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MEMORANDUM

July 23, 2015

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Coordinating Council; ACCSP Executive Committee; Atlantic Herring Section; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; ISFMP Policy Board; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Tautog Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal REB
Executive Director

RE: Summer Meeting: August 4-6, 2015 (TA # 15-071)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be August 4-6, 2015 at **The Westin Alexandria** (Telephone: 703.253.8600) located at 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at http://www.asmfc.org/home/2015-summer-meeting. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, July 29, 2015. CDs containing all meeting materials will also be available at the meeting in limited quantities. The following pages contain the Summer Meeting Agenda.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 10:15 a.m. on August 4th and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 12:15 p.m.) on August 6th. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board/section deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. No comments or questions will be accepted via the webinar. Should technical difficulties arise while streaming the broadcast, the boards/sections will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. To register for the webinar, please go to https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4538512801308912 65.

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.

Enclosures: Summer Meeting Agenda
Directions to Westin Alexandria Hotel

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Summer Meeting

August 4-6, 2015

The Westin Alexandria

Alexandria, Virginia

Public Comment Guidelines

With the intent of developing policies in the Commission's procedures for public participation that result in 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 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 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 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the **Tuesday deadline will be July 28, 2015**) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
3. Following the Tuesday, July 28, 2015 5:00 PM deadline, the commenter will be responsible for distributing the information to the management board prior to the board meeting or providing enough copies for the management board consideration at the meeting (a minimum of 50 copies).

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, fax, 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.

Tuesday, August 4, 2015

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee (***Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.)***
(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Executive Committee members only)
Members: Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Clark, Daniel, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, Goshorn, Pierce, Rhodes, Simpson, Woodward, Young
Chair: Daniel
Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(L. Daniel)*
2. Committee Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Director Annual Review **Closed Session for this Agenda Item Only**
5. Administrative Oversight Committee Report (*D. Grout)*
   - Review White Paper on Changes to Commission Guidance Documents
6. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach)*
   - November 2-5 – St. Augustine, Florida
   - 2016 – Maine
   - 2017 – Virginia
   - 2018 – New York
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Section
Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey
Other Participants: Eastman, Zobel, Kaelin
Chair: Stockwell
Staff: Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(T. Stockwell)*
2. Section Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Develop Guidance to the Plan Development Team for Draft Amendment 3 (*T. Stockwell*)
   - Technical Committee Report

5. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Herring Committee Activities (*T. Kerns*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

12:45 – 5:00 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: McKiernan
Other Participants: Glenn, Cornish, Hoenig
Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(D. McKiernan)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. 2015 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
   - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*B. Glenn)*
   - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*J. Hoenig)*
   - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Discuss Potential Management Response to the Benchmark Assessment (*D. McKiernan*)
6. Update on Recent Federal Action Concerning the Omnibus Habitat Amendment
   - Update on New England Fishery Management Council Action *(T. Stockwell)*
   - Consider Tabled Motion from May 5, 2015 **Possible Action**
     Move to direct staff to initiate the process of developing an addendum to the Lobster FMP to prohibit all mobile gear in closed area II north of 41°30' during June 15th to October 31st should the area reopen. (D. Borden)
7. Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan for Final Approval **Final Action**
   - Review Options *(M. Ware)*
   - Public Comment Summary (*M. Ware)*
   - Advisory Panel Report (*M. Ware)*
   - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
   - Consider Final Approval of Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan
8. Update on Lobster Trap Transfer Database (*M. Ware*)
9. Discuss New England Fishery Observer Program
10. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, August 5, 2015

8:00 – 8:45 a.m.

American Eel Management Board
Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Other Members: DC, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS
Chair: Clark
Other Participants: Cornish, Eyler, Bouw
Staff: Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(J. Clark)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from October 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report *(S. Eyler)*
   - Review Recommendations on Maine Life Cycle Survey Design
5. Update on Addendum III Implementation (*M. Waine*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair *(J. Clark)* **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Tautog Management Board
Member States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia
Other Members: NMFS, USFWS
Chair: Nowalsky
Other Participants: McNamee, Snellbaker
Staff: Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Public Information Document for Amendment 1 for Public Comment *(M. Waine)* **Action**
5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*M. Waine*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee
(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Committee members only)
Members: Alexander, Beal, Boyles, Carmichael, Colvin, Cyr, Detlor, Laney, Patterson
Chair: Patterson
Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions *(C. Patterson)*
2. Public Comment
3. Committee Consent **Action**
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from June 2015
4. ACCSP Status Report
   - Program Status *(M. Cahall)*
   - Committee Updates
   - ACCSP Detail Budget for FY2016 Proposal
5. Independent Program Review Progress
6. Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) Update
7. Conflict of Interest with Voting Partners/Advisor's Discussion *(C. Patterson)*
8. Governance Update *(C. Patterson)*
9. Executive Committee Membership Standard Operating Procedure
10. Other Business
11. **Closed Session**
12. Adjourn (*C. Patterson*)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

ACCSP Coordinating Council
Members: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, PRFC, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, ASMFC, NOAA Fisheries, NEFSC, GARFO, SEFSC, SERO, USFWS, NEFMC, MAFMC, SAFMC
Chair: Patterson
Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions *(C. Patterson)*
2. Public Comment
3. Council Consent **Action**
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
4. ACCSP Status Report
   - Program Update *(M. Cahall)*
   - Committee Updates
5. Conflict of Interest with Voting Partners/Advisor's Recommendation
6. Independent Program Review (IPR) Progress
7. Executive Committee Membership Standard Operating Procedure
8. Other Business/Adjourn

1:15 – 2:45 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: PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS
Other Participants: Place, Blanchard, Godwin
Chair: Grout
Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(D. Grout)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Reports *(C. Godwin)*
   - Fleet-specific Fishing Mortality Reference Points
   - Estimated Harvest Reduction in 2015 from Implementation of Addendum IV
5. Consider Approval of 2015 FMP Review and State Compliance *(M. Appelman)* **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Other Members: PRFC, NMFS, USFWS
Other Participants: Kaelin, Kersey, McNamee
Chair: Boyles
Staff: Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(R. Boyles, Jr.)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Draft Amendment 3 Development *(M. Waine)*
   - Ecosystem Management Objectives Workshop
   - Revisiting Fishery Allocation
   - Review Draft Amendment 3 Timeline
5. Discuss Quota Rollover Provision of Amendment 2 *(R. Boyles, Jr.)* **Possible Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, August 6, 2015

8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board
Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS
Chair: Daniel
Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(L. Daniel)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report *(L. Daniel)*
5. Review of Stock Rebuilding Performance (*T. Kerns*)
6. Review and Consider LEC Enforceability Guidelines (*M. Robson*) **Action**
7. Stock Assessment Updates *(K. Drew)*
   - Weakfish
   - Sturgeon
8. Discuss Implications of Jointly Managed ASMFC Species *(T. Kerns)*
9. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Report *(L. Havel)*
10. Review Horse Creek Aquafarms Sturgeon Transfer *(M. Appelman)*
11. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
12. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Business Session
Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Chair: Daniel
Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(L. Daniel)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Final Approval of Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan **Final Action**
5. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board
Member States: New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Other Members: PRFC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC
Other Participants: Carson, Lewis, McDonough, Murphy, Powers, Zimmerman
Chair: Geer
Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(P. Geer)*
2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Extending the Provisions of Addendum I to the Spanish Mackerel Fishery Management Plan *(L. Daniel)* **Action**
5. Consider 2015 Traffic Light Analyses for Atlantic Croaker and Spot *(C. McDonough*)
6. Review and Consider Approval of 2016 Atlantic Croaker and Spot Stock Assessment Terms of Reference (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
7. Consider 2015 FMP Review and State Compliance Reports (*M. Ware)* **Action**
   - Atlantic Croaker
   - Red Drum
   - Black Drum
8. Update on Red Drum, Spot, and Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn