

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Spiny Dogfish Management Board

January 25, 2022

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Webinar

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; 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 (*N. Meserve*) 4:30 p.m.
2. Board Consent 4:30 p.m.
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment 4:35 p.m.
4. Consider Postponed Motions from October 2021 (*N. Meserve*) **Final Action** 4:45 p.m.

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 FY 2022 equal to the trip limit in federal waters approved by NOAA fisheries.

Motion to Postpone
Motion to postpone action around the state waters trip limits for FY2022 until the ASMFC Winter Meeting.
5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership 4:50 p.m.
(*T. Berger*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn 5:00 p.m.

MEETING OVERVIEW

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| Chair: Nichola Meserve (MA) Assumed Chairmanship: 10/21 | Technical Committee Chair: Scott Newlin (DE) | Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Pat Moran (NJ) |
| Vice-Chair: Vacant | Advisory Panel Chair: Vacant | Previous Board Meeting: October 21, 2021 |
| Voting Members: ME,NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, NMFS (12 votes) | | |

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from October 21, 2021

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time should use the webinar raise your hand function and the Board Chair will let you know when to speak. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance, the Board Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Consider Postponed Motions (4:45 - 4:50 p.m.) Final Action

Background

- In October, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) recommended to NOAA Fisheries to increase the federal commercial trip limit to 7,500 pounds. The decision was made based on analysis from MAFMC staff that indicated increasing the trip limit to that level would not have negative impact on the resource or markets.
- Later in October the Board considered the motion by the MAFMC but postponed action on the commercial trip limit in state waters until after the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) met in December. The Board postponed the following motions from the October 2021 meeting:

Main Motion

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- In December, the NEFMC voted to recommend increasing the federal commercial trip limit to 7,500 pounds.
- The postponed motions from the Board’s October meeting are back on the table.

Board Actions for Consideration

- Consider action on postponed motion

5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (4:50 - 4:55 a.m.) Action

Background

- There is one new nomination to the Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel- Captain Rick Bellavance, a commercial rod and reel fisherman and charter/party boat captain from Rhode Island (**Briefing Materials**)

Presentations

- Nominations by T. Berger

Board Actions for Consideration

- Approve Spiny Dogfish Advisory Panel nominations

6. Other Business/Adjourn