

**Motion as amended.**

**Motion by Pete Kornegay to send a letter to the legislature recommending the below changes to fishing licenses. Second by Chuck Laughridge.**

- 1) Develop a new commercial fishing license based on criteria to qualify current commercial license holders. Current license holders must demonstrate a minimal level of participation in the fishery as reported by landings (1,000 pounds of seafood products) or effort (15 trips) through the DMF trip ticket program during any two out of five continuous calendar years.**
- 2) Only allow license transfers or assignments to members of the immediate family or corporation of a licensed commercial fisherman.**
- 3) Create a Crew license for individuals to apprentice with commercial fishermen for 3 years after which time they would be eligible to purchase a standard commercial fishing license. The annual fee for the Crew license would be \$100.**
- 4) Cap the pool at 100 and establish a new pool to receive licenses that are not renewed each year. Any non-renewed licenses would be transferred into the new pool and used to fill new commercial fishing license demand for qualified applicants. Inactive licenses may be reactivated for a fee.**
- 5) Inactive Standard Commercial Fishing Licenses that do not have requirements set forth by the legislature would go back into a special pool and these licenses may be reissued to the original holder without going through the Eligibility Pool.**
- 6) Create a Heritage Standard Commercial Fishing License that families may want to maintain that are inactive that may be maintained for \$100 per year and may be reissued one time to a family member without going through the Eligibility Pool or any of the requirements listed above. If reissue is not wanted, a one-time fee of \$100 will retire that license number.**
- 7) Graduation or completion of community colleges offering a commercial fishing program will be recognized as having served an apprenticeship eligible for an Eligibility Pool license.**

**Roll call**

**Boltes    yes**

**Gorges    yes**

**Kornegay        yes**

**Koury    no**

**Laughridge    yes**

**Rose            no**

**Smith    yes**

**Willis    no**

**Corbett no**

**Motion carries 5-4.**