

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## American Eel Management Board

*August 7, 2013  
8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Alexandria, Virginia*

### 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 (*T. Stockwell*) 8:00 a.m.
2. Board Consent 8:00 a.m.
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings of May 2013
3. Public Comment 8:05 a.m.
4. Draft Addendum III to the American Eel FMP 8:15 a.m.
  - Review of management options (*K. Taylor*)
  - Review of Working Group Recommendations (*K. Taylor*)
  - Stock Assessment Subcommittee Report (*B. Chase*)
  - Consider Working Group Draft Addendum III management options recommendations **Possible Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn 12:00 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia (703) 683 – 6000

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## **MEETING OVERVIEW**

### **American Eel Management Board Meeting**

**August 7, 2013**

**8:00 am – 12:00 p.m.**

**Alexandria, Virginia**

Chair: Terry Stockwell Assumed Chairmanship: 5/12	Technical Committee Chair: Brad Chase (MA)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Fessenden/Marston/Hurd
Vice Chair: Tom O'Connell	Advisory Panel Chair: Martie Bouw	Previous Board Meeting: May 21, 2013

**Voting Members:** ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, D.C.,  
PRFC, USFWS, NMFS (19 votes)

#### **2. Board Consent:**

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from May 21, 2013 Meeting

#### **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 must sign-up at the beginning of the meeting. 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. Draft Addendum III for Final Approval (8:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.) Possible Final Action**

##### **Background**

- The Board accepted the 2012 American Eel Stock Assessment for management use in May 2012. The stock assessment report found that American eel stocks were depleted. The Board initiated the development of Draft Addendum III in August 2012 with the goal of reducing mortality on all life stages of American eel.
- At the February Board meeting the Board approved Draft Addendum III for Public Comment (**Briefing CD**). The public comment period was open from March 20 – May 2. A total of 13 public hearings were held.
- At the May Board meeting the Board delayed final action on the addendum so that a Working Group comprised of Commissioners and the TC and AP Chairs could further develop management options for consideration by the Board (**Supplemental Material**).

##### **Presentation**

- Review of management options by K. Taylor
- Review of Working Group Recommendations by K. Taylor
- Stock Assessment Subcommittee Report by B. Chase

##### **Board actions for consideration**

- Consider working group recommendations on Draft Addendum III

#### **5. Other Business/ Adjourn**