

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Executive Committee

*October 21, 2020*

*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.

1. Welcome/Introductions (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*S. Woodward*)
  - Consider Approval of Fiscal Year 2020 Audit **ACTION**
5. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
6. Discuss Pennsylvania's Participation on the Atlantic Menhaden Board (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss Improvements to the Public Comment Process (*R. Beal*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

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

**Virtual via GoToMeeting  
Arlington, VA  
August 5, 2020**

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- 2. Approval of Meeting Summary from February 6, 2020 by Consent. (Page 2)**
- 3. “On behalf of the AOC, I move approval of the FY21 Budget as presented.” (Mr. Woodward on behalf of the AOC) Motion passed unanimously. (Page 2)**
- 4. “On behalf of the AOC, I move approval of the Contract/Agreement Policy as presented.” (Mr. Woodward on behalf of the AOC) Motion passed unanimously. (Page 2)**
- 5. Adjournment by Consent (Page 3)**

## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME  
Cheri Patterson, NH  
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)  
Dan McKiernan, MA  
Justin Davis, CT  
Jason McNamee, RI  
Jim Gilmore, NY  
Joe Cimino, NJ

John Clark, DE  
Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)  
Kris Kuhn, PA  
Bill Anderson, MD  
Steve Bowman, VA  
Steve Murphey, NC  
Mel Bell, proxy for Phil Maier, SC  
Spud Woodward, GA

### Other Commissioners

David Borden, RI (GA)  
Lynn Fegley, MD DNR  
Tom Fote, NJ (GA)  
Doug Haymans, GA (AA)  
Raymond Kane, MA (GA)  
Mike Luisi, MD DNR  
Loren Lustig, PA (GA)

John McMurray, NY (LA Proxy)  
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF  
Eric Reid, RI (LA Proxy)  
Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)  
Megan Ware, ME DMR  
Ritchie White, NH (GA)

### Staff

Bob Beal  
Laura Leach  
Tina Berger  
Pat Campfield  
Toni Kerns  
Geoff White

Max Appelman  
Sarah Murray  
Kirby Rootes-Murdy  
Mike Schmidtke  
Deke Tompkins

## Others

Karen Abrams, NOAA Fisheries  
Chris Batsavage, NC DMF  
William Brantley, NC DENR  
Jeffrey Brust, NJ DEP  
Jessica Daher, NJ DEP  
Monty Deihl  
Kelly Denit, NOAA Fisheries  
John Duane  
Paul Eidman  
Warren Elliott  
Sheila Eyler, USFWS  
James Fletcher  
Peter Fallon, Maine Strippers  
Marty Gary, PRFC  
Matt Gates, CT DEP  
Pat Geer, VMRC  
Sean Gehan, Gehan Law  
Zoe Goozner, Pew Trusts  
Joseph Gordon, Pew Trusts  
Zach Greenberg, Pew Trusts  
Bryan Hall, NC DENR  
Amalia Harrington, ME  
Rusty Hudson  
Jeff Kaelan, Lund's Fisheries  
Aaron Kornblkuth, Pew Trusts  
Adrienne Kotula, Ches Bay  
Alexa Kretsch, VMRC  
Robert LaFrance, Quinnipac  
Thao Le, NOAA

Dee Lupton, NC DMF  
Chip Lynch, NOAA Fisheries  
Shanna Madsen, VMRC  
John Maniscalco, NY DEC  
Anne Markwith, NC DENR  
Genine McClair, MD DNR  
Steve Meyers  
Mike Millard, USFWS  
Chris Moore, CBF  
Allison Murphy, NOAA  
Ken Neill  
Jeff Nichols, ME DMR  
Derek Orner, NOAA Fisheries  
Paul Piavis, MD DNR  
Olivia Phillips, VMRC  
Nicholas Popoff, USFWS  
Jill Ramsey, VMRC  
Andrew Sinchuk, NY DEC  
Brandi Salmon, NC DENR  
Eric Schneider, RI DEM  
Tara Scott, NOAA  
Alexi Sharov, MD DNR  
David Stormer, DE  
Helen Takade-Heumacher, USFWS  
Craig Weedon, MD DNR  
Christina Wiegand, SAFMC  
Chris Wright, NOAA  
Renee Zobel, NHF&G

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened virtually via a GoToMeeting webinar August 5, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chair Pat Keliher.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved, with the addition of three additional topics: a letter from Tom Fote regarding Commission working groups, conduct of the 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and public hearings.

## **APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

The summary minutes from the February 6, 2020 meeting were approved as presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

## **CARES ACT UPDATE**

Mr. Beal gave an update on the CARES Act, and Ms. Kelly Denit, NMFS fielded questions from the Executive Committee. The Committee discussed the details and timing of the state spend plan development. Ms. Denit promised to research the questions she was unable to answer and provide answers to Mr. Beal within one week.

## **REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

Mr. Woodward presented the report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (AOC)

who met via conference call in advance of the Summer Meeting. The AOC reviewed the proposed FY21 Budget and forwarded it to the Executive Committee with the following motion: **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move approval of the FY21 Budget.** Motion by Spud Woodward. Motion passed unanimously.

The AOC also discussed the proposed Policy on Commission Contracts and forwarded it to the Executive Committee with the following motion: **On behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee, move approval of the Contract/Agreement Policy as presented.** Motion by Spud Woodward. Motion passed unanimously. This policy describes how unused funds will be handled at the end of a contract or other agreement with the Commission.

## **MSC RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING PUBLIC INPUT PROCESS**

The Management & Science Committee (MSC) was tasked with recommending better ways to engage stakeholders and capture public input. The Executive Committee received a report on the MSC recommendations regarding AP and the public input process; after much discussion the MSC was asked to continue working on their recommendations, in light of the discussion. Additional options will be provided for discussion at the Annual Meeting in October.

## **PENNSYLVANIA'S MEMBERSHIP ON NON-DIADROMOUS BOARDS**

Mr. Beal gave an update on the status of the Pennsylvania's membership on the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board. The Commission's legal counsel Sean Donahue, is in the process of writing a letter to Pennsylvania with his opinion regarding their participation on the Board. This issue will be discussed at a subsequent Executive Committee meeting and a recommendation will be forwarded to the Policy Board for consideration. the Board.

## **DIVISION OF SOUTH ATLANTIC STATE/FEDERAL MANAGEMENT BOARD INTO TWO MANAGEMENT BOARDS**

The discussion regarding dividing the South Atlantic Board was postponed to a subsequent meeting due to time constraints.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

## **TOM FOTE LETTER REGARDING COMMISSION WORKING GROUPS**

**This issue was postponed to an upcoming Executive Committee weekly webinar.**

## **79<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MEETING**

The Chair noted the leadership of the Commission had discussed the conduct of the 79<sup>th</sup> annual meeting and made the decision to conduct this meeting virtually. The 80<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Commission will be held in New Jersey in the Fall of 2021.

## **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Due to COVID-19 the Commission is not able to hold in-person public hearings, so guidance was needed on how to conduct hearing until restrictions on travel and public gatherings are lifted. The Executive Committee asked staff to develop options for consideration at a weekly webinar.

## **ADJOURN**

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:45 a.m. to go into a closed session to conduct the Executive Director's review.