

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

February 6, 2020

8:00 – 10:00 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 Commissioners and Committee members only.

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from October 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss Potential Allocation of Remaining Plus-up Funds (*R. Beal*)
5. Update on Review of Advisory Panel and Public Input Process (*R. Beal*)
6. Discuss Management Board Changes to Accommodate Shifts in Species Distributions (*R. Beal*)
7. Future Annual Meetings Update (*R. Beal*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Please Note: Breakfast will be served as members arrive; members may arrive as early as 7:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Westin Crystal City; 1800 S. Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202; 703.486.1111

Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

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

**Wentworth by the Sea Marriott
New Castle, NH
October 30, 2019**

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- 1. Approval of Agenda by Consent. (Page 2)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Summary from August 6, 2019 by Consent. (Page 2)**
- 3. On behalf of the AOC, move to approval of the FY19 Audit of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. (Page 2)**
- 4. Move the Policy Addressing Non-payment of State Assessments be forwarded to the full Commission for action. (Page 2)**
- 5. Adjournment by Consent (Page 3)**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

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| Pat Keliher, ME | Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair) |
| Doug Grout, NH | Andy Shiels, PA |
| Dennis Abbott, NH (L Chair) | Bill Anderson, MD |
| David Pierce, MA | Steve Bowman, VA |
| Justin Davis, proxy for Craig Miner, CT | Steve Murphey, NC |
| Jason McNamee, RI | Mel Bell, proxy for Robert Boyles, SC |
| Jim Gilmore, NY | Doug Haymans, GA |
| Joe Cimino, NJ | Jim Estes, FL |
| John Clark, DE | |

Other Commissioners

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| Mike Blanton, NC (L proxy) | Ritchie White, NH (GA) |
| David Borden, RI (GA) | Spud Woodward, GA (GA) |
| Raymond Kane, MA (GA) | |
| Eric Reid, RI (L Proxy) | |

Staff

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| Bob Beal | Laura Leach |
| Pat Campfield | Geoff White |

Others

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| Chris Batsavage, NC DMF | Nichola Meserve, MA DMF |
| Maureen Davidson, NY DEC | Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries |
| Lynn Fegley, MD DNR | Cheri Patterson, NHF&GD |
| Kris Kuhn, PFBC | Alesia Read, NOAA Fisheries |
| Kim McKown, NY DEC | |

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Garden Ballroom of The Wentworth by the Sea in New Castle, New Hampshire October 30, 2019. The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Chair Jim Gilmore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the August 6, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

FY19 AUDIT

The FY19 Audit was reviewed by the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC) and forwarded to the Executive Committee with a recommendation for approval, noting the auditors provided a clean opinion and found no issues of concern. **On behalf of the AOC, move approval of the FY19 Audit of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.** Motion made by Mr. Keliher. The motion passed unanimously.

REMAINING PLUS-UP FUNDS ALLOCATION

Staff presented options for allocating the remaining plus-up funds and the Committee had a good discussion on potential projects. Following the discussion, the Committee agreed to support the Winter Striped Bass Tagging Cruise (~\$25K) and tasked staff with further development of a list of potential

projects to use the remaining ~\$175K for consideration at a future meeting.

PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS

There is concern that public engagement in the Commission's process is dropping off; so the Committee discussed possible ways to remedy this. The Committee requested staff provide an analysis of current membership and participation. The Committee also requested the Management & Science Committee brainstorm on better ways to engage stakeholders and capture public input including the possible use of surveys designed by the Committee on Economics and Social Science to facilitate input.

STATE ASSESSMENTS

Staff presented a policy concerning non-payment of state appropriations. After a couple of clarifying questions, a motion to recommend the full Commission approve the policy was made and passed unanimously. The policy details the timeline for billing and balance due reminders, as well as consequences for not fully paying state assessments. **Move the Policy Addressing Non-payment of State Assessments be forwarded to the full Commission for action.** Motion made by Mr. Grout; seconded by Mr. Keliher. Motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Leach provided an update on future annual meetings, noting that in 2020 we'll be in New Jersey; 2021 North Carolina; in 2022 Maryland and in 2023 we'll be in Delaware.

ADJOURN

CHAIR JIM GILMORE closed the public portion of the Executive Committee meeting

at 9:05 a.m. to go into a closed session. The Executive Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.