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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: 
Robert E. Beal
Executive Director

RE: Summer Meeting: August 2-4, 2016 (TA # 16-059)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be August 2-4, 2016 at The Westin Alexandria (Telephone: 703.253.8600) located at 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2016-summer-meeting>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, July 27, 2016. CDs containing all meeting materials will also be available at the meeting in limited quantities.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 10:15 a.m. on August 2nd and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 4:00 p.m.) on Thursday August 4th. 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. Please go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1739748828569474306> to register.

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.

Attachments: Final Agenda, Hotel Directions, TA#16-059, and Travel Reimbursement Guidelines



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Summer Meeting

August 2-4, 2016

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 26, 2016**) 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 26, 2016 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 2, 2016

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast to be served

Executive Committee

(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)

Members: Abbott, Blazer, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Clark, Davis, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, McNamee, Miller, Pierce, Shiels, Simpson, Woodward

Chair: Grout

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss ASMFC Staff Lead on Assessments
5. Discuss Conservation Equivalency
6. Discuss Plan Development Team Membership White Paper
7. Discuss Commission-specific Meeting Procedures
8. Discuss Renaming the Hart Award
9. Discuss Health Benefits for Retired ASMFC Employees
10. 75th Annual Meeting Update (*L. Leach*)
11. Discuss ACCSP Governance (Closed Session)
12. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.

South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board

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

Other Members: PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

Other Participants: Lynn, McDonough, Rickabaugh, Murphy, Daniel

Chair: Estes

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Estes*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment

4. Discuss Commission Involvement in Cobia Management (*L. Daniel*)
 - Discuss Possible Management Scenarios
 - Recommend to the ISFMP Policy Board How the Commission Should be Involved in Cobia Management
5. Red Drum Working Group Report (*J. Kipp*)
 - Presentation of Progress on Follow Up Tasks to the Red Drum Assessment
6. Consider 2015 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for Red Drum and Atlantic Croaker (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:45 p.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, Kasper

Staff: Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. 2016 Regional Stock Assessments for Long Island Sound (LIS) and New Jersey-New York Bight (NJ-NYB) **Action**
 - Presentation of the LIS Stock Assessment Report (*J. Kasper*)
 - Presentation of the NJ-NYB Stock Assessment Report (*J. McNamee*)
 - Presentation of the Peer Review Panel Report (*P. Campfield*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Regional Stock Assessments and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Consider a Specific Regional Management Approach for Draft Amendment 1 (*A. Nowalsky*) **Possible Action**
6. Update on Commercial Harvest Tagging Program (*A. Harp*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Crab Management Board

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

Other Members: PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Gilmore

Other Participants: Doctor, Cooper, Messeck, Lyons

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Recommendations from the Adaptive Resource Management (ARM) Subcommittee on Revisions to the ARM Framework (*J. Lyons*) **Action**
 - Technical Committee Report (*S. Doctor*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Cooper*)
5. Discuss Additional Bait Trials (*R. Ballou*) **Possible Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

3:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Coastal Sharks Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Nowalsky

Other Participants: Belcher, Frampton, Gillingham

Staff: Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Draft Addendum IV for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options (*A. Harp*)
 - Summary of Public Comment (*A. Harp*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*L. Gillingham*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum IV
5. Consider 2015 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*A. Harp*) **Action**
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*A. Harp*) **Action**
7. Elect Vice-chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

4:45 – 5:30 p.m.

Atlantic Sturgeon 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, USFWS, NMFS

Chair: Vacant

Other Participants: Park, Huss, Damon-Randall

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Beal*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Update on 2017 Benchmark Stock Assessment (*K. Drew*)
5. Review and Discuss Comment on NOAA Proposed Rules Designating Critical Habitat for Atlantic Sturgeon (*K. Damon-Randall*) **Action**
6. Elect Chair and Vice-chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, August 3, 2016

8:00 – 11:00 a.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: Ballou

Other Participants: Kersey, McNamee, Kaelin

Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Draft Addendum I for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options (*M. Ware*)
 - Public Comment Summary (*M. Ware*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum I
5. Set 2017 Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Specifications **Final Action**
 - Overview of Specification Process (*M. Ware*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)

6. Provide Guidance to Plan Development Team on Draft Amendment 3 Public Information Document (*M. Ware*)
7. Update on the Commercial Fishery Socioeconomic Study (*J. Harrison*)
8. Discuss Advisory Panel Membership (*M. Ware*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee

(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members only)

Members: Beal, Boyles, Carmichael, Colvin, Cyr, Detlor, Fegley, Laney, Patterson

Chair: Boyles, Jr.

Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment* (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
3. Committee Consent (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from April 2016
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
4. ACCSP Status Report (*M. Cahall*)
 - For-Hire Workshop
 - Bluefin Tuna Dealer Reporting
 - GARFO VTR Transition
5. Governance Transition Update (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
6. Other Business
7. Closed Session
8. Adjourn

*See Public Comment Guidelines:

http://www.accsp.org/sites/all/themes/aqua/File/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013.pdf

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, DC, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Gilmore

Other Participants: Blanchard, Lengyel

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016

3. Public Comment
4. Review Striped Bass Advisory Panel Meeting Summary (*M. Appelman*)
5. Consider Approval of 2016 Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*M. Appelman*) **Action**
 - Review Performance of Addendum IV Regulatory Measures in 2015
6. Other Business/Adjourn

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Legislative and Governors’ Appointee Commissioner Luncheon

1:30 – 3:30 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
Chair: Grout
Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. State Directors Meeting Report (*D. Grout*)
5. Executive Committee Report (*D. Grout*)
6. Review of Stock Rebuilding Performance (*T. Kerns*)
7. Discuss Recommendation from South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board Regarding Commission Involvement in Cobia Management (*J. Estes*) **Action**
8. Discuss Revisions to Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*)
9. Risk and Uncertainty Policy Workgroup Progress Report (*S. Madsen*) **Action**
10. Habitat Committee Report (*L. Havel*) **Action**
11. Artificial Reef Committee Report (*L. Havel*)
12. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Report (*L. Havel*)
13. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary) **Possible Action**
14. Other Business/Adjourn

3:45 – 5:15 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: R. Boyles, Jr.
Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment*

3. Council Consent **Action**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
4. ACCSP Status Report
 - Program Updates (*M. Cahall*)
 - Committee Updates
5. Governance Transition Update (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

*See Public Comment Guidelines:

http://www.accsp.org/sites/all/themes/aqua/File/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013.pdf

Thursday, August 4, 2016

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

American Eel Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, DC, PRFC, USFWS

Other Participants: Cornish, Wildman

Chair: Clark

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion to Consider Changes to Addendum IV Yellow Eel Allocations (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
 - Technical Committee Report (*T. Wildman*)
5. Consider North Carolina Glass Eel Aquaculture Plan for 2017 (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
 - Technical Committee Report (*T. Wildman*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 – 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: Grout

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Introductions (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016

3. Public Comment
4. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary) **Possible Action**
5. Review ACCSP Transition Plan and Associated Documents **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 4:00 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: Borden

Other Participants: Cornish, Glenn

Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Status of Federal Rulemaking for American Lobster (*P. Burns*)
5. American Lobster Technical Committee Report on Southern New England
 - Management Options to Achieve a 20-60% Increase in Egg Production In the Southern New England American Lobster Stock (*B. Glenn*)
6. Discuss Management Options to be Included in American Lobster Draft Addendum XXV (*D. Borden*) **Possible Action**
7. Discuss Technical Committee Recommendation for, and NOAA Letter on, Increased Reporting in the American Lobster Fishery (*D. Borden; P. Burns*) **Possible Action**
8. Consider Jonah Crab Draft Addendum II for Public Comment (*M. Ware*) **Action**
9. Consider Maine Conservation Equivalency Proposal for Exchange Trap Tags **Action**
 - Review of Maine Proposal (*P. Keliher*)
 - American Lobster Plan Review Team Report (*M. Ware*)
 - American Lobster Advisory Panel Report (*M. Ware*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
 - Consider Approval of Maine's Conservation Equivalency Proposal
10. Update from the Offshore Lobster Law Enforcement Subcommittee (*M. Robson*) **Possible Action**
11. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment (*M. Ware*)
12. Update on State Implementation of the Jonah Crab FMP (*M. Ware*)
13. Other Business/Adjourn