



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

## MEMORANDUM

January 19, 2022 (Revised)

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Spiny Dogfish Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board; Tautog Management Board

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Executive Director

RE: ASMFC 2022 Winter Meeting Webinar

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 2022 Winter Meeting Webinar will be held January 25-27, 2022. Meeting materials are now available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2022-winter-meeting>. Due to concerns about the continued spread of COVID-19 and the challenges of conducting a fully participatory hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual meeting combined), the meeting has shifted from a hybrid meeting to one that will be conducted entirely via webinar.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Tuesday, January 25 at 10 a.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 3:15 p.m.) on Thursday, January 27. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. Management boards will continue to provide opportunity for 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. To register for the webinar go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8463911188401300749> (Webinar ID: 212-070-371).

Each day, the webinar will begin 30 minutes prior to the start of the first meeting so 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 also call in at 415.655.0600, access code 774-133-932. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar; see [webinar instructions](#) for details on how to receive the PIN.

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

Enclosure: Public Comment Guidelines and Final Agenda



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## 2022 Winter Meeting Webinar

January 25-27, 2022

### 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 (January 10) have been included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, January 18 are included in the supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, January 21 will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

Comments should be submitted via email at [comments@asmfc.org](mailto: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.

## Tuesday, January 25

**10:00 – 11:30 a.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:* McNamee

*Other Participants:* Perry, Reardon, Beal

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. McNamee*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October and December 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum XXVII for Public Comment: *Increasing Protection of Spawning Stock in the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank (C. Starks) Action*
5. Consider Terms of Reference for Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Reviews for American Lobster and Jonah Crab for 2020 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:00 – 2:30 p.m.**

### **Tautog Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Luisi

*Other Participants:* Ares, Snellbaker

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Discuss Hypothetical Scenarios from Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool (*J. McNamee*)
5. Review Feedback from Law Enforcement Committee on Commercial Tagging Program (*J. Snellbaker*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

**Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Davis

Other Participants: Wojcik, Snellbaker

Staff: Colson Leaning

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Davis*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review Information for 2022 Recreational Specifications
  - Reconsider the 2022 Recreational Specifications **Possible Final Action**
  - Consider Methodology for Adjusting 2022 Recreational Measures **Possible Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

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

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: Meserve

Other Participants: Newlin, Moran

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*N. Meserve*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Postponed Motions from October 2021 (*N. Meserve*) **Final Action**

Main Motion

*Move to set at least a 7500-pound trip limit in the Northern Region (ME through CT) for FY2022 contingent upon NOAA Fisheries adopting at least a 7500-pound trip limit for federal waters. If at least a 7500-pound trip limit is not approved in federal waters, then the 6,000-pound trip limit will remain in the Northern Region.*

Motion to Substitute

*Move to substitute to set the Northern Region (ME through CT) state waters trip limit for FY2022 equal to the trip limit in federal waters approved by NOAA Fisheries.*

Motion to Postpone

*Move to postpone action around the state waters trip limits for FY2022 until the ASMFC Winter Meeting.*

5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, January 26**

**8:00 – 9:30 a.m.**

**Executive Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Commissioners and Committee members 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 October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss the Commission's Role in Coordinating the Member States' Efforts in Offshore Wind Energy Development
5. Discuss Appeals Process (*R. Beal*)
6. Discuss CARES Act State Distributions (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss the Use of Alternates for Advisory Panel Members (*P. Keliher*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**9:45 – 11:45 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: Cimino*

*Other Participants: Brunson, Couch, Sweka, Chen*

*Staff: Starks*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Adaptive Resource Management (ARM) Revision and Peer Review Report
  - Presentation of ARM Revision Report (*J. Sweka*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*Y. Chen*)
  - Consider Management Response to ARM Revision and Peer Review Report (*J. Cimino*)

**Possible Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

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

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

**NOAA Presentation on Sea Turtle Bycatch in Trawl Fisheries** (*Carrie Upite*, Sea Turtle Recovery Coordinator, NOAA Fisheries' Greater Atlantic Region Fisheries Office)

NOAA Fisheries will provide an overview of its outreach process to develop bycatch reduction measures to reduce takes of sea turtles in Atlantic coast trawl fisheries

1:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
(break included)

**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:* Gary

*Other Participants:* Sullivan, Blanchard, Bassano

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gary*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Amendment 7 for Public Comment (*E. Franke*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

**Thursday, January 27**

8:30 a.m. – Noon

**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, Lapp, Brust

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Bell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Update on 2020-2021 Atlantic Menhaden Mortality Events (*J. Brust*)
5. Consider Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 for Public Comment (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
  - Advisory Panel Report (*M. Lapp*)
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**Noon – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch Break**

**1:00 – 3:00 p.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

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*S. Woodward*)
5. Review and Discuss 2021 Commissioner Survey Results (*D. Tompkins*)
6. Consider Policy on Information Requests (*R. Beal*) **Action**
7. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning (*T. Kerns*)
8. Committee Reports (*L. Havel*)
  - Habitat
  - Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership
9. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**3:00 – 3:15 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:* Woodward

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Amendment 22 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass: Commercial/Recreational Allocation (*J. Davis*) **Final Action**
5. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if necessary) **Final Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn