



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

## MEMORANDUM

July 24, 2024

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Herring Management Board; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Atlantic Sturgeon Management Board; Coastal Pelagics Management Board; Executive Committee; ISFMP Policy Board; Sciaenids Management Board; Shad and River Herring Management Board; and Spiny Dogfish Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal *REB*  
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Summer Meeting: August 6 – 8, 2024 (TA 24-062)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be August 6 – 8, 2024 at **The Westin Crystal City**. This will be a hybrid meeting (both in-person and remote) to allow for participation by Commissioners and interested stakeholders. The room block is now closed; if you need assistance reserving a room, please contact Lisa Carty at [lcarty@asmfc.org](mailto:lcarty@asmfc.org). The Summer Meeting final agenda and meeting materials are available at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2024-summer-meeting>.

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.

### Webinar Information

Meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Tuesday, August 6 at 9 AM and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 10:30 AM on Thursday, August 8). To register for the webinar, please go to:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7224724220521378647> (Webinar ID 325-845-475)

If you are joining the webinar but will not be using voice over internet protocol (VoIP), you can may also call in at +1.415.655.0052, access code 565-335-899. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar. For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen in 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 issues), 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.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Meeting. If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Summer Meeting

August 6 – 8, 2024

**The Westin Crystal City**

Arlington, Virginia

## 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 opportunities to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. 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.

**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 comments will not provide additional insight to the board.

**For agenda action items that have already 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 to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comments 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 (July 15) will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5 PM on Tuesday, July 30 will be included in supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10 AM on Friday, August 2 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. Additionally, if submitting public comment in a video format, the video needs to be a URL link. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail and email.

# Final Agenda

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## Tuesday, August 6

9 – 9:45 a.m.

### **Atlantic Herring Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NEFMC, NMFS

*Chair:* Ware

*Other Participants:* Brown, Cournane, Deroba, Zobel

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Ware*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2024 Atlantic Herring Management Track Assessment (*J. Deroba*)
5. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2023 Fishing Year (*E. Franke*) **Action**
6. Update from the New England Fishery Management Council on Council Activity (*J. Cournane*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 – 11:00 a.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, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Clark

*Other Participants:* Craig, Corbin, Rattner, Ziolkowski

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Review Report from US Geological Survey on Osprey Data in Chesapeake Bay (*D. Ziolkowski, Jr., B. Rattner*)
5. Progress Update on 2025 Ecological Reference Point Benchmark Stock Assessment (*K. Drew*)
6. Discuss Possible Chesapeake Bay Management (*L. Fegley*) **Possible Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:15 a.m. – 12:15 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:* Geer

*Other Participants:* Baker, Newlin

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Geer*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Review Report on State Impacts of New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils' Actions to Reduce Sturgeon Bycatch (*J. Boyle*)
  - Consider Complementary Action in State Waters **Possible Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:15 – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch Provided for Commissioners and Proxies**

**1:00 – 2:30 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:* Ware

*Other Participants:* Grabowski, Mercer, VanDrunen

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Ware*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2023 Fishing Year (*E. Franke*) **Action**
5. Consider Initial Recommendations from Work Group on Recreational Release Mortality (*C. Batsavage*) **Action**
6. Progress Update and Board Guidance on 2024 Stock Assessment Update
  - Timeline and Progress Overview (*K. Drew*)
  - Provide Guidance to the Technical Committee for Management Options to Consider if the Assessment Indicates Reduction is Needed for Rebuilding
7. Update on 2024 Winter Striped Bass Tagging Cruise (*S. VanDrunen*)

8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

**2:45 – 5:30 p.m.**

**American Lobster Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, NEFMC

*Chair:* Keliher

*Other Participants:* Beal, Lindsay

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Update on Benchmark Stock Assessment for American Lobster (*J. Kipp*)
5. Plan Development Team Report on Conservation Measures for Lobster Conservation Management Areas 2 and 3 (*C. Starks*)
  - Report from Lobster Conservation Management Team 3
6. Report on Colby College Economic Impact Analysis of a Lobster Gauge Increase (*A. Lindsay*)
7. Consider Addendum XXX on the Mitchell Provision for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*C. Starks*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum XXX
8. Review Discussions with Canada on Complementary Management Measures (*P. Keliher*)
9. Vessel Tracking Workgroup Report on the 24/7 Tracking Requirement of Addendum XXIX (*C. Starks*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 7**

**8 – 10 a.m.**

*Breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m.*

**Executive Committee**

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

*Members:* Abbott, Burgess, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Dyer, Fegley, Gary, Green, Haymans, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Rawls

*Chair:* Cimino

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2024
3. Public Comment

4. Legislative Update
  - Discuss Commission Position on H.R. 8705, *Fisheries Data Modernization and Accuracy Act of 2024*
5. Future Annual Meetings Update
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 – 11:15 a.m.**

**Atlantic Sturgeon 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:* Self

*Other Participants:* Gadowski, Higgs

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Self*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2024 Atlantic Sturgeon Stock Assessment Update (*A. Higgs*)
5. Elect Vice-Chair
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Sciaenids Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC

*Chair:* Haymans

*Other Participants:* Franco, Rickabaugh, Rogers

*Staff:* Bauer

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Haymans*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2024 Traffic Light Analyses for Spot and Atlantic Croaker (*D. Franco/H. Rickabaugh*)
- Possible Action**
  - Technical Committee Recommendations
5. Consider Red Drum and Atlantic Croaker Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for the 2023 Fishing Year (*T. Bauer*) **Action**
6. Progress Update on Red Drum, Atlantic Croaker, and Spot Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch on Your Own**

**1:30 – 4 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:* Woodward

*Other Participants:* Freeman, Giuliano, Pearce

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2023 Fishing Year (*E. Franke*) **Action**
5. Consider Atlantic Cobia Addendum II on Recreational Allocation, Harvest Target Evaluation, and Measures Setting for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*E. Franke*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*E. Franke*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum II
6. Update from South Atlantic Fishery Management Council on Mackerel Port Meetings (*J. Carmichael*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**4:15 – 5:30 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:* Conroy, Eakin, Jordaan, Sabo

*Staff:* Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2023
3. Public Comment
4. Consider 2024 River Herring Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
  - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*K. Drew; M. Conroy*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*A. Jordaan*)
  - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
  - Consider Management Response, if necessary
5. Other Business/Adjourn



**Thursday, August 8**

**8:30 – 10 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:* Cimino

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent (*J. Cimino*)
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2024
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*J. Cimino*)
5. Update on American Eel Convention on International Trade of Endangered Species Activity
6. Discuss H.R. 8705, *Fisheries Data Modernization and Accuracy Act of 2024* (*R. Beal*)

**Possible Action**

7. Presentation of National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Electronic Monitoring and Reporting (*W. Goldsmith*)
8. Committee Reports
  - Habitat Committee (*S. Kaalstad*) **Action**
  - Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Habitat Partnership (*S. Kaalstad*)
  - Assessment Science Committee (*J. Patel*) **Action**
9. Review Noncompliance Findings, if necessary **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**10 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Commission Business Session**

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

*Chair:* Cimino

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from January 2024
3. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations, if necessary **Final Action**
4. Other Business/Adjourn