

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

*August 4, 2021
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 May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. CARES “The Act” Update (*R. Beal*)
5. Report from Administrative Oversight Committee (*S. Woodward*)
6. Discuss Annual Meeting Attendance and Future Meeting Formats (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss Pending Shark Finning Legislation (*R. Beal*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

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

**Virtual via GoToMeeting
Arlington, VA
May 5, 2021**

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1. **Approval of Agenda by Consent. (Page 2)**
2. **Approval of Meeting Summary from February 3, 2021 by Consent. (Page 2)**
3. **“On behalf of the AOC, I move approval of the FY21 Budget as presented.” (Mr. Woodward on behalf of the AOC) Motion passed unanimously. (Page 2)**
4. **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move approval of the Statement of Investment Policy Guidelines. (Mr. Woodward on behalf of the AOC) Motion was tabled until the Summer Meeting. (Page 2)**
5. **Adjournment by Consent (Page 2)**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME	Kris Kuhn, PA
Cheri Patterson, NH	John Clark, DE
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)	Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
Dan McKiernan, MA	Bill Anderson, MD
Jason McNamee, RI	Steve Bowman, VA
Justin Davis, CT	Chris Batsavage, proxy for Kathy Rawls, NC
Jim Gilmore, NY	Mel Bell, proxy for Phil Maier, SC
Joe Cimino, NJ	Spud Woodward, GA

Other Commissioners/Proxies

David Borden, RI (GA)	Robert LaFrance, CT (GA Proxy)
Maureen Davidson, NY (AA Proxy)	Mike Luisi, MD DNR
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Sen. Dave Miramant, ME (LA)
Pat Geer, VA (AA Proxy)	Eric Reid, RI (LA Proxy)
Doug Haymans, GA (AA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)	Megan Ware, ME (AA Proxy)
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)	Ritchie White, NH (GA)

Staff

Bob Beal	Dustin Colson Leaning
Laura Leach	Toni Kerns
Kristen Anstead	Savannah Lewis
Lindsey Aubart	Kirby Rootes-Murdy
Pat Campfield	Sarah Murray
Lisa Carty	Deke Tompkins
Emilie Franke	Geoff White
Chris Jacobs	

Others

Karen Abrams, NOAA
Pat Augustine, Coram, NY
Joe Ballenger, SC DNR
Ellen Bolen, VMRC
Jamie Botinovch
Colleen Bouffard, CT DEEP
William Brantley, NC DENR
Jeff Brust, NJ DEP
Allison Colden, CBF
Julie Evans
Peter Fallon, Maine Stripers
Cynthia Ferrio, NOAA
Alexa Galvan, VMRC
Deidre Gilbert, ME DMR
Angela Giuliano, MD DNR
Zach Greenberg, Pew Trusts
Jeff Kaelin, Lund's Fisheries
Wilson Laney

Dee Lupton, NC DENR
Chip Lynch, NOAA
Shanna Madsen, VMRC
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Steve Meyers
Mike Millard, US FWS
Chris Moore, CBF
Clint Morgeson, VA DWR
Daniel Namur, NOAA
Jeff Nichols, ME DMF
Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries
Jill Ramsey, VMRC
Story Reed, MA DMF
Jared Silva, MA DMF
Somers Smott, VMRC
Chris Wright, NOAA
Renee Zobel, NH F&G

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened virtually via a GoToMeeting webinar May 5, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Pat Keliher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting were approved as presented

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (AOC)

Mr. Woodward presented the report of the AOC. The AOC reviewed the proposed FY22 Budget and forwarded it to the Executive Committee with the following motion: **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move approval of the FY22 Budget.** Motion by Spud Woodward. Motion passed unanimously.

The Statement of Investment Policy Guidelines (IPG) was reviewed by the AOC and forwarded to the Executive Committee with the following motion: **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move approval of the Statement of Investment Policy Guidelines.** Motion by Spud Woodward. The Committee discussed the revised IPG and received questions about the intent of the IPG. The Chair suggested the AOC further discuss the IPG and report back to the Executive Committee at the Summer Meeting. With the possibility of further revisions to the IPG, the Vice-Chair proposed tabling the motion to approve until the Summer Meeting.

UPDATE ON ALLOCATION WORK GROUP

Mr. Beal provided a brief overview of the Allocation Work Group (AWG). Eleven members have been appointed and the first AWG meeting is scheduled to be held on May 13th. It is anticipated there will be several additional meetings of the AWG to work through the issues raised during previous Executive Committee meetings.

CARES ACT (ROUND 2) UPDATE

Mr. Beal provided a brief overview of the second round of CARES assistance, technically known as the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, or The Act. Clarification was provided by NOAA Staff Karen Abrams and Dan Namur regarding the September 30, 2021 date. According to The ACT, the funds must be obligated by this date, and Congress prefers the funds are disbursed by this date, but the funds will not revert if not spent by the states by 9/30/21. NOAA will provide a list of projects, other than direct payments to individuals or businesses, that can be undertaken with The Act funds, but the list will not be exhaustive, so states are encouraged to develop their spend plans as they deem appropriate.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

Mrs. Leach provided an update on future Annual Meetings, with plans to hold the 80th Annual Meeting in Long Branch, NJ, October 18-21, 2021. Future Annual Meetings will be conducted in North Carolina (2022), Maryland (2023), and Delaware (2024).

ADJOURN

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:30 a.m. to go into a closed session to conduct the Executive Director's review.