anderson Aaron Gerwitz

John Lake (RIDMF Staff)

The meeting began at 6:00 with a quorum of 6/9 members. A discussion of the licensing activity standard ensued. Members of the committee expressed concern that the activity standards is still too restrictive, causes hardship, and inhibits business functionality and young people from entering various fisheries. The following motion was made By R. Mattiucci, A. Gerwitz 2nd:

Motion/Proposal: Activity standard be changed from 40 days in aggregate within both of the last two years to 40 days in aggregate in either or both of the last two years. License must be held for at least two years.

A vote was taken and the motion passed 4 in favor – 0 opposed – 1 abstained

The next item for discussion was the exit/entry ratio of the PEL quahaug and soft shell clam license endorsements of 2018. The following motion was made by M. McGiveney, A. Gerwitz 2nd:

Motion: Quahaug and Soft shell clam exit/entry ratio: Status quo 1:1 for quahaug, 5:1 soft shell clam exit entry of eligible quahaug licenses for issuance.

A vote was taken and the motion passed 4 in favor – 1 opposed

The next item for discussion was the exit/ entry ratio for the PEL restricted finfish endorsement for 2018. The following motion was made by A. Gerwitz, S. Anderson 2nd:

Motion: Restricted Finfish exit/entry ratio: Status quo 1:1 of eligible restricted finfish licenses for issuance.

The motion passed 4 in favor – 0 opposed

The next item for discussion was the removal of an individuals RI automobile registration a credential to establish residency in RI. This was a RIDEM proposal brought forward because of some indications that this credential allowed for a potential loophole to falsely claim residency. The following motion was made by J. Carvalho, S. Anderson 2nd:

Motion: Accept RIDEM proposal to eliminate automobile registration as proof of residency.

The motion passed 4 in favor – 0 opposed.

Legislative Initiative:

Jason McNamee gave a presentation on the proposed legislation to restructure the state's commercial licensing system. He outlined the new license structure and fee tables. Members of the IAC discussed the presentation and gave comment on the bill. The bill should be considered next year.

Having no other business, the meeting adjourned at 8:30.

Summary