



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

August 16, 2018

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Appointments & Briefings at a Meeting held on Tuesday, July 31, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro, Carney, Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson, Gomes, Morad, Coelho and Martins, on behalf of the fishermen and businesses affected by the abrupt closing of Sector IX in the New Bedford's waters that prohibit our participation in ground fishing until April 2018, requesting that a letter be sent to NOAA Regional Administrator John Bullard and our Federal Delegation, asking for an immediate reversal as this has had and will continue to place a devastating toll on over 300 fishermen and several local businesses associated with this industry; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite those affected including fishermen, business owners and Attorney Andrew Saunders to a meeting to explain how this will affect the entire City. (Ref'd 12/14/17)

On motion by Councillor Gomes and seconded by Councillor Lopes, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Rebeiro, Carney, Abreu, Council President Lopes, Councillors Winterson, Gomes, Morad, Coelho and Martins, on behalf of the fishermen and businesses affected by the abrupt closing of Sector IX in the New Bedford's waters that prohibit our participation in ground fishing until April 2018, requesting that a letter be sent to NOAA Regional Administrator John Bullard and our Federal Delegation, asking for an immediate reversal as this has had and will continue to place a devastating toll on over 300 fishermen and several local businesses associated with this industry; and further, that the Committee on Appointments and Briefings invite those affected including fishermen, business owners and Attorney Andrew Saunders to a meeting to explain how this will affect the entire City. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS &
BRIEFINGS

Councillor Debora Coelho, Chairperson

DC: dmb



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CITY COUNCIL

December 14, 2017

WRITTEN MOTION

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Dana Rebeiro, Councillor Ward Four

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large

Ian Abreu, Councillor at Large

Joseph P. Lopes, City Council President

Kerry Winterson, Councillor Ward Five

Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Linda M. Morad, Councillor at Large

Debora Coelho, Councillor at Large

Steven Martins, Councillor Ward Two