

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

October 18, 2023

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Hybrid Meeting

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.

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| 1. Welcome/Call to Order (<i>S. Woodward</i>) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 2. Board Consent | 8:00 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2023 | |
| 3. Public Comment | 8:05 a.m. |
| 4. Review and Consider Approval of FY2023 Audit (<i>J. Cimino</i>) Action | 8:10 a.m. |
| 5. Discuss Per Diem Rate for Meals and Incidentals (<i>R. Beal</i>) | 8:40 a.m. |
| 6. Legislative Update (<i>A. Law</i>) | 9:00 a.m. |
| 7. Future Annual Meeting Update (<i>L. Leach</i>) | 9:30 a.m. |
| 8. Other Business/Adjourn | 9:45 a.m. |

The meeting will be held at Beaufort Hotel (2440 Lennoxville Road, Beaufort, North Carolina; 252.728.3000) and via webinar; click [here](#) for details

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

**Westin Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia**

August 2, 2023

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- 1. Adjourn by Consent (Page 2).**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME
Cheri Patterson, NH
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)
Dan McKiernan, MA
Jason McNamee, RI
Justin Davis, CT
John Maniscalco, proxy for Basil Seggos, NY
Joe Cimino, NJ, Vice Chair
Kris Kuhn, PA

Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
John Clark, DE
Lynn Fegley, MD
Pat Geer, proxy for Jamie Green, VA
Chris Batsavage, proxy for Kathy Rawls, NC
Mel Bell, SC
Spud Woodward, GA, Chair
Erika Burgess, FL

Other Commissioners/Proxies

Ben Dyar, SCDNR
Rep. Joe Gresko, CT LA
Doug Haymans, GA AA
Rep. Allison Hepler, ME LA
Jeff Kaelin, NJ GA

Ray Kane, MA GA
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Bryan Plumlee, VA GA
Malcolm Rhodes, SC GA

Staff

Bob Beal
Tina Berger
Lisa Carty
Toni Kerns

Laura Leach
Alexander Law
Chelsea Tuohy

Guests

Max Appelman, NOAA
William Brantley, NCDEQ
Chip Lynch, NOAA

Christina Wiegand, SAFMC
Mike Ruccio, NO

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened August 2, 2023 in the Jefferson Ballroom at The Westin in Crystal City, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Spud Woodward.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY

The summary minutes from the May 3, 2023 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CARES & CAA UPDATE

Mrs. Leach gave an update on the CARES and CAA activities. The CARES program is complete and there is the possibility for the need to return \$159.93 to the U.S. Treasury. CAA has a projected completion of July 31, 2024, and currently \$91,041,387 has been disbursed to the states, with \$13,418,965 remaining to be disbursed.

L/GA COMMISSIONER STIPENDS

Mr. Beal presented the results of the L/GA members stipend potential survey. Fourteen Commissioners responded; 10 said they were eligible to receive a stipend and six said they would be amenable to receiving one. No action was taken based on these results.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Mr. Law presented on three bills the Executive Committee should be aware of per the recommendation of the Legislative Committee. These included: the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Act of 2023 (H.R. 3980), the Supporting the Health of Aquatic

systems through Research Knowledge and Enhanced Dialogue Act (or SHARKED Act, H.R. 4051), and the Fishery Improvement to Streamline untimely regulatory Hurdles post Emergency Situation Act (or FISHER Act, H.R.5103). The Policy Board will potentially take action on both the FISHER and NOAA Act of 2023 on Thursday.

PER DIEM RATES

Mr. Beal presented a report on the potential for an increase in Per Diem rates for Commission meetings. The increase would be from Commission, not federal funds. The Committee requested a detailed analysis to determine the projected cost to the Commission of roughly a 30% increase in meal per diem.

ADJOURN

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:32 a.m.