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Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Executive Committee Meeting

In-person Meeting

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Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA

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1. Welcome and Introductions (R. Boyles, Jr., Chair)
2. Review and Approve Agenda – Attachment I
3. Public Comment*
4. Review and Approve April Meeting Minutes – Attachment II
5. Review and Approve May Meeting Minutes – Attachment III
6. ACCSP Status Report (M. Cahall)
 - a. For-Hire Workshop
 - b. Bluefin Tuna Dealer Reporting
 - c. GARFO VTR Transition
7. Governance Transition Update (R. Boyles)
8. Other Business in Open Session
9. Closed Session
10. Adjourn (R. Boyles)

*See Public Comment Guidelines:

http://www.accsp.org/sites/all/themes/aqua/File/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013.pdf

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April 28th, 2016

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MEETING MINUTES

COMMITTEE MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Name	Partner	Phone	Email
Robert Beal	ASMFC	(703) 842-0740	rbeal@asmfc.org
Robert Boyles (Chair)	SC DNR	(843) 953-9304	boylesr@dnr.sc.gov
Patrick Campfield	ASMFC	(703) 842-0740	pcampfield@asmfc.org
John Carmichael	SAFMC	(843) 571-4366	john.carmichael@safmc.net
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Cheri Patterson	NH FGD	(603) 868-1095	cheri.patterson@wildlife.nh.gov

Committee Members Not in Attendance: G. Colvin (NOAA), D. Detlor (NOAA)

Others in Attendance:

Name	Title	Partner	Phone	Email
Gregg Waugh	SAFMC Executive Director	SAFMC	(843) 571-4366	gregg.waugh@safmc.net

Staff Members in Attendance: M. Cahall (Program Director), E. Wyatt (Program Coordinator)

Welcome/Introductions – R. Boyles

R. Boyles welcomed the group. E. Wyatt took attendance.

Public Comment – R. Boyles

No public comment

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Committee Consent – R. Boyles

- **Approval of Agenda (Attachment I)**
 - The agenda is approved by consent

Governance Decision (Attachment II) – C. Patterson

- **Review White Paper**

C. Patterson was thanked for all of her hard work in preparing this document. It clearly explains how this decision was made and why the decision was considered in the first place. The steps of how the White Paper came to be are as follows:

 - Initially, the Governance Decision came from an Independent Program Review (IPR) Recommendation
 - R. Boyles drafted a terms of reference to begin this whole process
 - A survey monkey was created to poll all ACCSP program partners, staff and advisors
 - M. Cahall and B. Beal worked on a document to discuss how ACCSP and ASMFC are currently integrated
 - The Ad-hoc Workgroup developed questions on future considerations of how changes would be made to ACCSP
- **Discuss Ad-hoc Governance Workgroup Recommendation**
 - The Ad-Hoc Group's Recommendation is Alternative 3 – Fold ACCSP into ASMFC as a Program
 - W. Laney's concern is the perception that the ACCSP is collecting data and will now be part of the same group that is managing species. However, there is not much difference between the Ad-hoc recommendation and status quo.
 - Initially, in the 1990's there was concern with the ACCSP and ASMFC being housed together when ASMFC gained regulatory power. However, as time has passed the concerned have subsided. Currently, a similar potential issue occurs within ASMFC with the Interstate Fisheries Management Plan (ISFMP) and the Science departments under one umbrella. ISFMP manages species and the Science department conducts stock assessments however, this relationship has always been perceived well.
 - There are still details that will need to be figured out but a workgroup will be formed to discuss and decide on those details if action is taken on this recommendation.
 - As long as ACCSP continues to be governed from a bottom up approach that will continue to give advisors a say within committees. **C. Patterson will draft a paragraph to incorporate more information about the consideration taken from the Advisors.**
 - In the future the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will need to be addressed.

- **Possible Approval of Ad-hoc Governance Workgroup Recommendation**
 - **Motion to accept the Ad-hoc Governance Workgroup Recommendation by J. Carmichael. Seconded by L. Fegley. Motion passes by consent.**
 - The future steps include:
 - If the Coordinating Council accepts the recommendation, then this would go to the ASMFC Executive Committee.
 - If approved by ASMFC Executive Committee then the action will be to discuss the details of how this merger will occur.
 - The Governance Decision Workgroup would likely turn into the Governance Transition Workgroup to help with this action.
 - **J. Carmichael volunteered to be on the workgroup so there is council representation.**
 - The workgroup will meet after the May meeting and M. Cahall and B. Beal think this could go to the Coordinating Council in August for final implementation.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn – R. Boyles

R. Boyles adjourned the meeting.

Action Items

1. C. Patterson will draft a paragraph to incorporate more information about the consideration taken from the Advisors.
2. Motion to accept the Ad-hoc Governance Workgroup Recommendation by J. Carmichael. Seconded by L. Fegley. Motion passes by consent. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Coordinating Council.
3. J. Carmichael volunteered to be on the workgroup so there is council representation.



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May 2nd, 2016

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Others in Attendance:

Name	Title	Partner	Phone	Email
Mark Alexander	Supervisory Fisheries Biologist	CT DEEP	(860) 434-6043	mark.alexander@ct.gov

Staff Members in Attendance: M. Cahall (Program Director), J. Defilippi (Data Team Leader), Ali Schwaab (Outreach Coordinator), G. White (Recreational Program Manager), E. Wyatt (Program Coordinator)

Welcome/Introductions – Coordinating Council Chair R. Boyles

Vice-chair L. Fegley welcomed the committee. Attendance was taken.

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Public Comment – R. Boyles

No public comment.

Committee Consent – R. Boyles

- **Approval of Agenda (Attachment I)**
 - Approved by consent.
- **Approval of Minutes from April 2016 (Attachment II)**
 - Approved by consent.

ACCSP Status Report – M. Cahall

- **Program Status**
 - Electronic Reporting:
 - eDR/M went into production in Massachusetts on Monday. Maine will go into production in the summer.
 - NOAA has created a \$7.5 million fund for electronic reporting. ACCSP is hoping to be able to apply for some of this funding.
 - Data feeds to GARFO are up and running allowing the transmission of Vessel Trip Reports (VTR) from eTrips/M to GARFO.
 - HMS permit reporting will be integrated into Standard Atlantic Fisheries Information System (SAFIS).
- **Committee Updates**
 - The Commercial Technical Committee and Information Systems Committee met on April 19th and 20th, respectively. Both committees had very full agendas. The major highlights from those meetings was electronic monitoring and seafood traceability standards will be developed.
 - **APAIS Update**
 - Overall, APAIS is running smoothly with only very minor issues that have been solved easily. North Carolina provided great feedback to the APAIS team as they were the only state participating in Wave 1. One improvement made this year over years past is pre-validation is being completed in a timely manner.
 - Work on the Cooperative Agreements are beginning for a July approval.
 - G. Colvin added at last week's Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) review in Charleston, all three southeastern states reported in depth about how well the APAIS is going in their respective states.
 - **One issue was raised about the maintenance of the site registry because all states rely on this. G. Colvin will look into this and get back with M. Alexander since he raised the issue.**

- If any other states have issues like this it should be brought up in the Recreational Technical Committee meetings.
- G. Waugh asked how the head boat information from the Beaufort lab was being incorporated into ACCSP's system. ACCSP is working on this so the two systems can communicate with one another.
- G. Waugh commented that this is his first meeting in a while and the SAFMC is very proud of where ACCSP has gone in the past years.

SOP Approval (Attachment III & IV) – C. Patterson

- **PM – 02-06 ACCSP's Value to Congressional Delegations**
 - Two wording edits were made to the document. The document was finalized within the meeting and approved by consent.
- **PM – 13 Collaboration ASMFC**
 - A bullet was added about the orientation of ASMFC technical employees conducted by the ACCSP data team staff. The document was finalized within the meeting and approved by consent.

Independent Program Review (IPR) Update

- **Governance discussion (if needed)**
 - The Executive Committee reviewed the PowerPoint that will be presented to the Coordinating Council later in the afternoon.

Other Business

None.

Adjourn – R. Boyles

L. Fegley adjourned the meeting.

Action Items

1. G. Colvin will look into the maintenance of the site registry and report back to M. Alexander.