

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Executive Committee

*May 1, 2019  
8:00 – 10:30 a.m.  
Arlington, Virginia*

## Draft Agenda

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

*A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee
  - Presentation of the FY2020 Budget
5. Review Draft Standard Operating Procedures and Policies for Management Board Work Groups
6. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
7. Executive Director Performance Review (**Closed Session**)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

***Please Note: Breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m.***

The meeting will be held at the Westin Crystal City, 1800 S. Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia; 703.486.1111

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**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**The Westin Crystal City  
Arlington, VA  
February 6, 2019**

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- 4. Move to initiate transitioning FHTS to state conduct.**
- 5. Adjournment by Consent (Page 3)**

## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME  
Doug Grout, NH  
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)  
David Pierce, MA  
Craig Miner, CT  
Jason McNamee, RI  
Jim Gilmore, NY  
Joe Cimino, NJ  
John Clark, DE

Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)  
Andy Shiels, PA  
David Blazer, MD  
Rob O'Reilly, proxy for Steve Bowman, VA  
Steve Murphey, NC  
Robert Boyles, SC  
Doug Haymans, GA  
Jim Estes, FL

### Other Commissioners

David Borden, RI (GA)  
Justin Davis, CT (AA)  
Emerson Hasbrouck, NY (GA)  
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)

Ed O'Brien, MD (LA proxy)  
Eric Reid, RI (LA proxy)  
Ritchie White, NH (GA)  
Spud Woodward, GA (GA)

### Staff

Bob Beal  
Laura Leach

Toni Kerns  
Deke Tompkins

### Others

Chris Batsavage, NCDMF  
Mike Luisi, MD DNR  
Dee Lupton, NCDMF

Chip Lynch, NOAA  
Dan McKiernan, MADMF  
Cheri Patterson, NHF&GD

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Crystal V/VI Room of The Westin Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia February 6, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Gilmore.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

The summary minutes from the October 24, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **PRIORITIES FOR PLUS-UP FUNDING**

The Committee discussed the options presented by Executive Director Beal for utilizing the remaining \$200,000 of the original \$400,000 in additional federal funds received this year. Two options were presented to the Committee for consideration: 1) hire a Stock Assessment Scientist at the Commission to keep up with current demand for stock assessments; and 2) Provide support for a Postdoc to investigate a range of aspects of the summer flounder assessment and management and provide a candidate stock assessment model based on the Stock Synthesis program.

After a thorough discussion, the Committee made the decision to postpone decisions on allocating the remaining \$200,000 in plus-up funds, pending passage of the FY19 federal budget.

## **Move that we sit tight right now since we don't know what the FY19 budget will be.**

Motion made by Mr. Boyles and seconded by Mr. Blazer. The motion passed unanimously.

It was agreed that once the federal budget is passed, a conference call of the Executive Committee will be conducted to determine the approach to take with regard to the plus up funds.

## **AQUACULTURE ACTIVITIES**

Executive Director Beal presented an update on aquaculture activities. On February 4, the Commission issued a Request for Proposals to form regionally focused research consortia that will address critical research needs surrounding shellfish aquaculture. Proposals for any shellfish species will be accepted, however, oysters are the priority species.

## **UPDATE ON ACCSP RECREATIONAL DATA COLLECTION ACTIVITIES**

The Committee discussed the pros and cons of the states assuming conduct of the for-hire telephone survey (FHTS) in 2020. The Committee directed ACCSP staff to work with NOAA Fisheries to initiate the transition to state/ACCSP conduct of the FHTS. States will have the option of conducting the telephone survey or they can have the ACCSP complete the required telephone calls. The Executive Committee will be updated on the progress at their next meeting.

## **Move to initiate transitioning FHTS to state conduct.**

Motion made by Dr. McNamee

and seconded by Senator Miner. The motion passed 16-0-1.

#### **UPDATE ON MRIP OUTREACH EFFORTS**

The Committee supports the recommended effort to develop consistent/generic information on MRIP for inclusion on state websites. This effort will be conducted by the Atlantic Outreach Committee.

#### **USE AND STRUCTURE OF MANAGEMENT BOARD WORKING GROUPS**

Based on concerns about the increasing use of management board working groups and the lack of defined guidelines for their use and operation, the Committee tasked staff with developing working group guidance, highlighting the need for a clear charge, specific tasks and a defined end point.

#### **REPORT FROM THE AWARDS COMMITTEE**

At the October Executive Committee meeting Mr. Woodward presented the guidance document (SOPP) prepared by the Awards Committee, developed to memorialize the process. The Executive Committee was given time to review it and provide any comments to Mr. Woodward prior to this meeting. This document was adopted by unanimous consent.

#### **L/GA PRIMER**

Mr. Abbott presented the unofficial primer that he and Mr. Miller prepared to assist new L/GA Commissioners in their role. Mr. Gilmore requested Committee members provide any comments directly to Mr. Abbott or Mr. Miller.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Keliher noted that ACCSP maintenance funding was being discontinued and was of great concern to Maine, and asked if any other states were in the same situation. Mr. Keliher indicated he may bring up this issue at an upcoming ACCSP Coordinating Council Meeting.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:55 a.m. the Executive Committee went into a closed session.

#### **ADJOURN**

CHAIR JIM GILMORE adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10:10 a.m.