

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Shad & River Herring Management Board

May 1, 2012
3:45 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
Alexandria, VA

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 (*M. Duval*) 3:45 p.m.
2. Board Consent 3:45 p.m.
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 7, 2012
3. Public Comment 3:50 p.m.
4. 2012 River Herring Stock Assessment Report **Action** 4:00 p.m.
 - Presentation of River Herring Stock Assessment (*J. Sweka*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*K. Limburg*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*L. Miller*)
 - Consider acceptance of benchmark stock assessment and peer review report for management use
5. Review and Discuss NEFMC Draft Amendment 5 **Action** 4:55 p.m.
 - Advisory Panel Recommendations (*P. Gromen*)
 - Working Group Recommendations (*K. Taylor*)
 - Review of Draft Amendment 5 management alternatives (*K. Taylor*)
 - Discuss preferred management alternatives in Draft Amendment 5
6. Review and Discuss MAFMC Draft Amendment 14 **Action** 5:40 p.m.
 - Review of Draft Amendment 14 (*K. Taylor*)
7. Consider approval of Amendment 3 American Shad Sustainable Fishery Plans **Action** 5:55 p.m.
 - Technical Committee Report (*L. Miller*)
8. Review of timeline for NOAA Fisheries Endangered Species Act Status Review of River Herring (*K. Taylor*) 6:05 p.m.
9. Other Business/Adjourn 6:15 p.m.

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

Healthy, self-sustaining populations for all Atlantic coast fish species or successful restoration well in progress by the year 2015

MEETING OVERVIEW

Shad & River Herring Management Board Meeting

May 1, 2012

2:15 – 4:45 p.m.

Alexandria, VA

Chair: Michelle Duval (NC) Assumed Chairmanship: 02/12	Technical Committee Chair: Larry Miller (USFWS)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Bridi/Thumm
Vice Chair: Terry Stockwell (ME)	Advisory Panel Chair: Pam Lyons Gromen	Previous Board Meeting: February 7, 2012
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS, USFWS (19 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from February 7, 2012

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-in 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 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. 2012 River Herring Stock Assessment Report (4:00 – 4:55 p.m.) Action
Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The river herring stock assessment was initiated in 2009 (Briefing CD).• The peer review workshop was conducted in March 2012 (Briefing CD).• The Technical Committee met on April 27, 2012 to review the peer review recommendations.
Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stock Assessment Overview by J. Sweka• Peer Review Report by K. Limburg• Technical Committee Report by L. Miller
Board actions for consideration at this meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Accept the Stock Assessment Report and Peer Review Report for management use.

5. Review and Discuss NEFMC Draft Amendment 5 (4:55 – 5:40 p.m.) Action
Background <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Amendment 5 management alternatives include options to mitigate and monitor shad and river herring bycatch in the Atlantic herring fishery (Briefing CD).• At the February 2012 Board meeting the Board tasked a working group, comprised of a subset of Board and Advisory Panel members, to develop preliminary recommendations on the preferred alternatives in Draft Amendment 5 (Briefing CD).
Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Draft Amendment 5 management alternatives

- Advisory Panel Recommendations by P. Gromen
- Working Group Recommendations by K. Taylor

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Select preferred alternatives on Draft Amendment 5

6. Review and Discuss MAFMC Draft Amendment 14 (5:40 – 5:55 p.m.)

Background

- The Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council approved a motion to address river herring bycatch in the Amendment 14 to the Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish (MSB) Fisheries at the MAFMC August 2009 Meeting. Public hearing will be held April - May 2012. The public comment period closes on June 4, 2012 (**Briefing CD**).

Presentations

- Draft Amendment 14 management alternatives and timeline by K. Taylor

7. Amendment 3 American Shad SFMPs (5:55 – 6:05 p.m.) Action

Background

- The Board approved Amendment 3 (American Shad) at the Winter 2010 Meeting. Under Amendment 3 states and jurisdictions were required to submit a sustainable fishing and recovery plans by August 1, 2011. Fisheries without an approved plan in place (with the exception of catch and release fisheries) are to close by January 1, 2013.
- At the 2011 Annual Meeting the Board approved fishing plans from South Carolina and Florida. At the February 2012 Board meeting the Board approved fishing plans from: Georgia, PRFC, and the Delaware River Cooperative. The Board also approved American shad recovery plans from: Delaware, New Hampshire, and Pennsylvania. Based on Technical Committee advice, the Board requested additional information from North Carolina and Maryland prior to the approval of their plans (**Briefing CD**).
- The Technical Committee met via conference call on April 27, 2012 to review the revised plans from North Carolina and Maryland.

Presentations

- Technical Committee Report by L. Miller

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Discuss and Consider Approval of American shad Sustainable FMPs **Action**

8. Review of timeline for NOAA Fisheries Endangered Species Act Status Review of River Herring (6:05 - 6:15 p.m.)

Background

- In August 2011 the National Resources Defense Council petitioned NOAA Fisheries to list alewife and blueback herring (river herring) as threatened under the Endangered Species Act throughout all or a significant portion of its range. Alternatively, the petition requests designation of distinct population segments (DPSs) of alewives and blueback herring and list each DPS as a threatened species.
- In November, NOAA Fisheries released a positive 90-day finding on the petition to list river herring under the ESA based on the fact that the petition presents substantial scientific information indicating the petitioned action may be warranted.

Presentations

- Update on timeline for ESA status review of river herring by K. Taylor

9. Other Business/Adjourn