

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Atlantic Menhaden Chesapeake Bay Work Group

Draft Agenda

September 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Webinar

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Stakeholders are welcome to submit a written comment to the Work Group, **please email your comments to comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: Atlantic Menhaden Work Group) by September 6 at 10:00 am.** All comments will be compiled and sent to the Work Group 1 week prior to its meeting.

Public comment during Work Group (WG) meetings may be limited and will be at the discretion of the Chair to allow the WG to complete its task. The Commission and WG Chair respectfully requests stakeholders follow these guidelines in order to keep comments together and to not overwhelm the in-boxes of WG members with comments. In order to treat all stakeholders fairly and consistently, we are unable accommodate requests for extended time on the agenda for public presentations.

1. **Welcome & Introduction** (*M. Gary*) 9:00 a.m.
2. **Review Work Group Task and Timeline** (*M. Gary*) 9:45 a.m.
3. **Establish Problem Statement(s) and Priority Species** (*All*) 10:45 a.m.
4. **Assign Tasks** (*M. Gary*) 11:45 a.m.
5. **Adjourn** 12:00 p.m.

The WG task is to consider and evaluate options for further precautionary management of Chesapeake Bay menhaden fisheries, including time and area closures, to be protective of piscivorous birds and fish during critical points of their life cycle.

Questions to consider when addressing the task:

1. What is the problem any management action would address (helping to frame a statement of the problem in any potential management action)?
2. What are the priority species to consider and what are the critical points of their life cycle?
3. What data can be used to support this discussion?
4. For each management strategy discussed, provide the benefits and implications.
5. How would performance of potential measures be evaluated?