



## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Vision: Sustainably Managing Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

### MEMORANDUM

#### FINAL MEETING NOTICE

**TO:** Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Coordinating Council; ACCSP Executive Committee; Atlantic Herring Section; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; ISFMP Policy Board; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Spiny Dogfish Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

**FROM:** Robert E. Beal  
Executive Director

*REB*

**DATE:** July 24, 2014

**RE:** ASMFC Summer Meeting: August 5-7, 2014 (**TA 14-063**)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be held August 5-7, 2014 at the **Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria** (Telephone: **703.683.6000**) located at 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Directions to the hotel are attached. A courtesy shuttle to the hotel is provided from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport arriving on the quarter hour from Doors 5 or 9 outside the baggage claim area. When completing travel voucher forms, the reimbursement rate for privately owned vehicles (POV) as of January 2014 is 0.56 cents per mile. The reserved hotel room block is now closed; please call Cindy Robertson if you have difficulty obtaining a room.

Supplemental materials will be available on the Commission website on July 30<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.asmf.org/home/2014-summer-meeting>. CDs containing all supplemental materials will also be available at the meeting in limited quantities. The following pages contain the Summer Meeting Agenda.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 8 a.m. on August 5<sup>th</sup>, continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 4:45 p.m.) on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board/section deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. No comments or questions will be accepted via the webinar. Should technical difficulties arise while streaming the broadcast, the boards/sections will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. To register for the webinar, please go to <https://www3.gotomeeting.com/register/867248318>

Board/section summaries, presentations, and audio files will be available the week of August 11<sup>th</sup> at <http://www.asmf.org/home/2014-summer-meeting>.

Enclosures: Summer Meeting Agenda  
Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission



## 2014 Summer Meeting

August 5-7, 2014

Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town

Alexandria, Virginia

## Final Agenda

### Public Comment Guidelines

With the intent of developing policies in the Commission's procedures for public participation that result in a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

**For issues that are not on the agenda**, management boards will continue to provide opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will use a speaker sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

**For topics that are on the agenda**, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

**For agenda action items that have already gone out for public comment**, it is the Policy Board's intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has NOT established a specific public comment period** (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

- Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
- Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be July 29, 2014) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
- Following the Tuesday, July 29, 2014 5:00 PM deadline, the commenter will be responsible for distributing the information to the management board prior to the board meeting or providing enough copies for the management board consideration at the meeting (a minimum of 50 copies).

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail, fax and email.

**The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.**

**Tuesday, August 5, 2014**

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

**Atlantic Herring Section**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey

*Other Participants:* Eastman, Kaelin, Zobel

*Chair:* Stockwell

*Staff:* Yuen

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. Stockwell*)
2. Section Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Public Comment Summary to Draft Amendment 3 Public Information Document (*M. Yuen*)
5. Draft Amendment 3 (*T. Stockwell*) **Action**
  - Provide Guidance to Plan Development Team for Draft Amendment 3
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*M. Yuen*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**American Lobster Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* McKiernan

*Other Participants:* Carloni, Fessenden, Glenn

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2013
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Addendum XXIII for Final Approval (*K. Taylor*) **Final Action**
5. Consider Cancer Crab Public Information Document for Public Comment (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
6. Review of Southern New England 10% Reduction Evaluation (*B. Glenn*)
7. Update on Upcoming Federal Management Actions (*P. Burns*)
8. Review of Consistency with Federal Trap Transfer Regulations (*K. Taylor*)  
**Possible Action**
9. Stock Assessment Update (*B. Glenn*)
10. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
11. Other Business/Adjourn

1:15 – 5:45 p.m.

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

*Other Members:* PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Place, Blanchard, Godwin

*Chair:* Grout

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report on North Carolina Stock Assessment (*C. Godwin*)  
**Action**
5. Consider Draft Addendum IV for Public Comment (*M. Waine*) **Action**
  - Review of Draft Addendum IV (*M. Waine*)
  - Law Enforcement Report (*K. Blanchard*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*K. Place*)
  - Consider Approval of Draft Addendum IV for Public Comment
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 6, 2014**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Executive Committee (*Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.*)**

**(*A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Executive Committee members only*)**

*Members:* Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Daniel, Diodati, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, O'Connell, Rhodes, Saveikis, Simpson, Woodward, Young

*Chair:* Daniel

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Procedural Issues (*R. Beal*)
  - Report on Commissioner Conflict of Interest Policy
  - Use of Meeting-Specific Proxies
  - What Constitutes a 2/3 Vote with Regard to the Services' Abstaining
  - Advisory Panel Involvement in Fishery Management Plan Development
  - Technical Group Guidelines on Consensus Building
5. Discussion of ASMFC Support for Non-ASMFC Staff to Attend Conferences, Educational or Other Career/Knowledge-Building Courses
6. Discussion of American Eel Enforcement Efforts (*P. Keliher*)

7. Awards Committee Report (*S. Woodward*)
8. Executive Director's Annual Review (*L. Daniel*) (**Closed Session for Executive Committee Members only**)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Campfield, Drew, Hawk, Kipp, Nesslage

*Chair:* Daniel

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Stock Rebuilding Performance (*T. Kerns*)
5. Review and Consider Comments on NOAA Fisheries Special Management Zones Proposed Rule (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. Stock Assessment Updates
  - Atlantic Menhaden (*G. Nesslage*)
  - Tautog (*K. Drew*)
  - Sturgeon (*K. Drew, J. Kipp*)
7. River Herring Technical Expert Working Group Progress Report (*M. Hawk*)
8. Discussion of Collaboration with Great Lakes Fisheries Commission on American Eel Management
9. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Report (*P. Campfield*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

**Business Session**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Chair:* Daniel

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of Policy on Commissioner Financial Disclosure and Conflict of Interest **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

2:30 – 3:00 p.m.

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

*Other Members:* USFWS, NMFS

*Other Participants:* Moran, Newlin

*Chair:* Gibson

*Staff:* Hawk

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gibson*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum V for Public Comment (*M. Hawk*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

**Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Pierce

*Other Participants:* Fresco, Maniscalco

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Pierce*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Public Information Document for Draft Amendment 21 for Public Comment (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
5. Review of Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Consider Adjustment to 2014 Black Sea Bass Recreational Season for Southern States (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
7. Discussion of the Research Set Aside (RSA) Program for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (*D. Pierce*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.

**Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Executive Committee members only)*

*Members:* Alexander, Beal, Boyles, Colvin, Cyr, Diodati, Hoopes, Laney, Mahood, Patterson

*Chair:* Patterson

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*C. Patterson*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. ACCSP Program Director Updates (*M. Cahall*)
  - FY2015 Project Proposals
5. Review Revised Outreach Strategic Plan
6. Status of Independent Program Review Recommendations Implementation
  - ACCSP Governance Ad-Hoc Committee Update (*R. Boyles*)
  - Funding Subcommittee Update (*R. Beal*)
  - Operations Committee and Subcommittee Update (*T. Hoopes*)
    - SOP Subcommittee
7. Report of Action Items from Last Meeting
  - FY2014 Funded Projects
    - *Status:* Principal Investigators notified once funding is available (*M. Cahall*)(Completed)
  - Independent Program Review Recommendations Implementation
    - *Status:* SOP Workgroup to meet to build a directory and cross-Reference to determine which areas address the Independent Panel Review Recommendations
  - ACCSP Governance Ad-hoc Committee
    - *Status:* Completed survey to be forwarded to all committees. Survey end-date needs to be determined. R. Boyles to draft and forward an email
  - Funding Subcommittee
    - *Status:* R. Beal, M. Cahall and A. McElhatton to develop a decision document identifying the pros and cons of different strategies. Once the decision document is drafted the Subcommittee will meet to decide if there is a preferred option.
  - Quarterly Budget/Expenditures from Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) and Southeast Regional Office (SERO)
    - *Status:* Budget/expenditures forwarded to Principal Investigators and Operations Committee on July 1<sup>st</sup> (*E. Wyatt*)
  - Introduction of Elizabeth Wyatt, the New Program Assistant
  - Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)-Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) Transition
    - *Status:* Conference Call to be scheduled to review state budgets and ensure consistency among states (*G. White*)
8. **Closed Session for Executive Committee Only**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

### **ACCSP Coordinating Council**

Members: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, Potomac River Fisheries Commission, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, ASMFC, NOAA Fisheries, NEFSC, GARFO, SEFSC, SERO, USFWS, NEFME, MAFMC, SAFMC

*Chair:* Patterson

*Other Participants:* Bellavance, Hoopes

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*C. Patterson*)
2. Council Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Outstanding Action Items from May 2014
  - Review the Model Used for the Proportional Standard Error (PSE) Project
  - Consider Approval of 2014-2018 Outreach Strategic Plan **Final Action**
    - Review Modified Outreach Strategic Plan (*A. McElhatton*)
5. ACCSP Status Report (*M. Cahall*)
  - Program Update
  - New Program Assistant
  - Current Projects Update
    - MRIP PSE
    - MRIP-Access Point Angler Intercept Survey (APAIS) Transition Status
    - SAFIS Hand-Held Trip Reporting
    - Lobster Trap Tag Transferability
  - FY2015 Funding Requests
6. Independent Program Review Progress
  - ACCSP Governance Ad-Hoc Committee Update (*R. Boyles*)
  - Funding Subcommittee Update (*R. Beal*)
  - Update from Operations Committee and Subcommittee (*M. Cahall*)
    - SOP Subcommittee
7. Other Business/Adjourn



**Thursday, August 7, 2014**

8:00 a.m. – Noon

**American Eel Management Board**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* DC, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Fessenden, Eyler, Bouw

*Chair:* O'Connell

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. O'Connell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
5. Draft Addendum IV for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review of Draft Addendum IV (*K. Taylor*)
  - Review of Public Comment (*K. Taylor*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*M. Bouw*)
  - Technical Committee Report (*S. Eyler*)
  - Law Enforcement Report (*J. Fessenden*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum IV
6. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 12:30 p.m.

**Lunch for Commissioners and Proxies**

12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

**South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

*Member States:* New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

*Other Members:* PRFC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

*Other Participants:* Collier, Kipp, Lewis, McDonough, Powers, Zimmerman

*Chair:* Geer

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Geer*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2014
3. Public Comment
4. Spot and Atlantic Croaker Trigger Exercises Update (*C. McDonough*)

5. Consider Draft Addendum I to the Spot Omnibus Amendment and Draft Addendum II to the Atlantic Croaker Amendment I for Final Approval (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Final Action**
  - Review of the Draft Addenda (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
  - Public Comment Summary (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addenda I and II
6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
  - Atlantic Croaker
  - Red Drum
7. Review and Consider Approval of 2015 Red Drum Stock Assessment Terms of Reference (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 4:45 p.m.

### **NOAA Recreational Policy Workshop**

NOAA Fisheries is developing an agency-wide saltwater recreational fishing policy which outlines a set of principles to guide its actions and decisions over the long-term. The policy will share basic tenets with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). While the MSA outlines the legal requirements, this new policy will make clear the values NOAA will keep in mind when implementing the law. Further, the policy will serve as the underpinning to the agency's recreational fishing action agenda, which is updated every 4 years.

Sam Rauch, Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, will lead the workshop. The workshop will be the Commission's opportunity to provide input to NOAA on what should be included in the new policy initiative.