

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

January 26, 2022

8:00 – 9:30 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/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings 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. Other Business/Adjourn

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

**Virtual via GoToMeeting
Arlington, VA
October 20, 2021**

INDEX OF MOTIONS

1. **Approval of Agenda** by Consent. (Page 1)
2. **Approval of Meeting Summary from August 4, 2021** by Consent. (Page 1)
3. **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move acceptance of the FY21 Audit** (Page 1). Motion by Spud Woodward on behalf of the AOC. Motion passed unanimously (Page 1).
4. **Adjourn** by Consent (Page 1).

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME
Cheri Patterson, NH
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)
Dan McKiernan, MA
Jason McNamee, RI
Justin Davis, CT
Jim Gilmore, NY
Joe Cimino, NJ
Kris Kuhn, PA

Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
John Clark, DE
Bill Anderson, MD
Steve Bowman, VA
Chris Batsavage, NC
Mel Bell, SC
Spud Woodward, GA
Erika Burgess, FL

Other Commissioners/Proxies

Lynn Fegley MD DNR
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)
Pat Geer, VA (AA Proxy)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)
Rob LaFrance, CT (LA Proxy)
Mike Luisi, MD DNR

Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Adam Nowalsky, NJ (LA Proxy)
Craig Pugh, DE (LA Proxy)
Eric Reid, RI (LA Proxy)
Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Megan Ware, ME (AA Proxy)
Ritchie White, NH (GA)

Staff

Bob Beal
Laura Leach
Toni Kerns
Tina Berger
Lisa Carty
Pat Campfield
Geoff White
Kristen Anstead
Lindsey Aubart
Lisa Havel

Chris Jacobs
Jeff Kipp
Dustin Colson Leaning
Savannah Lewis
Kirby Rootes-Murdy
Sarah Murray
Julie Simpson
Caitlin Starks
Deke Tompkins

Others

Karen Abrams, NOAA
Max Appelman, NOAA
Pat Augustine, Coram, NY
Frederick Bogue
Jeff Brust, NJ DEP
Derek Cox, FL FWC
Lennie Day
James Fletcher
Marty Gary, PRFC
Lewis Gillingham, VMRC
Greg Hinks, NJ DEP
Dionne Joshua
Josh Kiggans
Wilson Laney
Dee Lupton, NC DENR
Shanna Madsen, VMRC
Chris McDonough, SC DNR

Chip Lynch, NOAA
Steve Meyers
Mike Millard, US FWS
Jerry Morgan
Brandon Muffley, MAFMC
Allison Murphy, NOAA
Lindsey Nelson, NOAA
Derek Orner, NOAA
Willow Patten, NC DENR
Rachael Peabody, VMRC
Jill Ramsey, VMRC
Somers Smott, VMRC
Mike Waine, ASA
Meredith Whitten, NC DENR
Chris Wright, NOAA
Horace Wynn
Renee Zobel, NH FGD

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened October 20, 2021 virtually via a GoToMeeting webinar. The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Chair Pat Keliher.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the August 4, 2021 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSIDERATION OF FY21 AUDIT

The FY21 Audit was reviewed by the Administrative Oversight Committee and forwarded to the Executive Committee with a recommendation for approval. On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move acceptance of the FY21 Audit. Motion by Spud Woodward. Motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC INFORMATION REQUESTS POLICY

Mr. Beal presented the draft Policy on Responding to Public Information requests, which was drafted in consultation with the Commission's attorney. After a thorough discussion, Mr. Beal was directed to incorporate aspects of the discussion and bring it back to the EC for action at the January meeting.

OFFSHORE WIND ENERGY

Mr. Cimino requested discussion on the Commission's role in coordinating the member states' efforts regarding offshore wind energy development. While the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) has the lead in wind energy development, Mr. Cimino believes there needs to be coordination among the Atlantic coast states so they speak with a

unified voice. A robust discussion ensued, and Chair Keliher noted further discussion needs to take place at the January meeting to determine the appropriate role for the Commission.

SEAFOOD PROCESSORS PANDEMIC RESPONSE AND SAFETY BLOCK GRANT

The EC discussed the Seafood Processors Pandemic Response and Safety Block Grant Program under the Department of Agriculture. Several states felt the amount of funding available to them was not enough relative to the amount of work administering it would take; other states indicated they were interested but had questions. Mr. Beal will reach out to the Department of Agriculture to request a meeting to discuss this program with the states who are interested. State applications are due November 22, 2021.

APPEALS PROCESS

The EC discussed the revised Appeals Process and agreed with the changes to the process; however several Committee members said the allocation issue must remain as an issue that can be the subject of an appeal. Mr. Beal agreed there is a bit more work to do on the Appeals Process and will bring a revised document to the EC meeting in January.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The future annual meeting schedule is:

New Jersey in 2022; North Carolina in 2023 and Maryland in 2024.

ADJOURN

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:41a.m.