

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Atlantic Herring Management Board

August 5, 2020

1:15 - 2:30 p.m.

Webinar

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>C. Patterson</i>) | 1:15 p.m. |
| 2. Board Consent | 1:15 p.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Proceedings from May 2020 | |
| 3. Public Comment | 1:20 p.m. |
| 4. Review the 2020 Atlantic Herring Management Track Assessment and Peer Review Reports (<i>J. Deroba</i>) | 1:30 p.m. |
| 5. Progress Update on 2020 Area 1A Fishery (<i>R. Zobel</i>) | 2:15 p.m. |
| 6. Elect Vice-Chair (<i>C. Patterson</i>) Action | 2:25 p.m. |
| 7. Other Business/Adjourn | 2:30 p.m. |

MEETING OVERVIEW

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| Chair: Cheri Patterson (NH) Assumed Chairmanship: 2/20 | 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: May 5, 2020 |
| Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, NMFS, NEFMC (9 votes) | | |

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from May 2020

Public Comment – For items not on the agenda, public comment will be taken at the end of the meeting. Individuals that wish to speak at this time should use the webinar raise your hand function and the Board Chair will let you know when to speak. 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 Board 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. Review the 2020 Atlantic Herring Management Assessment and Peer Review Reports (1:30 – 2:15 p.m.)

Background

- The Management Track Assessment was completed in June and peer-reviewed in July 2020 (**Supplemental Materials**).
- The SSC is scheduled to meet July 29 to develop specification recommendations for the NEFMC’s consideration in September when it meets to review the assessment results.

Presentations

- Presentation of management track assessment J. Deroba

5. Progress Update on the 2020 Area 1A Fishery (2:15 – 2:25 p.m.)

Background

- The Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) is 2,957 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the research set-aside, the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL.
- In October 2019, the Board implemented seasonal allocations for the 2020 fishery which allocates the Area 1A sub-ACL between June-September (72.8%) and October-December (27.2%).

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In May 2020, the Board set effort controls for the 2020 Area 1A fishery for Season 1 (briefing materials). The fishery begins in ME on July 19 (6:00 pm) and in NH/MA on July 20 (12:00 am). |
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| <p>Presentations</p> |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Overview of the 2020 Area 1A Fishery by R. Zobel |
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6. Elect Vice-Chair (2:25- 2:30 p.m.)

7. Other Business/Adjourn (2:30 p.m.)

**DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE
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2. **Move to approve proceedings of February, 2020** by Consent (Page 1).
3. **Move to postpone final action on Draft Addendum III until after a final rule on Amendment 8 is published and Council/Commission leadership can meet to discuss herring management** (Page 4). Motion by Megan Ware; second by Ritchie White. Motion carried (Page 6).
4. **Motion to adjourn** by Consent (Page 7).

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ATTENDANCE

Board Members

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| Megan Ware, ME, proxy for P. Keliher (AA) | Matt Gates, CT, proxy for J. Davis (AA) |
| Sen. David Miramant, ME (LA) | Bill Hyatt, CT (GA) |
| Cheri Patterson, NH (AA), Chair | Jim Gilmore, NY (AA) |
| G. Ritchie White, NH (GA) | Emerson Hasbrouck, NY (GA) |
| Dennis Abbott, NH, proxy for Sen. Watters (LA) | John McMurray, NY, proxy for Sen. Kaminsky (LA) |
| Dan McKiernan, MA (AA) | Joe Cimino, NJ (AA) |
| Raymond Kane, MA (GA) | Tom Fote, NJ (GA) |
| Rep. Sarah Peake, MA (LA) | Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Asm. Houghtaling (LA) |
| Conor McManus, RI, proxy for J. McNamee (AA) | Peter Kendall, NEFMC, proxy for T. Nies |
| Dave Borden, RI (GA) | Allison Murphy, NMFS |
| Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA) | |

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

Ex-Officio Members

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| Renee Zobel, Technical Committee Chair | Delayne Brown, Law Enforcement Rep. |
| Jeff Kaelin, Advisory Panel Chair | |

Staff

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| Robert Beal | Max Appelman |
| Toni Kerns | Maya Drzewicki |
| Kirby Rootes-Murdy | |

Guests

(No guest list distributed as meeting held via webinar)

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The Atlantic Herring Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened via webinar; Tuesday, May 5, 2020, and was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by Chairman Cheri Patterson.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIRMAN CHERI PATTERSON: Good morning, and welcome to the Atlantic Herring Management Board webinar. I'm Cheri Patterson; the current Chairperson. I would like to start by saying I hope everyone is doing well, and staying safe during these unprecedented times. As Toni said, this is our first meeting with this sort of webinar.

I would like to just remind members to use the hand raising button to be called on, and to please have patience with everybody. We want to make sure that people have a voice, so we might be asking them to unmute themselves, and go through processes to make sure that they have a voice.

All that being said, I would now like to call the meeting to order. To account for those present at this Board meeting, Kirby Rootes-Murdy will conduct a roll call. Again, please unmute yourself when your name is called, and acknowledge with a yes. We will start from north and move towards the southern states. Kirby.

ROLL CALL

MR. KIRBY ROOTES-MURDY: Great, thank you Madam Chair, hopefully everyone can hear me all right. We'll start off with the state of Maine, Megan Ware.

MS. MEGAN WARE: I'm here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Steve Train. All right, so not hearing Steve Train I've got him noted as absent. Senator Miramant.

SENATOR DAVID MIRAMANT: I'm here. Sorry, the control panel went away, I'm here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: No worries, thank you. Moving to the state of New Hampshire, our Madam Chair, Cheri Patterson is present, next Ritchie White.

MR. G. RITCHIE WHITE: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Great, Dennis Abbott.

MR. DENNIS ABBOTT: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next moving to Massachusetts, Dan McKiernan.

MR. DANIEL MCKIERNAN: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Ray Kane.

MR. RAYMOND W. KANE: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next Representative Sarah Peake.

REPRESENTATIVE SARAH PEAKE: Here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next Rhode Island, Conor McManus.

MR. CONOR MCMANUS: Here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: David Borden.

MR. DAVID V. BORDEN: Here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next Eric Reid.

MR. ERIC REID: Yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next moving to Connecticut, Matt Gates.

MR. MATTHEW GATES: Can you hear me now? I'm here.

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MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Yes, thank you, Matt.
Next Bill Hyatt.

MR. WILLIAM HYATT: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next Representative
Craig Miner, all right not hearing Representative
Miner I have him noted as absent. Next, Jim
Gilmore.

MR. JAMES J. GILMORE: Living the dream.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Thank you, Jim, next
Emerson Hasbrouck.

MR. EMERSON C. HASBROUCK: Here.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Next I have John
McMurray.

MR. GILMORE: Kirby, John is on but he's having
trouble connecting, so he's on Zoom with us
right now, so he may need to have somebody
call him and give him a hand.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Okay thank you for that
heads up, Jim. I appreciate it.

MS. TONI KERNS: Jim, could you text me John's
cell phone number so that I could get someone
to call him? I just don't have it, unless Tina
does.

MR. GILMORE: Will do, Toni.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: All right, moving to New
Jersey. Joe Cimino.

MR. JOE CIMINO: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Tom Fote.

MR. THOMAS P. FOTE: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Adam Nowalsky.

MR. ADAM NOWALSKY: Present.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Now to the New England
Fishery Management Council. Peter Kendall.

MR. PETER KENDALL: I'm on.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Okay thank you, and
then last National Marine Fisheries Service,
Alison Murphy.

MS. ALISON MURPHY: Present, thank you.

MR. ROOTES-MURPHY: Great, thanks. I guess
before I'll turn it back over to Cheri, has there
been any resolution to John McMurray's
connectivity issues?

MS. TINA L. BURGER: We're working on it.
Mike is going to connect with him.

MR. JOHN G. McMURRAY: Okay guys, I think
I'm good now. It's McMurray.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Great, thank you John,
good to hear. Madam Chair it's yours.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Moving on. With the
Board's consent I would like to approve the
agenda. Are there any objections or edits to
approving the agenda? Please raise your hands
and Toni will call on you.

MS. KERNS: Alli Murphy has her hand up, Cheri.
Alli.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Go ahead, Alli.

MS. MURPHY: Thank you Toni, thank you
Madam Chair. If time permits, may I make a
brief announcement under other business?

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Okay, thank you very
much.

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MS. KERNS: Cheri, in addition Senator Miramant has his hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Senator Miramant go ahead.

SENATOR MIRAMANT: Well it looked like the green arrow was pointing up that was up, but I hadn't put it up, so I just put it down. I'm not looking for anything.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Toni, is there anybody else?

MS. KERNS: Conor McManus has his hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Conor.

MR. McMANUS: I'm sorry that might have been an accident.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: We'll all get the hang of this quickly, I'm sure. Anybody else have?

MS. KERNS: That is all, Cheri.

MS. BERGER: Thad Altman has his hand up.

MS. KERNS: I think that has to do with sound check, which we will do later with him, since he is not on this Board.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Okay, with those changes then the agenda is approved.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: With the Board's approval I would like to get consent to approve the proceedings from the February, 2020 meeting. Are there any objections or changes to the proceedings? If so, please raise your hand and Toni will call on you.

MS. KERNS: I do not see any hands raised, Cheri.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Seeing none, then the proceedings are approved.

CONSIDER FINAL APPROVAL OF ADDENDUM III

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Next item on the agenda is to address the final approval of Addendum III. However, before we get started with a presentation of the Draft Addendum, it has been brought to my attention that there are concerns with moving forward with the Addendum at this time.

Some of the concerns that have been expressed are: The New England Fisheries Management Council has concerns that MSA may be violated by excluding some fishing gears with some of the proposed seasonal quotas; that this Addendum may be impaired of Amendment 8 of the New England Fishery Management Council's Atlantic Herring Management Plan. Where the Commission had spoken of work in managing Atlantic Herring may be in conflict, and maybe we want to wait until the Council and the Commission leadership meet, which was a request at the last Council meeting and voted on by Council members. All of that being said, I would like to ask Kirby to show as a reminder the 2020 specifications of Area 1A as it stood this February, and also the allocation distribution that was approved in October of 2019.

I have also been made aware that there is a motion that is proposed for the Board's consideration. Would the maker of the motion please present their motion? If someone would like to second the motion please raise your hand, and Toni will acknowledge that person as a seconder. But I would like to hear from the maker of the motion first.

MS. KERNS: Cheri, I think Megan Ware might be the maker of the motion, as she has her hand up.

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CHARMAN PATTERSON: Megan, if you can move forward with making the motion.

MS. WARE: Thank you Madam Chair, good morning everyone. Just to follow up on what the Chair has said. I think there are kind of several loose ends right now regarding herring management action. We don't have a final rule on Amendment 8, which could prohibit midwater trawl gear within 12 nautical miles of Area 1A year-round. I don't have a sense of which way that Amendment will go, but it could significantly impact the midwater trawl fleet.

We also have a new assessment that is going to be out, in I think a little over a month. It is possible that that assessment will come back with poorer results for the herring stock, so I think that will have impact on upcoming specifications. Then as the Chair mentioned, at the last Council meeting there was a decision to have discussions between the Council and the Commission regarding herring management, and the cooperation between the two bodies.

This meeting hasn't happened yet. Given these things, I think it might be important just to take a breath right now, and let these actions play out. The motion I have is; move to postpone final action on Draft Addendum III until after a Final Rule on Amendment 8 is published, and the Council/Commission leadership can meet to discuss herring management.

MS. KERNS: Cheri, Ritchie White has his hand up, I assume that is for a second.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Ritchie, is that a second?

MR. WHITE: Yes, Madam Chair, I would like to second that motion.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Based on the motion that is in front of the Board, which is to postpone final action on Draft Addendum III

until after a Final Rule on Amendment 8 is published, and the Council/Commission leadership can meet to discuss herring management. I would like to hear discussion, so please raise your hand and remember to unmute yourself when Toni calls on you.

MS. KERNS: Peter Kendall has his hand raised.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Peter.

MR. KENDALL: Yes, thank you Madam Chair, and I can support this motion. I appreciate the fact that in delaying this Addendum as Madam Chair you stated that the Council, you know support part of this Addendum, and with the number of moving targets going on right now I can appreciate the fact that we need to see what happens to Amendment 8 with the Final Rule.

With the current assessment that is being updated right now. Like Ms. Ware said, probably another month we'll have results from that. But I think it's wise at the time to put Addendum III on the shelf for just a little bit, and see how it plays out, so I appreciate this motion.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Thank you PK, anybody else, Toni?

MS. KERNS: Currently only a member of the public. It is John Hare. I don't know if he wants to speak to the assessment, and then also Alli Murphy has her hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: I'll go with Alli first, since she's a council member, then I'll go to the public.

MS. MURPHY: Thank you Madam Chairwoman. I agree with some of the comments from Ms. Ware and from Mr. Kendall. I think a slight delay to the final approval of this action will give the Commission and the Council, and NMFS

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as well, time to meet to discuss our issues, to ensure consistency between the state plan and the federal plan, and move forward in a more concerted way. I can support this motion, thank you.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Okay, we have time so I will take a couple of public comments. Toni, if you could direct to commenting for the Board to hear their names, thank you.

MS. KERNS: First I've unmuted John Hare.

MR. JOHN HARE: I just wanted to provide some more details about the timing of the assessment. The peer review is the 22nd to 26th of June, so the results for all the assessments that will be part of that peer review should be available in the mid-July timeframe.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Toni, is there anyone else from the public?

MS. KERNS: I'm just scrolling through the list to make sure. We have Mary Beth Tooley, Mary Beth, I will unmute you, and then on deck I have Jeff Kaelin. Go ahead, Mary Beth.

MS. MARY BETH TOOLEY: Thank you very much, thank you Madam Chair. I just had one question. I'm wondering if that leadership meeting has been scheduled.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Not to my knowledge.

MS. TOOLEY: Okay thank you. I'll follow up after the meeting.

MS. KERNS: Jeff Kaelin, you should be unmuted. Go ahead, Jeff.

MR. JEFF KAELIN: Good morning everybody, I hope everybody is well. I'm Jeff Kaelin from Lund's Fisheries. I was getting ready to read the AP report, but I guess I'm not going to have to

do that now. I just wanted to say that I really support Ms. Ware's motion, Madam Chair, and I really think it was the right thing to do. I appreciate that and will stay tuned. The question I have is does the Board have to take action again on the October, 2019 decision on allocations in 1A, or does that just stand if it's not changed?

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: It is my understanding that it stands.

MR. KAELIN: Okay that's great, thank you Cheri, I'm glad to hear that.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: I would like to go back to the Board. After we've heard the comments from the public is there any further discussion from the Board? If there is please raise your hand.

MS. KERNS: Cheri, I'm scrolling through the list really quick. I don't see anybody else with their hand up. Give me one more second here. Nope, no one else has their hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Then we will vote on the motion. The motion again is to postpone final action on Draft Addendum III until after a Final Rule on Amendment 8 is published, and Council/Commission leadership can meet to discuss herring management. The motion was made by Ms. Ware, seconded by Mr. White. We ask that the Administrative Commissioners be the ones to vote on behalf of the state. If there is a need to caucus, please raise your hand now.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Madam Chair, just the point of clarification for the Board and members of the public. I want people to be aware that Amendment 8 is the New England Council's Amendment, and the Draft Addendum obviously is the Commission's, just in a point of clarification, and it will be reflected with the recording for this meeting.

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CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Thank you, Kirby. Toni, does anybody have their hand raised?

MS. KERNS: Cheri, I do not see anybody with their hand raised.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Okay, then we'll have Kirby conduct the roll call from north to south.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: All right great, thanks Madam Chair. We're starting with the state of Maine, and we'll go south.

MS. WARE: This is Megan, yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: New Hampshire.

MR. WHITE: Yes, this is Ritchie, New Hampshire votes yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Massachusetts.

MR. McKIERNAN: This is Dan McKiernan voting yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Rhode Island.

MR. McMANUS: This is Conor McManus voting yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Connecticut.

MR. GATES: This is Matthew Gates voting yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: New York.

MR. GILMORE: Jim Gilmore, yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: New Jersey.

MR. CIMINO: Joe Cimino, yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: New England Fishery Management Council.

MR. KENDALL: Peter Kendall for the New England Council, yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: National Marine Fisheries Service.

MS. MURPHY: This is Alli Murphy, I vote yes.

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: There are 9 yesses, 0 noes, 0 abstentions, 0 null votes.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: The motion was passed, thank you everyone.

OTHER BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Seeing that Addendum III is being postponed, there will be no need to reconsider the 2020 Area 1 Specifications. We can move on to other business.

UPDATE TO THE FINAL RULE FILING OF THE ATLANTIC HERRING SPECIFICATIONS

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Alli, if you could please provide your update to the Final Rule filing of the Atlantic Herring Specifications. If anybody else would like to bring up Other Business please raise your hand in the interim.

MS. MURPHY: I just wanted to let the Board know that this morning our Final Rule approving the measures in Framework Adjustment 6, including the 2020 specifications and some other minor corrections filed in the Federal Register and is effective today. The Rule approved specifications as were proposed in the Proposed Rule, and as recommended by the New England Council. Following this meeting I will be working with other GARFO staff to update our website in quota monitoring, and send out our e-mail notifications. But we wanted to let the Board know this morning. Thank you.

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CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Toni, does anybody else have their hands raised for other business?

MS. KERNS: I do not see any other hands raised for Other Business, Cheri.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Well this is going faster than I thought it would. Seeing no other business, is there any public that would like to comment? If so, please raise your hand. This is apart from what we have already discussed.

MS. KERNS: Cheri, Mary Beth Tooley has her hand raised, I can unmute her if that is okay with you. Hold on Mary Beth. Mary Beth, you are self-muted, you should be able to unmute yourself now. There you go.

MS. TOOLEY: I just wanted to note one thing. The AP did meet prior to this meeting to comment on the Addendum, but the AP also had a discussion about the fact that the group did not feel that the Commission was utilizing the group to its best ability, and would prefer that when the Commission moves forward with actions that the AP is consulted early in the process during the development of the measures.

There was a bit of confusion about how the measures came together, and who was affected and things like that that took a while to sort of get through that. As a group we just felt that earlier feedback from the AP would help the process greatly, and I wanted to bring that to the attention of the Board. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Thank you, Mary Beth. Is there any other comment, Toni?

MS. KERNS: Jeff Kaelin has his hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Jeff.

MR. KAELIN: Yes, Mary Beth just reminded me. The one thing I want to mention as the AP Chair

is, we only had 5 of 14 members attend. I really do appreciate the Board using the AP to the extent that we have been able to provide information to you, but I think the states need to realize that only 5 of 14 members attended. Madam Chair, maybe the Board can be reconstituted. I don't know what kind of a process the Commission is using. But I just wanted to point that out. That's it thanks very much.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Is there anything else, Toni?

MS. KERNS: I do not see any other members of the public.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Is there any response from the Board in regard to the public comments?

MS. KERNS: Dennis Abbott has his hand up.

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Dennis go ahead.

MR. ABBOTT: Procedural issue. We went through a manual roll call, which took quite a bit of time and it will take more time when we really have north to south. When we have a normal Board meeting, we just look around the room and determine that we have a quorum. You have a list of everyone that is signed on. Can that not be used as the roll call for attendance, rather than go through an individual roll call?

MS. KERNS: Well Dennis, the roll call was just to know how each state is voting. At the beginning of the meeting we are just calling attendance. One, it helps to make sure that everybody's sound is working, and to know for sure that people are present at their computer on the meeting.

MR. ABBOTT: Thank you.

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ADJOURNMENT

CHAIRMAN PATTERSON: Okay if there is no other business before this Board, I would like to say one last thing. I would like to thank ASMFC staff for their organizational skills in running this webinar very efficiently, and we're very appreciative of you guys. With that being said, this meeting is adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:00
a.m. on May 4, 2020)

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MEMORANDUM

May 13, 2020

To: Atlantic Herring Management Board, Atlantic Herring Technical Committee, Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel, Interested Parties

From: Toni Kerns, ISFMP Director *TK*

RE: Area 1A 2020 Effort Controls

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Atlantic Herring Management Board members from Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts set the effort control measures for the 2020 Area 1A (inshore Gulf of Maine) fishery for Season 1 (June-September).

The Area 1A sub-annual catch limit (ACL) is 2,957 metric tons (mt) after adjusting for the research set-aside, the 30 mt fixed gear set-aside, and the fact that Area 1A closes at 92% of the sub-ACL. In October 2019, the Atlantic Herring Management Board implemented seasonal allocations for the 2020 fishery which allocates the Area 1A sub-ACL between June-September (72.8%) and October-December (27.2%).

2020 Atlantic Herring 1A Quota (in mt) Allocation by Season

| Season | 1A Quota |
|----------------------------|----------|
| Season 1: June-September | 2,152 mt |
| Season 2: October-December | 804 mt |

Days Out of the Fishery

- Landing days will be set at zero from June 1 until the start of the fishery on July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts.
- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category A permit that have declared into the Area 1A fishery may land herring four (4) consecutive days a week. One landing per 24 hour period. Vessels are prohibited from landing or possessing herring caught from Area 1A during a day out of the fishery.
 - Landings days in Maine begin on Sunday of each week at 6:00 p.m. starting July 19.
 - Landing days in New Hampshire and Massachusetts begin on Monday of each week at 12:01 a.m. starting July 20.
- Small mesh bottom trawl vessels with an Atlantic herring Limited Access Category C or Open Access D permit that have declared into the fishery may land herring five (5) consecutive days a week.

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Weekly Landing Limit

- Vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit may harvest up to 240,000 lbs. (6 trucks) per harvester vessel, per week starting July 19 in Maine and July 20 in New Hampshire and Massachusetts

At-Sea Transfer and Carrier Restrictions

The following applies to harvester vessels with an Atlantic herring Category A permit and carrier vessels landing herring caught in Area 1A to a Maine, New Hampshire, or Massachusetts port.

- A harvester vessel may transfer herring at-sea to another harvester vessel.
- A harvester vessel may not make any at-sea transfers to a carrier vessel.
- Carrier vessels may not receive at-sea transfers from a harvester vessel.

Fishermen are prohibited from landing more than 2,000 pounds of Atlantic herring per trip from Area 1A until July 19 or 20, 2020, depending on the state. Landings will be closely monitored and the fishery will be adjusted to zero landing days when the seasonal period quota is projected to be reached.

Please contact Max Appelman, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at mappelman@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740 for more information.

Motions

Move to have season 1 start July 19 (ME) at 6 p.m.; July 20 for MA and NH vessels at 12:01 a.m. Zero landing days prior to July 19-20.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. McKiernan. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion

Move to implement 4 landing days and an 8 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion substituted.

Motion to Substitute

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. Abbott. Motion passed by consent.

Main Motion as Substituted

Move to implement 4 landing days and a 6 truck weekly landing limit for the Category A permit vessels.

Motion passed by consent.

Move to implement 5 landing days for Category C and D permits under the Small Mesh Bottom Trawl program.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passes by consent.

Move to allow harvester-to-harvester transfers at sea, but not allow transfers to carriers.

Motion made by Ms. Ware and seconded by Mr. White. Motion passed by consent.