

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Atlantic Herring Management Board

January 31, 2023

9:15 – 9:45 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>M. Ware</i>) | 9:15 a.m. |
| 2. Board Consent | 9:15 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Proceedings from November 2022 | |
| 3. Public Comment | 9:20 a.m. |
| 4. Set Specifications for the 2023-2025 Fishing Years (<i>E. Franke</i>) Final Action | 9:30 a.m. |
| 5. Other Business/Adjourn | 9:45 a.m. |

The meeting will be held at The Westin Crystal City (1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA; 703.486.1111) and via webinar; click [here](#) for details

MEETING OVERVIEW

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Hybrid

Chair: Megan Ware Assumed Chairmanship: 08/22	Technical Committee Chair: Renee Zobel (NH)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Delayne Brown (NH)
Vice Chair: Vacant	Advisory Panel Chair: Jeff Kaelin (NJ)	Previous Board Meeting: November 7, 2022
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, NMFS, USFWS (9 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from November 2022

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. Set Specifications for the 2023-2025 Fishing Years (9:30-9:45 a.m.) Final Action

Background

- In September 2022, the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) recommended a 2023-2025 specifications package for Atlantic herring to be submitted to NOAA Fisheries (**Briefing Materials**).
- NOAA Fisheries is working to publish a final rule by February 2023 (after the Board meeting) implementing the specifications for the 2023-2025 fishing years.
- For the 2023 Area 1A fishery, the Board adopted a seasonal quota approach with 72.8% of the Area 1A sub-annual catch limit available June-September (Season 1) and 27.2% available October-December (Season 2) with Season 1 underages rolled into Season 2.

Presentations

- Overview of 2023-2025 specifications by E. Franke

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Set specifications for the 2023-2025 fishing years for Atlantic herring, pending release of a rule by NOAA Fisheries

5. Other Business/Adjourn (9:45 a.m.)