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ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Dan McKiernan, MA (AA)	Craig Pugh, DE, proxy for Rep. Carson (LA)
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)	Mike Luisi, MD, proxy for B. Anderson (AA)
Sarah Ferrara, MA, proxy for Rep. Peake (LA)	Russell Dize, MD (GA)
Jason McNamee, RI (AA)	Lewis Gillingham, VA, proxy for S. Bowman (AA)
David Borden, RI (GA)	Shanna Madsen, VA, proxy for B. Plumlee (GA)
Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA)	Chris Batsavage, NC, proxy for K. Rawls (AA)
Justin Davis, CT (AA)	Jerry Mannen, NC (GA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)	Bill Gorham, NC, proxy for Rep. Steinberg (LA)
John Maniscalco, NY, proxy for J. Gilmore (AA)	Mel Bell, SC, proxy for P. Maier (AA)
John McMurray, NY, proxy for Sen. Kaminsky (LA)	Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Heather Corbett, NJ, proxy for J. Cimino (AA)	Sen. Ronnie Cromer, SC (LA)
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Doug Haymans, GA (AA)
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Asm. Houghtaling (LA)	Spud Woodward, GA (GA)
John Clark, DE (AA)	Erika Burgess, FL, proxy for J. McCawley (AA)
Roy Miller, DE (GA)	Guy DuBeck, NMFS

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

Staff

Bob Beal	Jeff Kipp
Toni Kerns	Savannah Lewis
Laura Leach	Kirby Rootes-Murdy
Lisa Carty	Sarah Murray
Tina Berger	Julie Simpson
Kristen Anstead	Caitlin Starks
Maya Drzewicki	Deke Tompkins
Emilie Franke	Geoff White
Chris Jacobs	

Guests

Max Appelman, NOAA	Steve Meyers
Pat Augustine, Coram, NY	Pat Moran, MA Env. Police
Alan Bianchi, NC DENR	Allison Murphy, NOAA
Jeff Brust, NJ DEP	Dick Omrod
Jessica Daher, NJ DEP	Cheri Patterson, NH (AA)
Lynn Fegley, MD DNR	Jill Ramsey, VMRC
James Fletcher, Wanchese Fish Co	Tara Scott, NOAA
Wilson Laney	Melissa Smith, ME DMR
Chip Lynch, NOAA	David Stormer, DE DFW
Kim McKown, NYS DEC	Meredith Whitten, NC DENR
Conor McManus, RI DEM	Chris Wright, NOAA
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF	Sarah York, NOAA

The Coastal Sharks Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened via webinar; Wednesday, October 20, 2021, and was called to order at 10:30 a.m. by Chair Mel Bell.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR MEL BELL: Good morning, everybody, welcome back. This is the Coastal Sharks Management Board. I am Mel Bell, I will be chairing this meeting, and I am an Administrative Proxy for South Carolina, and Chair of the Board now.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR BELL: The first item on the agenda would be Approval of the Agenda. Taking a look at the agenda, are there any modifications necessary to the agenda? Any hands?

MS. TONI KERNS: No hands, Mel.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, seeing no hands, we'll take that as approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR BELL: Next item would be Approval of the Proceedings from the February, 2021 meeting of the Coastal Shark Management Board, included in your briefing materials. Are there any corrections or edits necessary to the proceedings from the February, 2021 meeting?

MS. KERNS: I don't see any hands, Mel.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, seeing none, then we'll take that as approval of the proceedings of the February, 2021 meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR BELL: That takes us to public comment. This would be public comment for anything not on the agenda. Do we have anybody signed up for public comment, Toni, or any hands up?

MS. KERNS: Just going to give everyone a second for hands. We don't have anyone signed up that I'm aware of, and no hands.

SET 2022 SPECIFICATIONS FOR COASTAL SHARKS

CHAIR BELL: All right, good. Well, then we'll just get right into it. Next item would be really our only, well our primary item, which would be to take final action, and this would be to look at the 2022 specifications for the shark fishery provided by National Marine Fishery Service, NOAA Fisheries. They published back in August 2021 the proposed rule, which covers the fishery for 2022. We would need to take a look at that, and take some action on that. I will be turning it over to Kirby to go through that, and then we'll see where we go. Thank you.

MR. KIRBY ROOTES-MURDY: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I have a short presentation for the Board, similar to what you had seen in previous years, so I'll go through that now. Mel covered the first two points. I want to just highlight the background. Just as a reminder, the proposed rule is offering that all shark management groups would open on January 1 of 2022. In terms of, I would say the most important change from previous years, is NOAA Highly Migratory Species Division is proposing a higher retention limit for the large coastal sharks other than sandbars, starting at 55 sharks per vessel per trip, and plan to adjust as needed.

The thinking behind this is that the landings has been well below the quota in recent years, and so to allow for that quota to be better utilized, they are starting at a higher trip limit. On the blacknose shark retention limit, this is going to be status quo from 2021, which is 8 sharks per vessel per trip limit.

I'll get into the next couple slides the quotas, but just so that everyone is aware, these quota levels are status quo from the previous two years, so this year and 2020. Just to summarize for folks, the quota level and the Large Aggregate Coastal Shark's Management Group is 372,552 pounds dressed weight.

For hammerhead sharks it's 59,736 pounds dressed weight. Non-blacknose small coastal sharks is 582,333 pounds dressed weight. For blacknose sharks south 34-degree north latitude it's 37,921 pounds dressed weight, and for the smoothhound dogfish it's 3,973,902 pounds dressed weight. For the Non-Sandbar Large Coastal Shark Research Management Group, the proposed quota is 110,230 pounds dressed weight.

For the Sandbar Shark Research Management Group, it's 199,943 pounds dressed weight. Blue Sharks, 601,856 pounds dressed weight. For Porbeagle Sharks, 3,748 pounds dressed weight, and then for pelagic sharks other than porbeagle or blue sharks it's 1,075,856 pounds dressed weight.

As has been done in previous years, the Board can consider approving the 2022 Coastal Sharks Specifications via e-mail vote after NOAA Fisheries publishes the final rule for the 2022 Atlantic Coastal Shark commercial fishing season. In past years a motion has been made to approve this and following this Board meeting, when that final rule gets published, a staff sends out an e-mail ballot for states to complete. Before we go to any questions, I just wanted to offer Guy DuBeck from NOAA's HMS. All of us wanted to offer any additional comments on the proposed rule.

MR. GUY DuBECK: We are working through the final rule right now, and we're hoping to have that out within the next months, so I think that's all I have about the update about the Final Rule, but as Kirby said, this kind of timing wise is very similar to how we've done it in the past years.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, thank you. Yes, this action is pretty much we just deal with almost as an administrative type thing, barring discussion or issues with what is proposed. At this time, Kirby, would it be best to just go ahead, see if we can get the motion on the table, then discuss and then deal with it?

MR. ROOTES-MURDY: Yes, that would be great.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, I have someone, I think, lined up that would be willing to make the motion.

MS. KERNS: We have Erika Burgess.

CHAIR BELL: All right, Erika.

MS. ERIKA BURGESS: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I move to approve the 2022 Coastal Shark Specifications via an e-mail vote after NOAA Fisheries publishes the Final Rule for the 2022 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Season.

MS. KERNS: We have a second from Doug Haymans.

CHAIR BELL: All right, thanks, Doug. We've got a motion, got a second, any discussion of the motion at this point? Any hands, Toni?

MS. KERNS: I have no hands.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, I guess we have a technical issue. Just for purposes, the motion is actually just that first sentence. There you go. Any discussion?

MS. KERNS: No hands.

CHAIR BELL: Is there any objection to approval of the motion?

MS. KERNS: I see no hands in objection.

CHAIR BELL: All right, thank you, Toni, then the motion passes by unanimous approval.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

That takes us to our next item on the agenda, which would be election of a Vice-Chair. Do I have nominations?

MS. KERNS: You have a nomination from Spud Woodward.

CHAIR BELL: All right, Spud.

MR. A.G. "SPUD" WOODWARD: Thank you, Mr. Chair, I would nominate Erika Burgess of the Sunshine State to serve as Vice-Chair of the Coastal Sharks Board.

CHAIR BELL: All right, great. Thank you, and I think Erika will be a great choice for that, just given her experience.

MS. KERNS: You have quick hands; Doug Hayman is up for a second again.

CHAIR BELL: Oh good, thank you, Doug, appreciate that. We have a nomination for Erika, a second. Any other nominations for Vice-Chair of Coastal Sharks?

MS. KERNS: No other nominations.

MR. JOHN CLARK: Doug and Spud are from the same state.

MS. KERNS: Oh, thank you, we can't do that, can we? Keep me in track, thanks.

CHAIR BELL: Good call. Do we have a second from another state?

MS. KERNS: Roy Miller.

CHAIR BELL: Okay, Roy, thank you. Definitely not Georgia. All righty, so any objections to the motion to nominate Erika Burgess to serve as Vice-Chair of the Coastal Sharks Board?

MS. KERNS: I see no hands in objection.

CHAIR BELL: All right, well then, that motion passes unanimously. Congratulations, Erika, welcome to the Coastal Sharks Board as the Vice-Chair. Well, that takes us to the last item on the agenda, which is Other Business. Does anybody have any other business to bring before the Coastal Sharks Board at this time? No hands, Toni?

MS. KERNS: No hands, Mel.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR BELL: Well, you all are a quiet group. All righty, well then, no other business, we will go ahead and adjourn the Coastal Sharks Management Board.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. on October 20, 2021.)