

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. It is our intent to begin at the scheduled start time for each meeting, however, if meetings run late the next meeting may start later than originally planned.

Monday, August 3

9:00 – 10:00 a.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: Borden

Other Participants: Sullivan, Blanchard

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of 2020 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*M. Appelman*) **Action**
5. Discuss Work Group Report on Issues to be Considered in the Next Management Document (*M. Ware, M. Gary*)
6. Recess (Reconvene August 4 at 3:00 p.m.)

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 – Noon

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council

Partners: ASMFC, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, MAFMC, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, NEFMC, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, NMFS, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, PRFC, Rhode Island, SAFMC, South Carolina, USFWS, Virginia

Chair: Fegley

Staff: White

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Council Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Discuss ACCSP Governance Survey Results (*G. White*)
5. Committee and Program Updates (*J. Simpson, G. White*)
6. Status of 2020 Action Plan Items (*G. White*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:30 – 3:45 p.m.

South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, SAFMC, USFWS

Chair: Fegley

Other Participants: Franco, Giuliano, Paramore, Rickabaugh, Hodge

Staff: Schmidtke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum I to Amendment 1 to the Cobia Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Public Comment (*M. Schmidtke*) **Action**
5. Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Commercial Trigger Level (*A. Giuliano*) **Action**
6. Discuss Timeline for Submitting Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1 Implementation Plans (*M. Schmidtke*)
7. Review Terms of Reference for Red Drum Simulation Assessment (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair (*L. Fegley*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

Tuesday, August 4

8:30 a.m. – Noon

Shad and River Herring Management Board

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

15 minute

Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida,

break included

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Other Participants: Sprankle, Furlong, Lyons Gromen,

Bailey, Limburg

Chair: Armstrong

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Armstrong*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Consider 2020 Shad Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*M. Bailey*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*K. Limburg*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use (*M. Armstrong*)
 - Consider Management Response to the Assessment and Peer Review (*M. Armstrong*)

5. Consider State Proposals to Resolve Inconsistencies with Amendments 2 and 3 **Final Action**
 - Presentation of State Proposals and Technical Committee Recommendations (*K. Sprankle*)
 - Presentation of Advisory Panel Comments on State Proposals and Technical Committee Recommendations (*P. Lyons Gromen*)
 - Consider Approval of State Proposals
6. Update on River Herring Technical Expert Work Group Activities (*C. Starks*)
7. Update on Timeline for Shad Habitat Plan Updates (*C. Starks*)
8. Elect Vice-Chair (*M. Armstrong*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 1:30 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:30 – 2:30 p.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: Woodward
Other Participants: Flora, Kersey
Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Ecological Reference Point Work Group Analysis (*M. Cieri*)
5. Consider Postponed Motion from February 2020 (*S. Woodward*) **Final Action**
Move to Adopt:
An Atlantic menhaden ecological reference point F target equal to the maximum F on Atlantic menhaden that maintains Atlantic striped bass at its biomass target when striped bass is fished at its F target and all other ERP species as defined in the NWACS-MICE model are fished at their status quo F rates.

An Atlantic menhaden ecological reference point F threshold equal to the maximum F on Atlantic menhaden that maintains Atlantic striped bass at its biomass threshold when striped bass is fished at its F target and other ERP species as defined in the NWACS-MICE model are fished at their status quo F rates.
6. Recess (Reconvene August 5 at 2:45 p.m.)

2:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Break**

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board (continued)

7. Reconvene
8. Consider Postponed Motions from April 2019 (*D. Borden*) **Action**
Main Motion: Move to initiate an Amendment to the Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan to address the needed consideration for change on the issues of fishery goals and objectives, empirical/biological/spatial reference points, management triggers, rebuilding biomass, and area-specific management. Work on this Amendment will begin upon the completion of the previously discussed addendum to the management plan.

Motion to Amend: Move to amend to add reallocation of commercial quota between states.
8. Consider Postponed Motion from February 2020 (*D. Borden*) **Action**
Move to task the Plan Review Team to review state reductions in the Fishery Management Plan Review of the 2020 fishing year. If a state is below their predicted target reduction, the Board may direct a state to modify measures for the following fishing year to achieve the target reduction.
9. Elect Vice-Chair (*D. Borden*) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

Members: Abbott, Anderson, Bowman, Bell, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Estes, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Murphey, Patterson, Woodward
Chair: Keliher
Other Participants: Knowlton
Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Administrative Oversight Committee Report (*S. Woodward*) **Action**
 - Consider FY21 Budget
 - Consider Policy on Commission Contracts (*L. Leach*)
5. U.S. Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Update (*R. Beal*)
6. Consider Management and Science Committee Recommendations Regarding Improvements to Advisory Panel and Public Input Process (*K. Knowlton/S. Murray*) **Action**
7. Update on Pennsylvania's Participation on the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board (*R. Beal*)
8. Consider Dividing the South Atlantic State/Federal Management Board into Two Management Boards (*R. Beal*)
9. Discuss Executive Director's Annual Performance Review (**CLOSED SESSION**)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break

10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.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: Keliher

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February and July 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*P. Keliher*) **Possible Action**
5. Progress Update on the Risk and Uncertainty Policy (*J. McNamee*)
6. Committee Reports
 - Assessment Science Committee (*S. Murray*) **Action**
 - Habitat Committee (*L. Havel*)
 - Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (*L. Havel*)
7. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Atlantic Herring Management Board**

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

Other Members: NEFMC, NMFS

Chair: Patterson

Other Participants: Zobel, Brown, Deroba

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Patterson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review the 2020 Atlantic Herring Management Track Assessment and Peer Review Reports (*J. Deroba*)
5. Progress Update on 2020 Area 1A Fishery (*R. Zobel*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair (*C. Patterson*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board (continued)

7. Reconvene
8. Consider Postponed Motions from February 2020, *continued*
9. Discuss Timeline and Tasking to Set the 2021-2022 Fishery Specifications (*C. Flora*)
10. Elect Vice-Chair (*S. Woodward*) **Action**
11. Other Business/Adjourn

4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

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: Keliher

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday August 6

8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

ASMFC Bluefish Management Board and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

ASMFC Chair: Batsavage

MAFMC Chair: Luisi

Other Participants: Celestino, Kersey

Staff: Colson Leaning, Seeley

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage/M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Plan Development Team/Fishery Management Action Team (PDT/FMAT) Discussion Document on Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Draft Amendment (*D. Colson Leaning, M. Seeley*)
5. Provide Guidance to PDT/FMAT on Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Draft Amendment (*C. Batsavage, M. Luisi*)
6. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*D. Colson Leaning*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:00 – 11:15 a.m. **Break**

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board and MAFMC**

Member States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

ASMFC Chair: Nowalsky

MAFMC Chair: Luisi

Other Participants: Wojcik, Snellbaker

Staff: Colson Leaning, Starks, Beaty, Coutre, Dancy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky/M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum XXXIII for Public Comment (*C. Starks*) **Action**
 - Black Sea Bass Commercial Allocation
5. Recess

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch Break**

1:15 – 3:45 p.m. **ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board and MAFMC (continued)**

6. Reconvene
7. Consider Draft Addendum XXXIII for Public Comment, *continued*
 - Black Sea Bass Commercial Allocation
8. Update on Recreational Reform Initiative (*J. Beaty*) **Possible Action**
9. Review and Consider Approval of Massachusetts 2020 Black Sea Bass Recreational Conservation Equivalency Proposal (*N. Meserve*) **Final Action**
 - Summary of Technical Committee, Advisory Panel, and Law Enforcement Committee Comments (*C. Stark*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn