

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Coastal Sharks Management Board

*February 3, 2021*  
*10:15 – 11:00 a.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. Batsavage</i> )   | 10:15 a.m. |
| 2. Board Consent   | 10:15 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda   |            |
| • Approval of Proceedings from February 2020   |            |
| 3. Public Comment  | 10:20 a.m. |
| 4. Review NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Shark Tagging Program<br>( <i>C. McCandless</i> )               | 10:30 a.m. |
| 5. Update from NOAA Fisheries on Highly Migratory Species Management<br>( <i>K. Brewster-Geisz</i> ) | 10:45 a.m. |
| 6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership ( <i>T. Berger</i> ) <b>Action</b>                  | 10:55 a.m. |
| 7. Other Business/Adjourn  | 11:00 a.m. |

# MEETING OVERVIEW

## Coastal Sharks Management Board

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Webinar

Chair: Chris Batsavage (NC) Assumed Chairmanship: 05/19	Technical Committee Chair: Angel Willey (MD)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Greg Garner (SC)
Vice Chair: Mel Bell (SC)	Advisory Panel Chair: Vacant	Previous Board Meeting: February 4, 2020
Voting Members: MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS (13 votes)		

### 2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from February 2020

**3. Public Comment** – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. 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 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 NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Shark Tagging Program (10:30-10:45 a.m.)

#### Background

- The Cooperative Shark Tagging Program (CSTP) is a collaborative effort between recreational anglers, commercial fishery, and NOAA Fisheries to learn more about the life history of Atlantic Sharks.
- Over the last year there has been an increase in recreational shark fishing from shore due to the COVID-19 pandemic. With increased shore-based fishing effort, there is an opportunity for more educational outreach and data collection through the CSTP.

#### Presentations

- Review of Cooperative Shark Tagging Program by C. McCandless

**5. Update from NOAA Fisheries on Highly Migratory Species Management (10:45-10:55 a.m.)**

**Background**

- NOAA's Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Division has been working on a number of items that may impact the management of sharks found in state waters. HMS staff will review Draft Amendment 14, the recent Atlantic Blacktip Assessment, and Depredation.

**Presentations**

- Update from NOAA Fisheries on HMS Management by K. Brewster-Geisz

**6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (10:55-11:00 a.m.) Action**

**Background**

- Rick Bellavance from RI has been nominated to the Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel **(Briefing Materials)**.

**Presentations**

- Nominations by T. Berger

**Board actions for consideration at this meeting**

- Approve nominations

**7. Other Business/Adjourn**

## Coastal Sharks

**Activity level: Low**

**Committee Overlap Score:** low (some overlap with South Atlantic Board species)

### Committee Task List

- TC – August 1<sup>st</sup>: Annual compliance reports due

**TC Members:** Angel Willey (MD, Chair), Bryan Frazier (SC), Donna McDowell (GA), Brent Winner (FL), Greg Skomal (MA), Chris Scott (NY), David Behringer (NC), Conor McManus (RI), Greg Hinks (NJ), Jack Musick (VIMS), Matt Gates (CT), Karyl Brewster-Geisz (NOAA), Michael Frisk (NY), Enric Cortes (NOAA), Scott Newlin (DE), Julie Neer (SAFMC), Kirby Rootes-Murdy (ASMFC)

**DRAFT PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
COASTAL SHARKS MANAGEMENT BOARD**

**The Westin Crystal City**  
Arlington, Virginia  
**February 4, 2020**

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**ATTENDANCE**

**Board Members**

Dan McKiernan, MA (AA)	Craig Pugh, DE, proxy for Rep. Carson (LA)
Sarah Ferrara, MA, proxy for Rep. Peake (LA)	Mike Luisi, MD, proxy for B. Anderson (AA)
Jason McNamee, RI (AA)	Phil Langley, MD, proxy for Del. Stein (LA)
Matt Gates, CT, proxy for J. Davis (AA)	Lewis Gillingham, VA, proxy for S. Bowman (AA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)	Chris Batsavage, NC, proxy for S. Murphey (AA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)	Mel Bell, SC, proxy for R. Boyles (AA)
Joe Cimino, NJ (AA)	Doug Haymans, GA (AA)
Russ Allen, NJ, proxy for T. Fote (GA)	Spud Woodward, GA (GA)
Stewart Michels, DE, proxy for D. Saveikis (AA)	Jim Estes, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Roy Miller, DE (GA)	Guy DuBeck, NMFS

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

**Ex-Officio Members**

**Staff**

Robert Beal	Kirby Rootes-Murdy
Toni Kerns	Maya Drzewicki

**Guests**

Carl Lobue, TNC	Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Alejandra Goyenechea, Defenders of Wildlife	Lowell Whitney, USFWS
Michelle Turton, US FWS	Laura Noguchi, CITES

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The Coastal Sharks Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Jefferson Ballroom of the Westin Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia; Tuesday, February 4, 2020, and was called to order at 3:15 o'clock p.m. by Chair Chris Batsavage.

**CALL TO ORDER**

CHAIR CHRIS BATSAVAGE: Okay we'll go ahead and get started. Welcome everyone to the Coastal Sharks Management Board. My name is Chris Batsavage; I'm the Administrative Proxy for North Carolina. I'll be serving as Chair. Along with me is staff lead for ASMFC on coastal sharks, Kirby Rootes-Murdy.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: We'll start by approval of the agenda. Are there any changes to the agenda? Seeing none, we'll approve that by consent.

**APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: Next is approval of the proceedings from the October 2019 Board meeting. Are there any changes or modification to those proceedings? Seeing none, then those are approved. Next is public comment on any items that are not on the agenda today for coastal sharks. Nobody signed up in advance, are there any members of the public who would wish to provide any comment?

**UPDATE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CITES  
APPENDIX II PROVISIONS FOR ATLANTIC  
SHORT FIN MAKO SHARKS**

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: Seeing none, then we'll move on to the next item, which is an update on the implementation of CITES Appendix II Provisions for Atlantic Short Fin Mako Sharks, and with us today from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service we have Michelle Turton and Laura Noguchi to go over that for us. With that I'll hand it over to them.

MS. MICHELLE TURTON: Hello, I'm Michelle Turton with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. I'm a permits biologist with International Affairs.

MS. LAURA NOGUCHI: Laura Noguchi, I work in the Scientific Management Authority for CITES, also in International Affairs.

MS. TURTON: Today I'll be talking about the implementation of CITES for the Atlantic shortfin mako shark. The Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, I'll just say CITES is an agreement between 182 member countries, also referred to as parties and the EU.

The U.S. has been a party member since CITES went into effect in 1975. It establishes a legal framework, together with common procedural mechanisms, for regulating international trade and listed species. The purpose of CITES is to ensure that international trade in wild fauna and flora is legal and sustainable. How does CITES exactly work? It's by regulating the export, the import, and interjectory from the sea of live and dead animal, plants, and their parts. It's for only listed species, so it doesn't cover every species in the world. It's mainly targeted in international trade. It is regulated based on a system of permitting and certifications that can only be issued if certain criteria's are met, and must be presented when leaving or entering a country or a member party.

For CITES there are three appendixes, Addition of a Species to Appendix I or Appendix II requires two-thirds majority vote of all the parties. Addition of a Species to Appendix III is an un-unilateral decision by listing country. A little bit more detail about the three appendices. Appendix I is roughly around 1,000 species.

These are species that are threatened with extinction. There is no commercial trade allowed. It requires both an import permit and

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an export permit. Appendix II is the largest group. There are over 30,000 species listed. The majority of that is plant species. These species are vulnerable to overexploitation, but they are not currently at risk for extinction.

There is commercial and noncommercial trade allowed in these listed species. Permits and certificates are required for export, but they are not always required for import. It depends on national law that a party may set up, such as the European Union typically requires an import for an Appendix II.

Then there are Appendix III specimens. There are roughly around 300 species listed. The purpose is to address legal origin, and not necessarily sustainability. These species are protected by at least one country that has requested assistance in helping to regulate those species. In order for a permit to be issued there are two findings that are required, there is a Legal Acquisition, and that finding is done by the Division of Management Authority.

That specimen to be exported has to be legally acquired. The other finding that is necessary for CITES is a non-detrimental finding, sometimes referred to as an NDF. That is done by the Division of Scientific Authority, and the export of the specimen will not impact negatively on the survival of the species in the wild.

CITES enforcement, there are inspections of wildlife for shipments; there is legal action, investigation, law enforcement intelligence working on undercover cases, national and international collaboration. But the main goal is to promote compliance, now to talk specifically about mako sharks.

At the 18th meeting of the Conference of Parties that took place in Switzerland on August 17 through the 28th of 2019, it was proposed by the countries listed on the screen, I'm not going to read off all of those party members,

because there are a large number of them. They proposed for mako sharks to be listed as an Appendix II item, and that includes both the shortfin and the longfin mako sharks.

It was voted by the party members and accepted that proposal to list mako sharks as an Appendix II. That came into effect on November 26, 2019. What are the requirements now that that has come into effect is that for international trade you will need a U.S. CITES Export Permit to export it internationally. In order to acquire that permit you can submit Application 3-200-27. That is a permit for export of wildlife taken from the wild. There is \$100.00 processing fee. If the permit is issued it is valid for six months, and you may or may not need a CITES import certificate. Again that depends on the different party members, and if they have a national law saying that you need an import.

If you were to import mako sharks to the United States you would not need a U.S. CITES permit, but you would require a foreign CITES Export Permit. For domestic trade of mako sharks you do not need a CITES permit. Then if mako sharks are caught on the high seas that is outside of the EEZ Zone for the U.S. you will need this certificate. It's a CITES Introductory to the Sea Certificate.

It will be Application Form 3-200-31. There is \$100.00 processing fee, and this Introductory to Sea Certificate is valid for one year. It should be noted, unlike the (Application 3-200) 27 for an export permit, which would be a single-time use; the Introductory to Sea Certificate will be valid for multiple uses, so you won't need to apply for multiple ones within that year. When can mako shark listing as an Appendix II be revisited?

That would be at a Conference of Party. The next one will be in Costa Rica in 2022. That is when there can be changes to up-list or delist species. A member party must propose it, and

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it requires the support of two-thirds of the parties present and voting. That is my presentation. If you have additional questions feel free to give our telephone number a call, and also our e-mail address is also listed up there, which this can be shared with your constituents as well.

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: Thank you for the presentation, are there questions for Michelle? I guess you covered everything that you needed to so it's good. If no further questions, thank you for the presentation and I guess we'll see what happens when this comes back up maybe in 2022, so thanks again. Next on the agenda is an update from the November, 2019 ICCAT Meeting, and Kirby is going to give a quick update on that.

MR. KIRBY ROOTES-MURDY: Hi, I have a very brief one-slide presentation. Basically with shortfin mako, at the 2019 ICCAT Meeting it is important to note that the U.S. advanced the measure to generally prohibit retention, while allowing limited landings under a total allowable catch if member nations reduced their mortality of shortfin mako by 80 percent.

That is the needed mortality reduction. The U.S. had already achieved this reduction through Amendment 11. During that meeting there was a report out from the Standing Committee on Research and Science that updated projections regarding basically two life generations, as opposed to one mean generation time that was included in the benchmark assessment.

Based on those updated projections, the member countries decided not to make any additional changes at this point to those measures. NOAA Fisheries is looking into what regulations other countries have implemented, and the plan as of right now is there will be no changes to the shortfin mako measures that NOAA has implemented.

The next step would be the 2020 ICCAT Meeting, at which point the discussion around whether to make any further change would come up at that point, so that would be November of this year. That is it in a nutshell. If you have any questions let me know. We also have Guy DuBeck, he was another kind federal partner who stuck around for this delayed meeting, and he's here and can answer some questions that I may not be able to regarding shortfin makos, so thank you.

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: Questions for Kirby or for Guy regarding the ICCAT update. I've got a question from a member of the public, if you can come on up please to one of the public microphones and state your name and any affiliation.

MS. ALEJANDRA GOYENECHEA: My name is Alejandra Goyenechea, Senior International Council for Defenders of Wildlife. I just wanted to mention that I was present at the Annual Meeting, so if you have any questions or need more information at what happened at the November meeting, I was there so feel free to contact me. Thank you.

**ADJOURNMENT**

CHAIR BATSAVAGE: Thank you. Are there any questions from the Board? Okay, is there any other business from the Board? If there are no objections then we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 3:30 o'clock p.m. on February 4, 2020)

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## MEMORANDUM

January 12, 2021

**To: Coastal Sharks Management Board**  
**From: Tina Berger, Director of Communications**  
**RE: Advisory Panel Nomination**

Please find attached a new nomination to the Coastal Sharks Advisory Panel – Captain Rick Bellavance, a commercial rod and reel fisherman and charter/partyboat captain from Rhode Island. Please review this nomination for action at the next Board meeting.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (703) 842-0749 or [tberger@asmfc.org](mailto:tberger@asmfc.org).

Enc.

cc: Kirby Rootes-Murdy

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## COASTAL SHARKS ADVISORY PANEL

Bolded names await approval by the Coastal Sharks Management Board

January 12, 2021

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Appt. Confirmed 2/20/06  
Appt Reconfirmed 5/10

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1 Vacancy – commercial or for-hire

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***Vacancy – comm gillnet/pots***

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***Vacancy – recreational***

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Appt Confirmed 8/3/10

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Appt. Confirmed 2/20/06  
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1 Vacancy – commercial

**Florida (2)**

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***1 Vacancy – recreational***

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# ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

## Advisory Panel Nomination Form

This form is designed to help nominate Advisors to the Commission's Species Advisory Panels. The information on the returned form will be provided to the Commission's relevant species management board or section. Please answer the questions in the categories (All Nominees, Commercial Fisherman, Charter/Headboat Captain, Recreational Fisherman, Dealer/Processor, or Other Interested Parties) that pertain to the nominee's experience. If the nominee fits into more than one category, answer the questions for all categories that fit the situation. Also, please fill in the sections which pertain to All Nominees (pages 1 and 2). In addition, nominee signatures are required to verify the provided information (page 4), and Commissioner signatures are requested to verify Commissioner consensus (page 4). Please print and use a black pen.

Form submitted by: Rick Bellavance State: RI  
(your name)

Name of Nominee: Capt. Rick Bellavance

Address: 140 Jerry Lane

City, State, Zip: North Kingstown, RI 02852

Please provide the appropriate numbers where the nominee can be reached:

Phone (day): 401-741-5648

Phone (evening): \_\_\_\_\_

FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: rickbellavance@gmail.com

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**FOR ALL NOMINEES:**

1. Please list, in order of preference, the Advisory Panel for which you are nominating the above person.

1. Spiny Dogfish

2. Coastal Sharks

3. \_\_\_\_\_

4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Has the nominee been found in violation of criminal or civil federal fishery law or regulation or convicted of any felony or crime over the last three years?

yes \_\_\_\_\_ no X

3. Is the nominee a member of any fishermen's organizations or clubs?

yes X no \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes," please list them below by name.

RI Party and Charter Boat Association

Commercial Fishing Center of RI

4. What kinds (species ) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for during the past year?

STB, BLU, BSB, SCUP, SF

Spiny Dogfish, HMS, Tautog

Cod, Pollack, Hake, WF

5. What kinds (species ) of fish and/or shellfish has the nominee fished for in the past?

STB, BLU, BSB, SCUP, SF

Spiny Dogfish, HMS, Tautog

Cod, Pollack, Hake, WF

**FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN:**

1. How many years has the nominee been the commercial fishing business? 30 years
2. Is the nominee employed only in commercial fishing? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no X
3. What is the predominant gear type used by the nominee? Rod and Reel
4. What is the predominant geographic area fished by the nominee (i.e., inshore, offshore)? Inshore and offshore from Montauk NY to Marthas Vineyard MA out to 50 miles

**FOR CHARTER/HEADBOAT CAPTAINS:**

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the charter/headboat business? 30 years
2. Is the nominee employed only in the charter/headboat industry? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no X  
If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/occupation(s): Fishing Consultant - Member New England Fishery Management Council
3. How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? 53 years  
If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.



**FOR RECREATIONAL FISHERMEN:**

1. How long has the nominee engaged in recreational fishing? \_\_\_\_\_ years
2. Is the nominee working, or has the nominee ever worked in any area related to the fishing industry? yes \_\_\_\_\_ no  \_\_\_\_\_

If "yes," please explain.

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**FOR SEAFOOD PROCESSORS & DEALERS:**

1. How long has the nominee been employed in the business of seafood processing/dealing? \_\_\_\_\_ years
2. Is the nominee employed only in the business of seafood processing/dealing?  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_ If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

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3. How many years has the nominee lived in the home port community? \_\_\_\_\_ years  
If less than five years, please indicate the nominee's previous home port community.

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**FOR OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES:**

1. How long has the nominee been interested in fishing and/or fisheries management? \_\_\_\_\_ years
2. Is the nominee employed in the fishing business or the field of fisheries management?  
yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_  
If "no," please list other type(s) of business(es) and/or occupation(s):

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**FOR ALL NOMINEES:**

In the space provided below, please provide the Commission with any additional information which you feel would assist us in making choosing new Advisors. You may use as many pages as needed.

Spiny Dog fish and Coastal SHarks are important to RI's charter/PARTY and commercial fishing industry. As someone who participates in these fisheries and As someone who is familiar with the commission's management process I feel I can be helpful to the AP. I understand the commitment necessary to be an AP member and I can meet that commitment.

Nominee Signature: 

Date: 1/6/2021

Name: **Rick Bellavance**  
(please print)

**COMMISSIONERS SIGN-OFF (not required for non-traditional stakeholders)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Director

\_\_\_\_\_  
State Legislator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor's Appointee