

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

*October 24, 2018
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
New York, New York*

Draft Agenda

The order in which these items will be taken is subject to change;
other items may be added as necessary.

A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2018 Audit **Action** (*P. Keliher/L. Leach*)
5. Discuss Priorities for Use of Plus-up Funding (*R. Beal*)
6. Discuss Changes to the Appeals Process (*J. McNamee*)
7. Discuss Appointment of Aquaculture Committee (*R. Beal*)
8. Review Quarterly Meeting Schedule (*R. Beal*)
9. Report from the Awards Committee (*S. Woodward*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

Please Note: Breakfast Buffet will be available at 7:30 a.m.

The meeting will be held at the Roosevelt Hotel, 45 East 45th Street & Madison Avenue, New York, NY; 212.661.9600

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

**The Westin Crystal City
Arlington, VA
August 7, 2018**

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2. **Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2, 2018 by Consent. (Page 2)**
3. **Adjournment by Consent (Page 3)**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME	Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
Doug Grout, NH	Andy Shiels, PA
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)	David Blazer, MD
David Pierce, MA	Steve Bowman, VA
Craig Miner, CT	Steve Murphey, NC
Bob Ballou (proxy for Jason McNamee, RI)	Robert Boyles, SC
Jim Gilmore, NY	Doug Haymans, GA
Joe Cimino, NJ	Krista Shipley (proxy for Jim Estes, FL)
John Clark, DE	

Other Commissioners

Peter Aarrestad, CT (AA)	Ed O'Brien, MD (LA)
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)	Ritchie White, NH (GA)
Eric Reid, RI (LA)	Spud Woodward, GA (GA)

Staff

Bob Beal	Toni Kerns
Laura Leach	Deke Tompkins
Mike Cahall	Geoff White

Others

Rachel Baker, NOAA Fisheries	Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries
Allison Colden, MD	Cheri Patterson, NHF&G
Justin Davis, CT	Sherry White, USFWS
Chip Lynch, NOAA Fisheries	Kate Wilke, TNC
Dan McKiernan, MA DMF	

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Crystal V/VI Room of The Westin Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia August 7, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Gilmore.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved with two changes; the discussion on the appeals process will be deferred until October and the discussion on the Right Whale lawsuit will take place in a closed session.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the May 2, 2018 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

UPDATE ON FEDERAL APPROPRIATIONS

Executive Director Beal gave an update on the Federal budget noting there was an increase to the Commission/Council line in FY18 as well as some procedural changes, resulting in an increase of roughly ½ million dollars to the Commission. It was noted that NOAA Fisheries has requested that a portion (~\$65K) of the increase be used to fund a security audit of ACCSP since federal data is housed in the database.

Staff was directed to develop options for using the remaining additional ACFCMA funds for consideration by the Executive Committee in October.

AQUACULTURE ACTIVITIES

Dr. Louis Daniel has been coordinating Aquaculture activities on the East Coast for the Commission. He provided an update on the projects that were funded with the initial allocation of \$500,000 from NOAA Fisheries. The question was asked; “What is ASMFC’s role in aquaculture?,” since aquaculture is managed by multiple agencies at the state and federal levels. After thorough discussion, the Executive Committee agreed to establish an Aquaculture Committee composed of state and federal representatives to characterize current state and federal activities and suggest potential future roles for the Commission. Staff will seek Aquaculture Committee nominations prior to the Annual Meeting.

ECOSYSTEM REPORTS

The Committee reviewed the federal ecosystem reports and requested that staff work with our federal partners to incorporate Commission-managed species into these reports. The information in the reports will help inform future management of the included Commission-managed species.

FUTURE SCOPE OF APAIS/MRIP

Mike Cahall provided a report on the Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS), noting that there is an overall increase of site intercepts of 23-26%, as well as improved efficiency, concluding these numbers validate states and the Commission taking on the burden of administering APAIS

Based on this success, the states are being asked to consider increasing their role in recreational data collection. The Executive Committee reviewed a white paper detailing the workload associated with state conduct of additional aspects of MRIP. The states will continue to consider increasing recreational data collection efforts with a final decision to be made in early 2019.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Executive Committee went into a closed session at 9:40 to discuss the Right Whale lawsuit.

RIGHT WHALE LAWSUIT

Executive Director Beal briefed the Executive Committee on the most recent lawsuit from Max Strahan regarding right whales and interactions with Lobster/crab gear.

ATLANTIC MENHADEN

Mr. Gilmore provided a brief update on Atlantic Menhaden compliance, noting that this is not really about menhaden; rather it is about our commitment to each other. It is more of an existential question, since we have made many allocation decisions in the past.

ADJOURN

CHAIR JIM GILMORE adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10:05 a.m.