

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Executive Committee

*May 5, 2021  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Webinar*

### Draft Agenda

The order in which these items will be taken is subject to change;  
other items may be added as necessary.

*A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Commissioners and Committee members only*

1. Welcome/Introductions (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 3, 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*S. Woodward*)
  - Presentation of the FY 2022 Budget **Action**
  - Presentation of Statement of Investment Policy Guidelines **Action**
5. Update on Activities of the Allocation Subcommittee
6. Discuss Second Round of CARES Act Assistance (*R. Beal*)
7. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
  - October 18-21, 2021 – Long Branch, New Jersey
  - 2022 – North Carolina
  - 2023 – Maryland
  - 2024 – Delaware
8. Other Business
9. Executive Director Performance Review (**Closed Session**)
10. Adjourn

The meeting will be held via webinar, click [here](#) for details.  
*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Virtual via GoToMeeting  
Arlington, VA  
February 3, 2021**

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## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME	Kris Kuhn, PA
Cheri Patterson, NH	John Clark, DE
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)	Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
Dan McKiernan, MA	Bill Anderson, MD
Jason McNamee, RI	Steve Bowman, VA
Justin David, CT	Chris Batsavage, proxy for John Batherson, NC
Jim Gilmore, NY	Mel Bell, proxy for Phil Maier, SC
Joe Cimino, NJ	Spud Woodward, GA

### Other Commissioners/Proxies

David Borden, RI (GA)	Raymond Kane, MA (GA)
Maureen Davidson, NY (AA Proxy)	Robert LaFrance, CT (GA Proxy)
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)	Mike Luisi, MD DNR
Pat Geer, VA (AA Proxy)	Craig Pugh, DE (LA Proxy)
Bill Gorham, NC (LA Proxy)	David Sikorski, MD (LA Proxy)
Doug Haymans, GA (AA)	Megan Ware, ME (AA Proxy)
Asm. Eric Houghtaling, NJ (LA)	Ritchie White, NH (GA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)	

### Staff

Bob Beal	Kirby Rootes-Murdy
Laura Leach	Mike Rinaldi
Pat Campfield	Julie Simpson
Emilie Franke	Caitlin Starks
Chris Jacobs	Deke Tompkins
Toni Kerns	Geoff White
Savannah Lewis	

## Others

Karen Abrams, NOAA  
Max Appelman, NOAA  
Pat Augustine, Coram, NY  
Peter Benoit, Ofc. Sen. King, ME  
Alan Bianchi, NC DENR  
Ellen Bolen, VMRC  
William Brantley, NC DENR  
Jeff Brust, NJ DEP  
Jack Buchanan, VIMS  
Patrick Cassidy  
Mike Celestino, NJ DEP  
Rebecca Chapman, NC DENR  
Richard Cody, NOAA  
Alison Colden, CBF  
Jessica Daher, NJ DEP  
Vinny DelGozzo  
Kelly Denit, NOAA  
John DePersenaire, RFA  
Renee DiPippo  
Matthew Dooley  
Ray Draper, King George, VA  
Ben Duffin, NOAA  
Julie Evans  
Lynn Fegley, MD DNR  
Cynthia Ferrio, NOAA  
Alexa Galvan, VMRC  
Angela Giuliano, MD DNR  
Zach Greenberg, Pew Trusts  
Melanie Griffin, MA DMF  
Jon Hare, NOAA  
Amalia Harrington, Univ. ME  
Heidi Henninger, AOLA  
Jay Hermsen, NOAA  
Carol Hoffman, NYS DEC  
Britt Kostraba  
Wilson Laney  
Dee Lupton, NC DENR  
Chip Lynch, NOAA  
Shanna Madsen, VMRC  
Chris McDonough, SC DNR  
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF  
Steve Meyers  
Mike Millard, FL FWS  
Patrick Moran, MA Environmental Police  
Katie Morgan, CBF  
Allison Murphy, NOAA  
Gerry O'Neill  
Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries  
Joseph Parsons, Fredericksburg, VA  
Kelly Place, Williamsburg, VA  
Nick Popoff, ME DMR  
Jill Ramsey, VMRC  
Adam Rettig, NOAA  
Brandi Salmon, NC DENR  
CJ Schlick, NC DENR  
Tara Scott, NOAA  
Krista Shipley, FL FWC  
Andrew Sinchuk, NYS DEC  
Somers Smott, VMRC  
Michael Thompson, NC DENR  
Beth Versak, MD DNR  
Mike Waine, ASA  
DeVonte Weems  
Sherry White, USFWS  
Kerry Whittaker, MMA  
Meredith Whitten, NC DENR  
Chris Wright, NOAA  
Sarah York, NOAA  
Phil Zalesak, Tall Timbers, MD  
Erik Zlokovitz, MD DNR

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened virtually via a GoToMeeting webinar February 3, 2021. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Pat Keliher.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, with the addition of finding a new approach to Black Sea Bass allocations.

## **APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

The summary minutes from the October 21, 2020 meeting were approved as presented

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **CARES ACT UPDATE**

Mr. Beal provided a brief overview of the second round of CARES assistance, and introduced Ms. Kelly Denit, Director of NOAA's Office of Sustainable Fisheries, to field questions. The appropriations language provides \$300 million for fisheries, with \$255 million allocated to marine coastal states. One significant change to the language is that there is a 1% minimum allocation to each state, meaning the ASMFC states will get at least \$3 million each.

## **LEGISLATIVE & APPROPRIATIONS UPDATE**

Mr. Beal gave an update on the legislative and appropriations front. With the change in Administrations in the presidency and in Congress, Committees will be reorganized with new leadership. The NOAA Assistant Administrator has not been announced yet, and the president has not submitted a budget yet. The Committee discussed a draft letter to Office of Management & Budget regarding funding priorities for the Atlantic states; a line will be added to the letter regarding Menhaden research.

## **ANNUAL MEETINGS UPDATE**

Mrs. Leach reported the 80<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting will be conducted in Long Branch, New Jersey October 17 – 22, 2021. Future meetings will be held: 2022 in North Carolina; 2023 in Maryland; and 2024 in Delaware.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Mr. Gilmore requested a discussion on finding a new approach to Black Sea Bass allocation due to the changing of species distribution. The Committee discussed this topic at length, with the intent to continue the discussion on the bi-weekly Executive Committee calls.

## **ADJOURN**

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:50 a.m.