

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Northern Shrimp Section Meeting

May 4, 2016

11:45 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Alexandria, Virginia

Webinar

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Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

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| 1. Welcome/Call to Order (<i>D. Abbott</i>) | 11:45 a.m. |
| 2. Section Consent | 11:45 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| 3. Public Comment | 11:50 a.m. |
| 4. Review Summary of Maine's Industry Meetings Held in March (<i>T. Stockwell</i>) | 12:00 p.m. |
| 5. Resume Development of Draft Amendment 3 for Public Comment (<i>D. Abbott</i>) | 12:25 p.m. |
| 6. Other Business/Adjourn | 1:00 p.m. |

The meeting will be held at the Westin, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia; 703.253.8600

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MEETING OVERVIEW

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Chair: Dennis Abbott (NH) Assumed Chairmanship: 1/16	Technical Committee Chair: Kelly Whitmore (MA)	Law Enforcement Committee Rep: Michael Eastman (NH)
Vice Chair: Steve Train (ME)	Advisory Panel Chair: Gary Libby (ME)	Previous Board Meeting: December 7, 2015
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA (three votes)		

2. Section Consent

- Approval of Agenda

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting, public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance, the Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Review summary of Maine’s industry meetings held in March (12:00 – 12:25 p.m.)

Background

- Draft Amendment 3 was initiated to address increased effort in the fishery through a variety of management options including limited entry.
- Maine expressed concern regarding implementation of a limited entry program due to the high number of license holders in the fishery, and state regulatory procedures.
- In September 2015, the Section postponed development of the amendment until summer 2016 based on a commitment from Maine to seek input from industry in the interim, and develop a proposal that adequately addresses over-capacity in the fishery.
- Accordingly, in March 2016, Maine DMR held three industry meetings to solicit input for the proposal.

5. Resume development of Draft Amendment 3 for Public Comment (12:25 – 1:00 p.m.)

Background

- The questions below are proposed to facilitate discussion regarding resuming development of Draft Amendment 3 for public comment:
 - Is a proposal from Maine to address over-capacity in the fishery necessary to resume development of Draft Amendment 3?
 - Does the Section wish to remove limited entry from consideration?
 - Does the Section wish to include only state-by-state allocation options as a means of controlling effort in the fishery?

6. Other Business/Adjourn