



Town of South Kingstown, R.I.

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September 29, 2010

Richard Fuka, President
RI Fishermen's Alliance
P.O. Box 337
East Greenwich, RI 02818

Dear Mr. Fuka:

As you requested at Monday evening's Town Council meeting, enclosed is a copy of the South Kingstown Town Council's resolution endorsing the Town of Narragansett's request for the suspension of the newly adopted catch share/sector management program imposed on the fishing industry in the Northeast by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

A copy of our letter to the NOAA Regional Administrator is also enclosed for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Dale S. Holberton, CMC
Town Clerk

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Enclosures

cc: Town Manager



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At a REGULAR SESSION of the Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown, County of Washington, in the State of Rhode Island, held at the Town Hall, in and for said Town on the 16th day of August A.D., 2010 at 7:30 PM.

PRESENT: Kathleen A. Fogarty, President
Mary S. Eddy, Vice President
Carol Hagan McEntee
James W. O'Neill
Ella M. Whaley

UNANIMOUSLY VOTED: that a communication dated July 20, 2010 from Grady Miller, Town Manager seeking support of a resolution adopted July 6, 2010 by the Narragansett Town Council requesting the suspension of the newly adopted catch share/sector management program imposed on the fishing industry in the Northeast by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is received, placed on file, and the Town Council voted to support this request. (7/29/2010 Interim, Item E.)

A TRUE COPY

ATTEST:


Dale S. Holberton, Town Clerk



Town of Narragansett

Rhode Island

Resolution No. 2010-13



A RESOLUTION RESPECTIVELY REQUESTING THE SUSPENSION OF THE CURRENT CATCH SHARE/SECTOR MANAGEMENT IN THE NORTHEAST IMPLEMENTED BY THE NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2010 the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Amendment 16 to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act became effective restructuring the fishing industry to a catch share/sector management program; and

WHEREAS, the intention of Amendment 16 is to immediately reduce overfishing in the Northeast multispecies fishery, while addressing the need to help sustain fishing communities, without compromising rebuilding objectives; and

WHEREAS, the complexity of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the regulations to implement this Act have created a web of confusion and bureaucracy for commercial fisherman to negotiate and understand; and

WHEREAS, the measures proposed in this action are intended to reduce overfishing while the possible unintended consequences include dramatic bycatch increases of any fish managed by quota; and

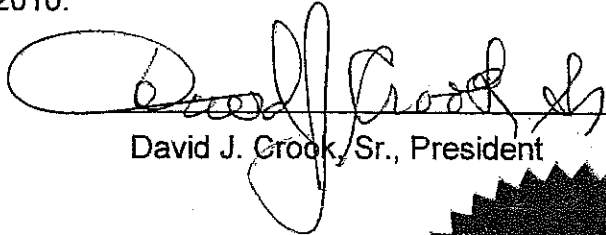
WHEREAS, the proposed Southern New England Closure Area has led many Rhode Island commercial fishermen to secure dock space in Massachusetts in order to continue fishing in areas that are not proposed to be closed; and

WHEREAS, this possible transfer of effort from one New England state to another is not considered to be sound fisheries management and will likely have a negative impact on the species that are targeted for rebuilding in this interim rule; and

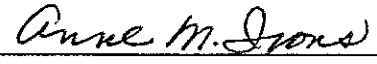
WHEREAS, the New England Fisheries Management Council provided a number of recommendations to the National Marine Fisheries Service in September 2008 to address the severity of the stock assessment findings, however, most of these recommendations are not included in Amendment 16; and

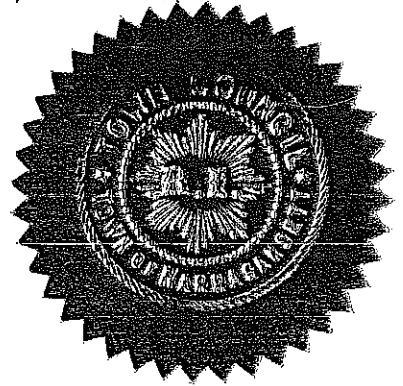
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Council hereby respectfully requests that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the National Marine Fisheries Service continue to work with the New England Fisheries Management Council to develop appropriate management polices that will have less of an economic impact to the commercial fishing industry and will not result in the bycatch of other species.

ADOPTED this sixth day of July A.D. 2010.


David J. Crook, Sr., President

ATTEST:


Anne M. Irons, CMC
Town Clerk





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August 19, 2010

Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator
NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2276

Dear Ms. Kurkul:

The Town Council of the Town of South Kingstown has endorsed the Town of Narragansett's resolution calling for the suspension of the newly adopted catch share/sector management program imposed on the fishing industry in the Northeast by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The effects of this Amendment 16 to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act will have the unintended consequence of adversely affecting the already struggling fishing industry as well as other areas of the local economy in Rhode Island.

We join with our neighboring community of Narragansett to request that NOAA and the National Marine Fisheries Service continue to work with the New England Fisheries Management Council to develop appropriate management policies that will have less of an economic impact to the commercial fishing industry and will not result in the bycatch of other species. A copy of the resolution adopted by the Narragansett Town Council is enclosed for your reference.

Very truly yours,

Dale S. Holberton, CMC
Town Clerk

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