

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

February 1, 2023

8 – 9:30 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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.

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| 1. Welcome/Introductions (<i>S. Woodward</i>) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 2. Committee Consent | 8:05 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Meeting Summary from November 9, 2022 | |
| 3. Public Comment | 8:10 a.m. |
| 4. CARES Act Update (<i>R. Beal/L. Leach</i>) | 8:20 a.m. |
| 5. Discussion on Stipends for Legislator and Governors Appointee Commissioners (<i>R. Beal</i>) | 9:00 a.m. |
| 6. Other Business/Adjourn | 9:30 a.m. |

The meeting will be held at The Westin Crystal City (1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA; 703.486.1111) and via webinar; click [here](#) for details

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

**The Ocean Place Resort
Long Branch, New Jersey**

November 9, 2022

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- 1.** Approval of Agenda by Consent (Page 1).
- 2.** Approval of Meeting Summary from August 3, 2022 by Consent (Page 1).
- 3.** On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move acceptance of the FY22 Audit. Motion by Joe Cimino. Motion passed unanimously (Page 1).
- 4.** Adjourn by Consent (Page 2).

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
Lynn Fegley, MD
Patrick Geer, VA
Kathy Rawls, NC
Mel Bell, SC
Erika Burgess, FL

Other Commissioners/Proxies

Chris Batsavage, NC
David Borden, RI
Lewis Gillingham, VA
Emerson Hasbrouck, NY
Doug Haymans, GA

Bill Hyatt, CT
Dee Lupton, NC
Chris McDonough, SC
Renee Zobel, NH

Staff

Bob Beal
Toni Kerns
Laura Leach

Tina Berger
Lindsey Aubart
Lisa Carty

Guests

Alan Bianchi, NC DENR
Jesse Bisette, NJ DEP
Jason Bochat, NYS DEC
Phil Coates
Roman Dudus
Jennifer Foss, NMFS
Angela Giuliano, MD DNR
Jay Hermsen, NOAA
Jesse Hornstein, NYS DEC
Rick Jacobson, US FWS
Carrie Kennedy, MD DNR
Adam Kenyon, VMRC
Kathy Knowlton, GA DNR
John Kravchak
Chip Lynch, NOAA
Derek Orner, NOAA
Brian Neilan, NJ DEP
Willow Patten DC DENR

Lucas Pensinger, NC DENR
Nicholas Popoff, US FWS
Will Poston, SGA
Jill Ramsey, VMRC
Jason Rock, NC DENR
Brandi Salmon, NC DMF
Chris Scott, NYS DEC
McLean Seward, NC DENR
Ethan Simpson, VMRC
Melissa Smith, ME DMR
Somers Smott, VMRC Beth Versak, MD DNR
Craig Weedon, MD DNR
Meredith Whitten, NC DENR
Joshua McGilly, VMRC
Brandon Muffley, MAFMC
Greg Wojcik, CT DEEP
Chris Wright, NOAA

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened November 9, 2022 in the Monmouth Ballroom at The Ocean Place Resort in Long Branch, New Jersey. The meeting was called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair Spud Woodward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved, with the addition of reviewing the RISEE Act draft letter and a request for stipends for Legislative and Governor Appointee (L/GA) Commissioners.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the August 3, 2022 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSIDERATION OF FY22 AUDIT

The FY22 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 FY22 Audit." Motion by Joe Cimino. Motion passed unanimously.

CARES ACT UPDATE

Mr. Beal and Mrs. Leach gave an update on the balances in the CARES and CAA cooperative agreements. In CARES there is projected to be about \$55,000 unspent, which ASMFC will ask to re-budget to overhead for ASMFC. In CAA there is projected to be roughly \$5 million remaining that will be available for states who need additional funds. Staff will prepare a spreadsheet for the Executive Committee showing what the proposed re-allocation could be for discussion at the Winter Meeting.

DE MINIMIS POLICY

Ms. Kerns presented the draft De Minimis policy which was approved for consideration by the Policy Board.

NORTH ATLANTIC RIGHT WHALE FUNDS

Mr. Beal presented a proposed spreadsheet for allocation of the North Atlantic Right Whale funds. The EC discussed the spending strategy. The EC agreed to the proposed allocation. The four northern states will develop individual spend plans and staff will work with the states from Connecticut through Maryland to develop and submit one combined spend plan. Mr. Orner (NOAA) noted they are ready to review the spend plans and plan to turn them around within 1-2 weeks after submission.

CONSERVATION EQUIVALENCY

Ms. Kerns presented a summary of the progress on updating the Conservation Equivalency (CE) process. The CE Workgroup has responded to all of the questions from the Policy Board and the responses were approved for review by the Management & Science Committee.

RISEE ACT LETTER

Mr. Beal presented a letter drafted in support of the "Reinvesting In Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems Act of 2021" (RISEE), noting if passed, 37.5% of the money generated through off-shore energy would be dedicated to the states and 12.5% will also be available through competitive grants. The EC approved the letter of support be forwarded to the Policy Board for action.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Abbott raised the question of providing a stipend to the L/GA Commissioners for their volunteer service to ASMFC. Mr. Abbott's suggestion focused on providing stipends for participation in meetings beyond the four quarterly meeting weeks and joint meetings with the Mid-Atlantic Council, noting this work is more than should be required of a volunteer.

Staff was directed to look at the Council process and develop a proposed options for review at a future EC meeting.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The future annual meeting schedule is:
Beaufort, North Carolina 10/14 – 19/23; 2024 - Maryland; 2025 - Delaware; 2026 - Rhode Island; 2027 - South Carolina; 2028 – Massachusetts; 2029 – Pennsylvania; and 2030 – Georgia.

ADJOURN

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9 :45 a.m.