



## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Vision: Sustainably Managing Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

### MEMORANDUM

#### FINAL MEETING NOTICE

**TO:** Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel 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; Law Enforcement Committee; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Spiny Dogfish Management Board

**FROM:** Robert E. Beal  
Executive Director

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**DATE:** May 1, 2014

**RE:** ASMFC Spring Meeting: May 12-15, 2014 (TA # 14-042)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting will be held May 12-15, 2014 at the **Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria** (Telephone: **703.683.6000**) located at 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Directions to the hotel are attached. A courtesy shuttle to the hotel is provided from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport arriving on the quarter hour from Doors 5 or 9 outside the baggage claim area. When completing travel voucher forms, the reimbursement rate for privately owned vehicles (POV) as of January 2014 is 0.56 cents per mile. The reserved hotel room block is now closed; please call Cindy Robertson if you have difficulty obtaining a room.

Supplemental materials will be available on the Commission website on May 7<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2014-spring-meeting>. CDs containing all supplemental materials will also be available at the meeting in limited quantities. The following pages contain the Spring Meeting Agenda.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 10 a.m. on May 12<sup>th</sup>, continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 3:15 p.m.) on May 15<sup>th</sup>. 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://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/341449758>. Board/section summaries, presentations, and audio files will be available on the Commission website the week of May 19<sup>th</sup>.

Enclosures: Spring Meeting Agenda  
Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission



## 2014 Spring Meeting

May 12-15, 2014

Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town

Alexandria, Virginia

## Final Agenda

### 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).

- Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
- Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be May 6, 2014) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
- Following the Tuesday, May 6, 2014 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.

**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.**

**Monday, May 12, 2014**

10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

**Atlantic Herring Section**

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

*Other Participants:* Zobel, Eastman, Kaelin

*Chair:* Stockwell

*Staff:* Yuen

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. Stockwell*)
2. Section Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Update on NEFMC Framework 4 Actions (*M. Yuen*)
5. Consider the Public Information Document for Draft Amendment 3 for Public Comment (*M. Yuen*) **Action**
6. Update on Georges Banks/Nantucket Shoals Study (*T. Kerns*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.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

*Other Participants:* Fessenden, Eyler, Bouw

*Chair:* O'Connell

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. O'Connell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Update on 2014 Maine Elver Fishery Management Measures (*T. Stockwell*)
5. Technical Committee Report (*S. Eyler*)
6. Consider Draft Addendum IV for Public Comment (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
7. Recess

1:45 – 3:45 p.m.

**American Eel Management Board (reconvened)**

8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Spiny Dogfish 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:* USFWS, NMFS

*Other Participants:* Moran, Newlin, Armstrong

*Chair:* Gibson

*Staff:* Hawk

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gibson*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review Spiny Dogfish Possession Limits **Possible Action**
  - MAFMC Industry Advisory Committee Report (*J. Armstrong*)
  - Technical Committee Report (*S. Newlin*)
  - Rhode Island Proposal for Alternative Management (*R. Ballou*)
5. Review Consistency of Federal and State Management of Spiny Dogfish (*M. Hawk*) **Possible Action**
6. Review NOAA Fisheries' Amendment 3 Proposed Rule for Spiny Dogfish (*M. Hawk*)
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**Tuesday, May 13, 2014**

8:00 a.m. – Noon

**Commissioner Workshop on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization**

1. Welcome and Introductions (*R. Beal*)
2. Presentations from Congressional Staff
3. Overview of Stakeholder Positions and Commission Impacts (*R. Beal*)
4. Discussion to Determine Commission Position on Elements of the MSA Reauthorization
5. Adjourn

1:00 – 5:30 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:* PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Place, Blanchard, Godwin

*Chair:* Grout

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014

3. Public Comment
4. Consider Catch and Release Fishing in the Exclusive Economic Zone  
**Possible Action**
  - Law Enforcement Report (*K. Blanchard*)
  - Technical Committee Report (*C. Godwin*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*K. Place*)
5. Technical Committee Report on Reference Points (*C. Godwin*)
6. Consider Draft Addendum IV for Public Comment (*M. Waine*) **Action**
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*M. Waine*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Law Enforcement Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Law Enforcement Committee members only to discuss ongoing enforcement activities)*

*Members:* Anthony, Blanchard, Buendia, Eastman, Fessenden, Frampton, Fresco, Furlong, Gordon, Gregory, Gross, Hettenbach, Hogan, Huss, Ingerson, King, Lauderman, Lewis, Messeck, Overturf, Santiago, Shuster  
*Chair:* Ingerson

*Staff:* Robson

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Ingerson*)
2. Roll Call of the States
3. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from October 2013 **Action**
4. Public Comment
5. Review of Law Enforcement Committee Guidelines for Enforceability
6. Association of Fish and Wildlife Association (AFWA) and Conservation Chief's Association Update
7. Follow-up Discussion of American Eel Addendum IV
8. Discussion of Other ISFMP Species Issues (as needed)
9. Wildlife Violator's Compact
10. Review and Discussion of Ongoing Enforcement Activities (**Closed to the Public**)
11. Discussion of Protected/Endangered Species Issues
12. Presentation on Maine's New Dealer/Harvester Swipe Card System
13. Recess

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

**Annual Awards of Excellence Reception**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2014**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

*Member States:* North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

*Other Participants:* Collier, Powers, Lewis, McDonough, Zimmerman

*Chair:* Geer

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Geer*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Spot Draft Addendum I and Atlantic Croaker Draft Addendum II for Public Comment (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
5. Overview of Sheepshead and Kingfish Fisheries (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
  - Consider Recommendation to the ISFMP Policy Board to Explore Fishery Management Plans for Sheepshead and Kingfish **Possible Action**
6. Review and Populate South Atlantic Species Committees Membership (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
  - South Atlantic Advisory Panel
  - Red Drum Stock Assessment Subcommittee **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

8:30 a.m. – Noon

**Law Enforcement Committee (reconvened)**

14. Meet and Greet with Commissioners and Staff
15. Discussion of Social Media Uses and Challenges for Resource Enforcement
16. Follow-up Discussion of Atlantic Striped Bass Management Issues
17. Discussion of Joint Enforcement Agreement (JEA) Program and Other Funding Issues
18. Federal Agency Reports
19. State Agency Reports
20. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.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

*Other Participants:* Armstrong, Madsen, Nessler, Robson, Yuen

*Chair:* Daniel

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Management and Science Committee Report
  - Investigations of Climate-induced Shifts in Stock Distributions (*D. Richardson*)
  - Evaluation of State Quota Allocations (*M. Armstrong*)
5. Consider Initiating Cancer Crab Fishery Management Plan (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. American Lobster Stock Assessment Update (*G. Nessler*)
7. Assessment Science Committee Report (*G. Nessler*) **Action**
  - Update to the Stock Assessment Schedule
8. Review and Consider Comments on NOAA Fisheries Stock Assessment Prioritization (*G. Nessler*) **Action**
9. Committee on Economics and Social Science Report (*S. Madsen*)
10. Reports from the Habitat and Artificial Reef Committees (*M. Yuen*)
11. Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
12. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

**Legislators/Governors' Appointees Luncheon**

Members; Adler, Altman, Augustine, Boyle, Burns, Colburn, Cole, Cromer, Davenport, Fote, Goldsborough, Jenkins, Kumiega, Lustig, McElroy, Miller, Miner, Orndorf, Peake, Sosnowski, Stewart, Stuart, Train, Venables, Vereb, Watters, White

*Chairs:* Abbott, Rhodes

*Staff:* Tompkins

1. Welcome/Introductions (*D. Abbott, R. White*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from October 2013
3. Election of Governor Appointee Vice-Chair **Action**
4. Statement of Related Interest Policy Discussion
  - Review Updated Draft Policy
  - Submit Recommendations to the Commission for Consideration
5. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:45 p.m.

**Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Executive Committee members only)*

*Members:* Alexander, Archambault, Beal, Boyles, Colvin, Cyr, Diodati, Mahood, Patterson

*Chair:* Patterson

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*C. Patterson*)
2. Committee Consent **Action**
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April 3, 2014 Conference Call
  - Approval of FY2015 Request for Proposals and Funding Decision Document
3. Public Comment
4. ACCSP Program Updates (*M. Cahall*)
  - Lobster Trap Tag Reporting System Meeting
  - North Carolina Input on Methodology to Incorporate Census Data into MRIP Estimates
  - FY2014 Funded Projects
5. Status of Independent Program Review Recommendations Implementation (*M. Cahall*)
  - IPR Progress Report
6. ACCSP Governance Ad-Hoc Committee Update (*R. Boyles*)
7. Funding Subcommittee Update (*R. Beal*)
8. Operations Committee and Subcommittee Update (*T. Hoopes*)
9. Discuss Potential State Implementation of MRIP-APAIS and Identify Opportunities to Assist the States in Developing Proposals and Budgets
10. Progress Report of Action Items from Last Meeting
  - Scorecard from the IPR Monitoring Committee Review of the IPR Recommendations (*M. Cahall*)
  - Lobster Trap Tag Reporting System (*M. Cahall*)
  - Methodology to Incorporate Census Data into MRIP Estimates (*M. Cahall*)
  - Governance Ad-Hoc Workgroup (*R. Boyles*)
  - Funding Subcommittee (*R. Beal, C. Patterson*)
  - Presentation of the Final Strategic Plan for Coordinating Council Approval (*M. Cahall*)
  - Continue Discussion of Potential State Implementation of MRIP-APAIS and Opportunities to Assist the States in Developing Proposals and Budgets
  - Operations Committee and Subcommittee (*T. Hoopes*)
11. Closed Session for Executive Committee Only
12. Other Business/Adjourn



2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

### **Commissioner Workshop on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)**

1. Welcome and Introductions (*R. Beal*)
2. Overview of State Implementation of MRIP (*M. Cahall, G. White*)
3. Overview of Budget and Costs (*D. VanVoorhees*)
4. Gulf Experiences
  - Dave Donaldson, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission
  - Luiz Barbieri, Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission
5. Atlantic Coast Experiences
  - Kathy Knowlton, Georgia Coastal Resources Division
  - Doug Mumford, North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries
  - Kevin Sullivan, New Hampshire Fish and Game
6. Q & A Session with Presenters
7. Adjourn

### **Thursday, May 15, 2014**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

#### **Executive Committee (*Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.*)**

*Members:* Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Chanda, Daniel, Diodati, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, O'Connell, Rhodes, Saveikis, Simpson Travelstead, Woodward, Young

*Chair:* Daniel

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee, *D. Grout*
  - Presentation of the FY15 Budget **Action**
5. Review Updated Conflict of Interest Policy, *R. Beal*
  - Review Recommendation of Legislators/Governors' Appointees, *D. Abbott*
6. Discussion of American Eel Enforcement Efforts
7. Consider Resolution to Appoint Robert E. Beal as Trustee on Commission's Retirement Plan
8. Future Annual Meetings Update, *L. Leach*
  - October 27-30, 2014 - Mystic, Connecticut
  - 2015 – Florida
  - 2016 – Maine
  - 2017 – Virginia
  - 2018 – New York
9. Develop Agenda Topics for the State Directors Meeting
10. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 a.m. – 12:45 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:* Dean, Kaelin, Ingerson, Nesslage

*Chair:* Boyles

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider 2014 FMP Review and State Compliance (*M. Waine*)  
**Action**
5. Review 2013 Bycatch Landings (*M. Waine*) **Possible Action**
6. Technical Committee Report (*G. Nesslage*)
  - Benchmark Stock Assessment Progress Report
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*M. Waine*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

### **Lunch for Commissioners and Proxies**

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

### **ACCSP Coordinating Council**

*Members:* Alexander, Archambault, Baum, Beal, Bellavance, Boyles, Chester, Coakley, Colvin, Cyr, Daniel Diodati, Fegley, Gary, Geer, Gibson, Gilmore, Goethel, Grout, Hooper, Keliher, King, Mahood, McCawley, Michels, Moore, Nies, O'Connell, Patterson, Perkins, Risenhoover, Stockwell, Strelcheck, Sutter, Young

*Chair:* Patterson

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*C. Patterson*)
2. Council Consent **Action**
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. ACCSP Status Report (*M. Cahall*)
  - Program Update
  - New Program Assistant
  - Current Projects Update
    - MRIP Proportional Standard Error
    - SAFIS Hand-Held Trip Reporting
    - Lobster Trap Tag Transferability

- NOAA Fisheries Funding Awards
    - MRIP For-hire Data Integration
    - Fisheries Information System End User Query Rebuild
  - FY2014 Final Funding
5. ACCSP Committee Update (*T. Hoopes*)
    - Consider Approval of 2014-2018 Outreach Strategic Plan **Action**
  6. Independent Program Review Progress (*T. Hoopes*)
  7. Review and Consider Approval of Modified 2014-2018 Strategic Plan (*C. Patterson*) **Action**
  8. Review and Consider Approval of 2015 Request for Proposals and Funding Decision Documents (*C. Patterson*) **Action**
  9. Distribution of 2013 Fiscal Year in Review (*A. McElhatton*)
  10. Other Business/Adjourn

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board (if needed)**

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 - 3:15 p.m.

**Business Session (if needed)**

*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
3. Public Comment
4. Other Business/Adjourn