

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

*August 5, 2020
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Webinar*

Draft Agenda

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

1. Welcome/Introductions (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Administrative Oversight Committee Report (*S. Woodward*) **Action**
 - Consider FY21 Budget
 - Consider Policy on Commission Contracts (*L. Leach*)
5. CARES Act Update (*R. Beal*)
6. Consider Management and Science Committee Recommendations Regarding Improvements to Advisory Panel and Public Input Process (*K. Knowlton/S. Murray*) **Action**
7. Update on Pennsylvania's Participation on the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board (*R. Beal*)
8. Consider Dividing the South Atlantic State/Federal Management Board into Two Management Boards (*R. Beal*)
9. Discuss Executive Director's Annual Performance Review (CLOSED SESSION)
10. Other Business/Adjourn



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee
FROM: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director
DATE: July 28, 2020

The Commission's South Atlantic State/Federal Management Board (Board) is responsible for the management of 7 species: Atlantic cobia, spot, Spanish mackerel, red drum, black drum, Atlantic croaker, and spotted sea trout. The number of species managed under this Board has increased over time. The Board is made up of the states from Florida to New York but different states have declared interest in different species. For example, the states from New York to Florida have a declared interest in Spanish mackerel, New Jersey to Florida for Atlantic croaker, and Maryland to Florida for spotted seatrout. Due to the large number of species managed by this Board, the length of their meetings has increased in recent time. Depending on the species being discussed, several states on the Board will have "down time" until issues related to the relevant species are addressed in the agenda.

Both Atlantic cobia and Spanish mackerel have seen an increase in commercial harvest over the past three decades (Table 1 and 2). There has been an interest by some of the more northern states to declare an interest for one or both of these species but not for the sciaenids managed under the Board. In order to make the best use of Commissioner time and keep the meetings at reasonable lengths, staff is recommending to divide the board into two: the first a pelagics board managing Atlantic cobia and Spanish mackerel and second a sciaenids board managing spot, red drum, black drum, Atlantic croaker, and spotted sea trout.

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Table 1. Commercial Atlantic Cobia Landings 1980-2019 (data source: ACCSP; C=confidential)

Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	PRFC	VA	NC	SC	GA	
1980									1,400	5,128	C	497	
1981									1,400	5,260	C	1,126	
1982							100		2,000	10,574	C	2,304	
1983									900	4,279	C	1,497	
1984									1,900	6,701	C	2,570	
1985	100						100		2,300	6,640	1,464	611	
1986									1,200	18,303	3,690	2,561	
1987				100					300	32,672	4,718	2,705	
1988					100				5,700	15,690	5,224	1,924	
1989					200		300		10,600	14,898	6,835	440	
1990			194		17	1,649		431	16,532	21,938	1,802	1,367	
1991						1,155		2,045	11,743	23,217	3,005	2,651	
1992			157			1,037		1,882	6,110	18,534	6,925	2,187	
1993			28			792		471	5,986	20,431	9,092	2,730	
1994				165	483		C		7,817	30,586	5,488	2,483	
1995			518		411	1,736	C		22,011	35,143	6,133	1,543	
1996		C		C		2,295	C		C	33,404	4,483	675	
1997		C			89	3,989		377	11,710	42,063	3,513	1,742	
1998		C			60	2,853	C		13,419	22,197	C	C	
1999		C			46	1,432	C		5,808	15,491	C	C	
2000		C			101	1,762	C		7,525	28,754	2,974	C	
2001			223		252	683	C		C	24,718	C	C	
2002	C	C			70	2,086	C		11,445	21,058	5,007	C	
2003			198		84	621	C	C	7,387	21,313	4,746	C	
2004		C			758	576		211	6,143	20,162	4,014	705	
2005		C		C		329	C		6,084	17,886	3,773	C	
2006					C			48	2,705	20,270	2,405	C	
2007			137	C		1,589	C		5,928	19,005	3,408	245	
2008		C		C	C		C		6,755	22,047	3,016	C	
2009	C		134	C		1,134		196	5,980	31,898	2,078	C	
2010		C		C		270	C		8,504	43,715	2,499	C	
2011			170		393.3	C	C		8,500	19,924	4,020	C	
2012			217.3		152	699	C		5,382	31,972	3,359	C	
2013			476		840.5	885	C	C	10,900	35,456	3,829	C	
2014		C			311	359	C		21,255	41,798	3,492	C	
2015		C			235	212	C		25,352	52,684	2,487	C	
2016			183		114	282	C	C	29,459	48,244	4,064	C	
2017			115		80	C	C		26,748	16,890	4,261	C	
2018			290	C	388	707	C		21,355	16,578	2,723	C	
2019			352		1191	1,367	C	C	2,375	31,647	21,553	2,447	C

Table 2. Commercial Spanish Mackerel Landing, 1980-2019 (data source: ACCSP; C=confidential)

Year	MA	RI	CT	NY	NJ	DE	MD	PRFC	VA	NC	SC	GA	FL
1980				100	600				8,300	75,306	6,769	1,491	9,811,053
1981				500	500				3,500	51,639	53	518	4,174,432
1982				1,000	200				12,700	189,217	C	745	3,758,603
1983	2,600	2,600		600	100				3,500	41,336	706		5,947,102
1984				300	100				10,000	127,467	1,321	C	2,397,373
1985				100					15,300	173,186	847	C	3,245,008
1986	600			3,200	1,500				168,400	232,197	6,375	1,335	3,256,777
1987	16,000	4,900		16,600	24,000		4,800		251,200	504,063	961	255	3,497,135
1988		3,400		19,200	16,900		4,300		291,600	438,222	1,029	726	3,071,687
1989	12,400	8,900		17,700	24,100		10,400		354,400	589,383	1,605	C	2,853,177
1990	6,585	5,530		24,329	28,336		43,411		491,651	838,914	284	491	1,978,819
1991	19,698	9,530		149,321	77,151		62,688		447,127	858,808	C	C	2,972,167
1992	608	2,277		31,873	51,751		37,930		271,313	738,362	1,952	71	2,028,703
1993	5	2,843		42,063	23,036		9,445		335,688	589,868	C	95	3,903,498
1994	C	893		124,733	19,915		3,363		376,818	531,371	362	C	3,098,336
1995		12,419	2	9,136	2,153		3,089		168,732	402,392	135	C	3,064,926
1996		2,523	8	17,980	40,821		C		283,750	401,839	236	C	2,244,667
1997	C	86		31,107	12,122		C		164,639	766,958	66	C	2,269,289
1998	C	109		37,238	13,242		C		121,109	372,415	160	C	2,498,458
1999	C	276		47,831	17,144		C		251,626	459,100		C	1,566,706
2000	C	188		35,825	11,757		C		C	659,726	192	C	1,675,458
2001	C	20,052		13,851	9,401	C	C		178,610	653,673		C	2,115,774
2002	C	C	3	18,741	11,196		20,725		102,417	698,448	9	C	1,994,195
2003	C	366		18,339	5,432		5,239		C	456,784	214	C	2,739,176
2004	C	5,971		16,921	3,060		4,881		66,979	456,242		C	3,065,324
2005	C	294		5,197	2,074	15	7,750		43,579	446,001		C	3,132,626
2006				C	301		418		C	470,662	C		3,141,531
2007		2,143		7,240	2,075		3,755		58,064	487,879	C	C	3,263,245
2008		162		2,512	1,210	C	7,136		153,576	415,405		C	2,262,504
2009		218	C	3,463	3,324	C	C		137,924	961,811			2,629,343
2010		522	C	3,712	829		4,939		47,441	911,866	C		3,551,357
2011		1,795	C	1,147	305		5,093		36,271	871,217			3,432,932
2012		2,135		2,293	2,806		3,634		18,317	916,439			2,596,917
2013	C	C	C	4,467	265		2,553		7,746	620,752			2,265,390
2014	C	43	C	2,550	292		1,644		7,859	673,974	C		2,585,281
2015		C		1,357	2,746		2,228		14,472	561,407	28		1,807,967
2016		C		813	1,997	C	16,209		33,091	601,526	133		2,461,178
2017	C	652		1,053	462		817		26,178	816,017	135		2,672,655
2018	C	951		1,283	950		3,112		23,988	796,890	C		2,926,282
2019		1,484	C	5,683	2,010	C	C		189,739	722,396	C	C	2,998,800