



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

## MEMORANDUM

Revised April 27, 2022

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Coastal Pelagics Management Board; Coastal Sharks Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Sciaenids Management Board; Shad and River Herring Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal *REB*  
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Spring Meeting: May 2-5, 2022 (TA 22-007)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting will be held May 2-5, 2022 at **The Westin Crystal City** (Telephone: 703.486.1111), located at 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA. The room block is now closed; if you need assistance reserving a room, please contact Cindy Robertson at [Crobertson@asmfc.org](mailto:Crobertson@asmfc.org).

This will be a hybrid meeting (both in-person and remote) to allow for remote participation by Commissioners and interested stakeholders (meeting process details are provided later in this memo). The Law Enforcement Committee meeting will not be available remotely. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2022-spring-meeting>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, April 27, 2022.

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. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Monday, May 2 at 10 a.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 12:30 p.m.) on Thursday, May 5. To register for the webinar, please go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6673024452273516048> (Webinar ID: 243-937-907). If you are joining the webinar but will not be using voice over Internet protocol (VoIP), you may also call in at +1 (562) 247-8422, access code 616-672-938. 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, press the # key when asked for a PIN.

In terms of meeting process, Board chairs will ask both in-person and virtual Board members if they wish to speak. In-person members can simply raise their hands at the meeting without logging on to the webinar, while virtual members will raise their hands on the webinar. The Chair will work with staff to compile the list of speakers, balancing the flow of questions/comments between in-person and virtual attendees. The same process will be used for the public and interested stakeholders when the Board Chair provides an opportunity for public comment. 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.

Each day, the webinar will begin 15 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.

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

Enclosures: Final Agenda, Hotel Directions, TA 22-007, and Travel Reimbursement Guidelines



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## 2022 Spring Meeting

May 2-5, 2022

### Public Comment Guidelines

To provide a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

**For issues that are not on the agenda**, management boards will continue to provide 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 three weeks prior to the start of a meeting week (April 11) have been included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup> will be included in supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail and email.

# Final Agenda

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## Monday, May 2

10:00 a.m. – Noon

### **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 Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Funding Decision Document and FY2023 Request for Proposals (*J. Simpson*) **Action**
5. Committee Updates
  - 2022 Data Accountability Report – Completed
  - Status Update on 2023-2027 Atlantic Recreational Implementation Plan
  - Status Update on Methodology for Logbook Estimates of Catch and Effort with Dockside Validation
6. Program Updates
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

### **Lunch Break**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

### **Coastal Pelagics Management Board**

*Member States:* Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, SAFMC

*Chair:* Cimino

*Other Participants:* Giuliano, Hodge

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Quota Block Timeframe for Cobia **Possible Final Action**
  - Technical Committee Report (*A. Giuliano*)
  - Consider Changes to the Three-Year Quota Block for Harvest Specifications for Cobia (*J. Cimino*)
5. Updates on Spanish Mackerel Stock Assessment Timeline and Federal Waters Management (*E. Franke*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**2:15 – 4:15 p.m.**

**Sciaenids Management Board**

*Member States:* New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC

*Chair:* Batsavage

*Other Participants:* Franco, Giuliano, Paramore, Rickabaugh, Hodge, Ballenger, Schueller

*Staff:* Bauer

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Red Drum Simulation Assessment and Peer Review Report **Action**
  - Presentation of Red Drum Simulation Assessment Report (*J. Ballanger*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*A. Schueller*)
5. Progress Update on Black Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*)
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**Tuesday, May 3**

**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**

**Horseshoe Crab Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Clark

*Other Participants:* Ameal, Couch

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Update on Draft Addendum VIII (*C. Starks*)
  - Review Recommendations on Options for Implementing the Adaptive Resource Management Framework Revision
  - Provide Guidance to the Plan Development Team
5. Update on PDT Review of Biomedical Mortality and Best Management Practices for Biomedical Collections (*C. Starks*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 – 11:45 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, Warner

*Chair:* Fegley

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider American Shad Habitat Plans/Updates (*B. Neilan*) **Action**
  - Connecticut River
  - Merrimack River
5. Consider American Shad and River Herring Sustainable Fishery Management Plan Updates (*B. Neilan*) **Action**
  - New York (River Herring)
  - Delaware River Basin Cooperative (American Shad)
6. Consider Technical Committee Report from Board Task on Prioritizing Systems for Shad Recovery and Developing Inventory of Available Data to Support Development of Fish Passage Criteria (*B. Neilan*)
7. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for 2020 Fishing Year (*J. Boyle*) **Action**
8. Update on the 2023 River Herring Benchmark Stock Assessment
  - Discuss Stock Assessment Subcommittee Membership (*K. Drew*)
9. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break**

**12:45 – 5:15 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:* Bell

*Other Participants:* Newhard, Kersey

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Bell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. 2021 Landings Data Update (*J. Boyle*)

5. Consider Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Review 2020 Landings Proposal
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**6:30 – 8:00 p.m.                    2020 and 2021 Annual Awards of Excellence Reception**

**Wednesday, May 4**

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.                    Executive Committee**

Breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m.                    *(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)*

*Members:* Abbott, Bell, Burgess, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Fegley, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Plumlee, Rawls, Woodward

*Chair:* Woodward

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of the Commission Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 (*L. Leach*) **Action**
5. Consider Changes to the Commission’s Appeals Policy (*R. Beal*)
6. Discuss Use of *De Minimis* in Interstate Fishery Management Plans (*T. Kerns*)
7. Conduct the Executive Director’s Performance Review (**Closed Session**)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.                    Law Enforcement Committee** *(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for the LEC Coordinator and Committee members only)*

1 hour lunch break  
Included

*Members:* Aydelotte, Beal, Blanchard, Brown, Burrell, Couch, Gadomski, Hettenbach, Hodge, Hogan, Kersey, Moore, Moran, Noel, Pearce, Ray, Rogers, Seltzer, Snellbaker, Thomas, Walker, Williams

*Chair:* Snellbaker

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the LEC Representatives (*J. Snellbaker*)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Introductions
5. Review Enforceability Guidelines and Consider Updates, as Needed
6. Review and Discuss ASMFC Species
  - Trackers in the American Lobster Fishery
  - Atlantic Herring: Update on Regulation Changes in Federal Waters
7. State Agency Reports
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Review and Discuss Ongoing Enforcement Activities (**Closed Session**)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Coastal Sharks Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Bell

*Other Participants:* Willey, Thomas, Brewster-Geisz

*Staff:* Colson Leaning

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Bell*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Zero Retention Limit/Closure of the Shortfin Mako Fishery **Final Action**
  - Overview of the NOAA Fisheries Proposed Rule (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
5. Review Convention in the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora Proposal to List 54 Shark Species in Appendix II (*D. Colson Leaning*) **Possible Action**
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:30 a.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

1 hour lunch break included

*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:* Gary

*Other Participants:* Hoffman, Blanchard

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gary*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Draft Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*E. Franke*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*E. Franke*)
  - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*K. Blanchard*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Draft Amendment 7
5. Review 2022 Stock Assessment Update Projection Scenarios (*K. Drew*)
6. Consider Next Steps for Draft Addendum VII to Amendment 6 **Possible Action**
  - *Motion from October 2021: Move to defer until May 2022 consideration by the Atlantic Striped Bass Board of Draft Addendum VII to Amendment 6 to allow further development and review of the transfer options*
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn



**Thursday, May 5**

**8:30 – 11:00 a.m.**

**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

*Chair:* Woodward

*Other Participants:* C. Upite

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*S. Woodward*)
5. Consider Changes to the Appeals Policy (*R. Beal*) **Final Action**
6. Update on Mode Split Work Group (*R. Beal*)
7. Report from *De Minimis* Work Group (*T. Kerns*) **Possible Action**
8. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning (*T. Kerns*)
9. Committee Reports
  - Law Enforcement Committee (*T. Kerns*)
10. NOAA Report on Sea Turtle Bycatch in Trawl Fisheries (*C. Upite*)
  - Review Stakeholder Outreach on Action to Develop Bycatch Reduction Measure to Reduce Sea Turtle Takes
11. Update on MAFMC's Consideration of Re-initiating the Research Set Aside Program (*R. Beal*)
12. Review Information Related to Tautog Commercial Tagging Program (*J. Boyle*)
13. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
14. Other Business/Recess

**11:00 – 11:15 a.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:* Woodward

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Amendment 7 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Striped Bass (*M. Gary*) **Final Action**
5. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if necessary)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

*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:* Woodward

*Staff:* Kerns

15. Reconvene with the MAFMC
16. Initial Discussion on Commission Harvest Control Rule Draft Addenda and MAFMC Framework  
*(D. Colson Leaning, J. Beatty)*
17. Other Business/Adjourn