

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

American Lobster Technical Committee Call and Webinar

Guidance for Development of Addendum XXVII

Wednesday, May 26, 2021

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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DRAFT AGENDA

1. **Welcome & review of the agenda** (*K. Reardon*) 3:00 p.m.
2. **Review Board guidance on Draft Addendum XXVII** (*C. Starks*) 3:05 p.m.
3. **Review changes in reference abundance to define trigger levels** (*J. Kipp*) 3:20 p.m.
4. **Technical Committee discussion** 3:30 p.m.
 - Defining triggers in terms of overall percent decline vs rate of change
 - Discuss potential annual indices (combined MENH/MA spring trawl survey, combined MENH/MA fall trawl survey, GOM combined ventless trap survey)
 - Mapping changes in chosen annual indices to changes in reference abundance to inform relationship
 - How to incorporate catchability
 - Discuss framework for establishing triggers from indices (e.g., % decline observed in 1 index, 2 indices, composite indices, average change, etc.)
5. **Discuss gauge size impact analysis** (*K. Reardon*) 4:10 p.m.
 - Establish sets of measures for analysis (standardized, area-specific)
6. **Next steps** (*C. Starks*) 4:35 p.m.
 - Assign tasks
7. **Discuss Lobster Growth Project** (*G. Nessler, B. Shank*) 4:45 p.m.
8. **Adjourn** 5:00 p.m.