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## MEMORANDUM

October 4, 2023

**TO:** Commissioners and Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Herring Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Coastal Pelagics Management Board; Coastal Sharks Management Board; Executive Committee; Habitat Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; Sciaenids Management Board; Shad and River Herring Management Board; Spiny Dogfish Management Board; Tautog Management Board

**FROM:** Robert E. Beal *REB*  
Executive Director

**RE:** **81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**  
October 16-19, 2023 (TA 23-051)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 81<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting will be held October 16-19, 2023 at the Beaufort Hotel, 2440 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, North Carolina. The room block is now closed and the hotel is sold out. This will be a hybrid meeting to allow for remote participation by Commissioners, committee members, and interested stakeholders in all meetings. The main webinar link provided in this memo will be for all board meetings, the ACCSP Coordinating Council, the Executive Committee, and the Business Session of the Commission. Webinar links for meetings of the Law Enforcement Committee and the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee/Habitat Committee can be found on the agendas for those meetings.

The final agenda and meeting materials for the Annual Meeting are now available at <https://www.asmfc.org/home/2023-annual-meeting>; click on the relevant Board/Committee name to access the documents for that Board/Committee. For ease of access, all board materials (including the ACCSP Coordinating Council, Executive Committee, and Business Session) have been combined into three documents - [October 16](#), [October 17](#), and [October 18-19](#). Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>.

The following pages contain the final agenda and public comment guidelines. Be advised the agenda's schedule is subject to change; the order in which the agenda items are listed is subject to change, and other agenda items or meetings may be added as necessary.

### Webinar Information

Board meetings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Monday, October 16 at 9 a.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 1:30 p.m.) on Thursday, October 19. To register for the webinar, please go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2497355278986432605> (Webinar ID 807-430-387)

If you are joining the webinar but will not be using voice over internet protocol (VoIP), you can also call in at +1 (562) 247-8422, access code 438-306-259. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar; see webinar instructions for details on how to receive the PIN.

For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen to the audio portion only, press the # key when asked for a PIN.

Each day, the webinar will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the first meeting so that people can troubleshoot any connectivity or audio issues they may encounter. If you are having issues with the webinar (connecting to or audio-related), please contact Chris Jacobs at 703.842.0790.

### Meeting Process

Board chairs will ask both in-person and virtual board members if they wish to speak. In-person members can simply raise their hands at the meeting without logging on to the webinar, while virtual members will raise their hands on the webinar. The chair will work with staff to compile the list of speakers, balancing the flow of questions/comments between in-person and virtual attendees. The same process will be used for public comment. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

### Getting to Beaufort

Located on the Crystal Coast, an 85-mile stretch of coastline in North Carolina the Beaufort Hotel is easily accessible by automobile or airplane. Three airports are within an easy drive: Raleigh-Durham International Airport (168 miles); Albert J. Ellis Airport (Jacksonville, NC - 61 miles); and Coastal Carolina Regional Airport (CCRA - 39 miles). From the first two airports, it would be best to rent a car to get to Beaufort and from CCRA you can take a taxi or an Uber.

### Registration

Please read the following carefully since we have changed the way we are handling meeting registration. All participants are required to register for the Annual Meeting events. However, only those **who will not be reimbursed for travel by the Commission** (see [travel authorization #23-051](#)) will need to pay the registration fee (e.g., guests and federal participants). The meeting registration fee is \$200/per participant and \$150/per spouse or guest **if you register by October 6, 2023**. After

**October 6th** and in Beaufort the fees will be \$225 and \$175, respectively. The registration fee covers the Monday night welcome reception, the Tuesday night dinner, and the Wednesday Hart Award Luncheon, as well event materials. You may register by returning the attached and [linked registration form](#) (by email to [lhartman@asmfc.org](mailto:lhartman@asmfc.org), or US mail to 1050 N. Highland Street, Suite 200A-N, Arlington, VA 22201). Once you have registered, payment can be made in several ways (1) credit card, which can be made [here](#); (2) check, cash or credit card at the ASMFC Registration Desk at the Annual Meeting; or (3) mail a check to ASMFC (address above).

### **Fishing Tournament**

Plans are well underway for the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Laura Leach Fishing Tournament. Everyone is invited and encouraged to participate. You will receive a t-shirt with your \$20 entry fee; and 100% of the tournament proceeds will be donated to Wounded Warrior Project. The tournament runs from Sunday (10/15) through Wednesday morning (10/18); the raffle drawing and tournament prizes will be awarded at Wednesday Hart Award Luncheon.

### **For Spouses/Guests**

The Social for Spouses and Guests will be held on Monday morning at the hotel. An historical tour of Beaufort is planned for Tuesday; full details will be provided in the spouse/guest program that will be available at the Registration desk.

We look forward to seeing you all in Beaufort in October!

Enclosures: Final Agenda & Public Comment Guidelines  
Travel Authorization 23-051  
Travel Reimbursement Guidelines



## Public Comment Guidelines

To provide a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

**For issues that are not on the agenda**, management boards will continue to provide opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will use a speaker sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

**For topics that are on the agenda**, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

**For agenda action items that have gone out for public comment**, it is the Policy Board's intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment (if any) to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has NOT established a specific public comment period** (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

1. Comments received three weeks prior to the start of a meeting week (September 25) will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by **5 PM on Tuesday, October 10** will be included in supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by **10 AM on Friday, October 13** will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail and email.

## Final Agenda

The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

### Monday, October 16

9 – 9:30 a.m.

#### **Atlantic Herring Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey

*Other Members:* NMFS, NEFMC

*Chair:* Ware

*Other Participants:* Zobel, Brown

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Ware*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Set Quota Periods for the 2024 Area 1A Fishery (*C. Starks*) **Final Action**
5. Update from New England Fishery Management Council (*J. Cournane*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 – 11:45 a.m.

#### **American Lobster Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* McNamee

*Other Participants:* Perry, Reardon, Beal

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. McNamee*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider 2023 Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report **Action**
  - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Carloni*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*R. Wong*)
  - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use

- Consider Management Response, if necessary
- 5. Consider Annual Data Update of American Lobster Indices (*K. Reardon*) **Possible Action**
  - Update on Addendum XXVII Trigger Index
- 6. Consider Terms of Reference and Timeline for the American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
- 7. Consider Pursuing a Management Strategy Evaluation for American Lobster
- 8. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for American Lobster and Jonah Crab for the 2022 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**
- 9. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Lunch Break**

**1 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Tautog Management Board**

*Member States:* Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Luisi

*Other Participants:* Weedon, Snellbaker

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Technical Committee Report on Commercial Tagging Program (*J. Boyle*) **Possible Action**
  - Discuss Potential Changes to the Tagging Program
5. Other Business/Adjourn

**1 – 5 p.m.**

**Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) Steering Committee**

*Members:* Atwood, Babb, Bolton, Campfield, Chiarella, Coakley, DeLucia, Dippold, Faulkner, Fournier, Greenberg, Groskin, Johnson, Laney, Medders, Moore, Rousseau, Schneider, Thomas-Blate, Tweel

*Chair:* Smith

*Other Participants:* Olive, Miller

*Staff:* Kaalstad

1. Welcome and Introductions (*K. Smith*)
2. Committee Consent (*K. Smith*)
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of 2023 Summer Meeting Minutes
3. Finalize 2023-2024 Action Plan (*S. Kaalstad*)
4. FY25 ACFHP Funding (*S. Kaalstad*)
  - Request for Proposals Development

- National Fish Habitat Partnership and America’s Conservation Enhancement (ACE) Act Alignment
  - Timelines
  - Online Application Form Walk-through
5. ACFHP Subcommittee Membership Update (*S. Kaalstad*)
  6. Recess/Reconvene on October 17 at 9 a.m.

**2 – 4 p.m.**

**Horseshoe Crab Management Board**

*Member States:* Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Clark

*Other Participants:* Walsh, Couch

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Results of Stakeholder Survey on Delaware Bay Management Objectives (*C. Starks*)  
**Possible Action**
5. Set 2024 Delaware Bay Harvest Specifications **Final Action**
  - Review Horseshoe Crab and Red Knot Abundance Estimates and Model Results from the Adaptive Resource Management Framework Revision (*J. Sweka*)
  - Set 2024 Specifications (*C. Starks*)
6. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2022 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**
7. Report on Status of Synthetic Endotoxin Testing Reagents (*C. Starks*)
8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

**4:15 – 5 p.m.**

**Shad and River Herring Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Fegley

*Other Participants:* Eakin, Sabo

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Proceedings from May 2023
3. Public Comment
  4. Progress Update on River Herring Benchmark Stock Assessment
  5. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2022 Fishing Year  
*(J. Boyle)* **Action**
  6. Other Business/Adjourn

**6 – 7:30 p.m. Welcome Reception**

**Tuesday, October 17**

**8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP)**

**Coordinating Council**

*Partners:* ASMFC, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, MAFMC, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, NEFMC, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, NMFS, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, PRFC, Rhode Island, SAFMC, South Carolina, USFWS, Virginia

*Chair:* McNamee

*Staff:* White

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(J. McNamee)*
2. Council Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of FY2024 ACCSP Project and Administrative Proposals for Funding  
*(J. Simpson)* **Action**
5. Consider Approval of SciFish Policies for ACCSP’s Citizen Science Mobile Application  
*(J. Simpson)* **Action**
6. Program and Committee Updates
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**9 a.m. – 5 p.m. ACFHP Steering Committee (continued)**

1. Reconvene
2. Beyond the Pond 501(c)(3) *(J. Coakley, S. Kaalstad)*
  - Updating the ACFHP Business Plan *(P. Campfield)*
  - Fundraising Strategies
3. NOAA Transformational Habitat Restoration Grant Opportunity *(K. Smith)*
4. National Fish Habitat Partnership Activities (NFHP, *J. Olive*)
5. North Carolina Coastal Federation Presentation (NCCF, *T. Miller*)
  - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation and Oyster Restoration in Bogue Sound
6. Wrap-up, Overview, and Next Steps *(K. Smith)*
7. Adjourn



**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**      **Presentation on NOAA Fisheries Marine Recreational Information Program Fishing Effort Survey Design and Estimates**

**12:15 – 1:30 p.m.**      **Lunch Break**

**1 – 5 p.m.**      **Law Enforcement Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for LEC Coordinator and Committee members only)*

*Members: Baker, Beal, Brown, Cloyd, Corbin, Couch, Day, Gadomski, Henry, Hettenbach, Hodge, Hogan, Mercer, Moore, Noel, Pearce, Rogers, Sabo, Snellbaker, Thomas, Walker, Williams*

*Chair: Snellbaker*

*Staff: Blanchard*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Snellbaker*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Introductions
5. Review and Discuss Commission Species (as needed)
  - Atlantic Striped Bass Draft Addendum II (*T. Kerns*)
  - Tautog Tagging Program Update
  - Other Species
6. Wildlife Officer Exchange Program (*J. Snellbaker*)
7. Review and Discuss Ongoing Enforcement Activities (Closed Session)
8. States Agency Reports
9. Recess/Reconvene on October 18 at 8:30 a.m.

**1:30 – 3 p.m.**      **Atlantic Menhaden Management Board**

*Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida*

*Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS*

*Chair: Bell*

*Other Participants: Craig, Corbin*

*Staff: Boyle*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Bell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Update on Ecological Reference Point Benchmark Assessment (*K. Drew*)
5. Review Virginia Chesapeake Bay Menhaden Study Design Report

6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2022 Fishing Year Review (*J. Boyle*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**3:15 – 4:45 p.m.**

**Coastal Pelagics Management Board**

*Member States:* Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida  
*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, SAFMC  
*Chair:* Cimino  
*Other Participants:* Giuliano, Pearce  
*Staff:* Tuohy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Update on SouthEast Data, Assessment, and Review Atlantic Migratory Group (AMG) Cobia Stock Assessment (*C. Tuohy*)
  - Review Stock Assessment Roadmap and Planned Commission and State Involvement
5. Consider Approval of State Recreational Management Measures for AMG Cobia for the 2024 Fishing Year (*C. Tuohy & A. Giuliano*) **Final Action**
6. Technical Committee Report (*A. Giuliano*) **Possible Action**
  - Review Recent Trends in State, Regional, and Coastwide AMG Cobia Landings
7. Update from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council on Mackerel Port Meetings and Coastal Migratory Pelagics Framework Amendment 13 (*J. Carmichael*)
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

**5 – 5:45 p.m.**

**Coastal Sharks Management Board**

*Member States:* Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida  
*Other Members:* NMFS  
*Chair:* Burgess  
*Other Participants:* Willey, Thomas  
*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*E. Burgess*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Set Specifications for 2024 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**

5. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Annual Dinner**

**Wednesday, October 18**

**8 – 10 a.m. Executive Committee**

*Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.*

*(A portion of this meeting may be closed for Committee members and Commissioners only)*

*Members: Abbott, Bell, Burgess, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Fegley, Gary, Geer, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Rawls, Woodward*

*Chair: Woodward*

*Staff: Leach*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of FY23 Audit (*J. Cimino*) **Action**
5. Discuss Per Diem Rate for Meals and Incidentals (*R. Beal*)
6. Legislative Update (*A. Law*)
7. Future Annual Meeting Update (*L. Leach*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**8:30 – 11:45 a.m. Law Enforcement Committee (continued)**

1. Reconvene
2. Update on Changes to Enforceability Guidelines (*J. Snellbaker*)
3. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Business Session of the Commission**

*Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida*

*Chair: Woodward*

*Staff: Beal*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from November 2022
3. Public Comment

4. Review and Consider Approval of 2024 Action Plan **Final Action**
5. Review Draft 2024-2028 Strategic Plan
6. Elect Commission Chair and Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**Captain David H. Hart Award Luncheon**

**1 – 1:45 p.m.**

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Meserve

*Other Participants:* Baker, Newlin

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*N. Meserve*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Review Atlantic Sturgeon Fishery Management Action Team/Plan Development Team Alternatives (*K. Cisneros*)
5. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2022-2023 Fishing Year (*J. Boyle*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**1 – 5 p.m.**

**Habitat Committee**

*Members:* Atwood, Ayvazian, Babb, Bachman, Chiarella, Chintala, Coakley, Colarusso, Dippold, Fournier, Johnson, Lafrance, McTigue, Medders, Peabody, Rousseau, Schneider, Sherwood, Smith, Vanderbuilt, Wilbur, Wilke

*Chair:* Babb

*Staff:* Kaalstad

1. Welcome and Introductions (*R. Babb*)
2. Committee Consent (*R. Babb*)
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Recap of Committee Activities
3. Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership presentation (APNEP, *B. Crowell*)
  - Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Monitoring and Assessment Program

4. *Habitat Hotline Atlantic Update (K. Wilke)*
  - Topics, Authors, and Future Direction
5. Recess/Reconvene on October 19 at 8:30 a.m.

**2 – 5 p.m.**

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Gary

*Other Participants:* Lengyel Costa, Mercer

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gary*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Draft Addendum II for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Technical Committee Report
5. Albemarle-Roanoke Atlantic Striped Bass Management Update (*C. Batsavage*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**Thursday, October 19**

**8:30 a.m. – Noon**

**Habitat Committee (continued)**

1. Reconvene
2. Overview of Sackett v. EPA
  - Discussion on New Supreme Court “Wetlands” Definition
  - Impacts to Partners and Ongoing Restoration Work
3. Habitat Management Series Update (*R. Babb, K. Wilke, T. Kerns, S. Kaalstad*)
  - Topics, Authors, and Deadlines
4. Species Assignments and Habitat Fact Sheet Update
  - Committee Members’ Species Management Board Updates
5. Wrap-up, Overview, and Next Steps
6. Adjourn

**8:30 – 9:30 a.m.**

**American Eel Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Edwards

*Other Participants:* Tuckey, DeLucia, Beal

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Edwards*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Update on Development of Draft Addenda to Address Yellow Eel Commercial Quota and Maine Glass Eel Commercial Quota (*C. Starks*)
5. Advisory Panel Report (*M. DeLucia*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**9:45 – 11:45 a.m.**

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Woodward

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Revised Conservation Equivalency Policy and Technical Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*) **Final Acton**
5. NOAA Fisheries Update on North Atlantic Right Whale Funding from the Inflation Reduction Act (*J. Hare*)
6. Committee Updates
  - Assessment Science Committee (*J. Patel*) **Action**
  - Law Enforcement Committee (*K. Blanchard*)
  - Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (*S. Kaalstad*)
  - Habitat Committee (*S. Kaalstad*) **Action**

7. Review Compliance Findings, if necessary
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.      Lunch Break**

**12:15- 1:30 p.m.                      Sciaenids Management Board**

*Member States:* New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, SAFMC

*Chair:* Batsavage

*Other Participants:* Rickabaugh

*Staff:* Bauer

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Review Annual Update to Black Drum Indicators (*H. Rickabaugh*) **Possible Action**
5. Consider Approval of Atlantic Croaker, Red Drum, and Spotted Seatrout Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for the 2022 Fishing Year (*T. Bauer*) **Action**
6. Progress Update on 2024 Red Drum, Atlantic Croaker, and Spot Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
  - Review and Consider Recommended Changes to the Timeline for the Spot and Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessments
  - Review and Populate Atlantic Croaker and Spot Stock Assessment Subcommittee Membership
7. Other Business/Adjourn