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Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

MEMORANDUM

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TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board; Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Shad and River Herring Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Spring Meeting Webinar: May 3-6, 2021

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting Webinar will be held May 3-6, 2021. Meeting materials are now available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2021-spring-meeting-webinar>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, April 28.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Monday, May 3 at 1:00 p.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 12:30 p.m.) on Thursday, May 6. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. To register for the webinar go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4182611915717793807>, Webinar ID# 647-565-931.

Each day, the webinar will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the first meeting so that people can troubleshoot any connectivity or audio issues they may encounter. If you are having issues with the webinar (connecting to or audio related issues), please contact Chris Jacobs at 703.842.0790.

If you are joining the webinar but will not be using VoIP, you can may also call in at 1.562.247.8321 (a pin will be provided to you after joining the webinar); see [webinar instructions](#) for details on how to receive the pin. For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen in to the audio portion only, you can do so by dialing 1.562.247.8321 (access code: 785-852-884)

We look forward to meeting with you at the Spring Meeting Webinar. If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.

Enclosure: Public Comment Guidelines and Final Agenda



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Spring Meeting Webinar

May 3-6, 2021

Public Comment Guidelines

To provide a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings. **Please note these guidelines have been modified to adapt to meetings via webinar:**

For issues that are not on the agenda, management boards will continue to provide an opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

For topics that are on the agenda, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

For agenda action items that have already gone out for public comment, it is the Policy Board's intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has **NOT** established a specific public comment period (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

1. Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of the webinar (April 19) has been included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 27 will be included in the supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, April 30 will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

Comments should be submitted via email at comments@asmfc.org. All comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution.

Final Agenda

The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. It is our intent to begin at the scheduled start time for each meeting, however, if meetings run late the next meeting may start later than originally planned.

Monday, May 3

1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

American Lobster Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: McKiernan

Other Participants: Reardon, Perry, Beal, DeVoe, Webb

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Technical Committee Recommendation on Management Strategy Evaluation Options for Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank and Southern New England American Lobster Fisheries (*K. Reardon*) **Possible Action**
5. Update on Development of Draft Addendum XXVII on Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Resiliency (*C. Starks*)
 - Provide Guidance to Plan Development Team on Draft Management Options
6. Discuss Vessel Tracking for the Lobster Fishery (*C. Starks*) **Possible Action**
 - Update on Tracking Projects (*A. Webb, W. DeVoe*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Tuesday, May 4

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council

Partners: ASMFC, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, MAFMC, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, NEFMC, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, NMFS, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, PRFC, Rhode Island, SAFMC, South Carolina, USFWS, Virginia

Chair: Carmichael

Staff: White

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Carmichael*)
2. Council Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meetings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review Funding Decision Document and 2022 Request for Proposals (*J. Simpson*) **Action**
5. Program Updates (*G. White, J. Simpson*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

American Eel Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Fegley

Other Participants: Tuckey, Beal, DeLucia

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2020 Commercial Yellow Eel Landings (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*M. DeLucia*)
5. Progress Update on 2022 American Eel Benchmark Stock Assessment (*K. Anstead*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Discussion Session on President Biden’s Executive Order: Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

Speaker: Sam Rauch, NOAA Fisheries

[Executive Order 14008 Section 216 \(c\)](#) Directs NOAA to Collect Recommendations on How to Make Fisheries, Including Aquaculture, and Protected Resources more Resilient to Climate Change, Including Changes in Management and Conservation Measures, and Improvements in Science, Monitoring, and Cooperating Research

2:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Woodward

Other Participants: Newhard, Kersey

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
5. Discuss Revisiting the Commercial Quota Provisions of Amendment 3 (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**

6. Review Data Needs for Spatially Explicit Management of Atlantic Menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay (*J. Newhard*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, May 5

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Commissioners and Committee members only)

Members: Abbott, Anderson, Batsavage, Bell, Bowman, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Estes, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Woodward

Chair: Keliher

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 3, 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*S. Woodward*)
 - Presentation of the FY 2022 Budget **Action**
 - Presentation of Statement of Investment Policy Guidelines **Action**
5. Update on Activities of the Allocation Subcommittee
6. Discuss Second Round of CARES Act Assistance (*R. Beal*)
7. Future Annual Meeting Update (*L. Leach*)
 - October 18-21, 2021 – Long Branch, New Jersey
 - 2022 – North Carolina
 - 2023 – Maryland
 - 2024 – Delaware
8. Other Business
9. Executive Director Performance Review (**Closed Session**)
10. Adjourn

10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Shad and River Herring Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Other Participants: Neilan, Gadomski, Warner

Chair: Davis

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Davis*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment

4. Review Technical Committee Progress on Board Tasks (*B. Neilan*)
 - Consider Technical Guidance Document for Implementation of Amendments 2 and 3 to the Shad and River Herring Fishery Management Plan **Action**
 - Update on Methods to Evaluate Bycatch in Mixed-stock Fisheries in State Waters
 - Consider Technical Committee Recommendations on Addressing Fish Passage Performance **Action**
5. Consider Approval of Shad Habitat Plan Updates **Action**
 - Review Technical Committee Recommendations (*B. Neilan*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 – 4:30 p.m. Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Borden

Other Participants: Sullivan, Godwin, Blanchard, Lee

Staff: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider the 2020 Albemarle Sound-Roanoke River Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment and Peer Review Panel Report (*L. Lee, C. Godwin*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*K. Sullivan*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Public Comment Summary to Draft Amendment 7 Public Information Document
 - Public Comment Summary (*E. Franke*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*E. Franke*)
6. Draft Amendment 7 (*D. Borden*) **Action**
 - Provide Guidance to the Plan Development Team for Draft Amendment 7
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, May 6

9:00 a.m. – Noon

Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

ASMFC Chair: Keliher

Other Participants: Pugliese

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*P. Keliher*)
5. Review and Consider New York's Appeal of Addendum XXXIII to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (*P. Keliher*) **Final Action**
6. Discuss *de minimis* within Commission Fishery Management Plans (*T. Kerns*)
7. Discuss East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative (*T. Kerns*)
8. Discuss the Board Process of Approving Fishery Management Plan Reviews and Recommendations from Plan Review Teams (*T. Kerns*)
9. Update on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Research Steering Committee to Evaluate Restarting the Research Set-aside Program (*R. Beal*)
10. SEAMAP Report (*S. Murray*)
11. Review Noncompliance Findings (if Necessary) **Action**
12. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

Business Session

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Chair: Keliher

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if Necessary) **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn