

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Shad and River Herring Management Board

*February 6, 2019
1:15 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.
Arlington, Virginia*

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.

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*) 1:15 p.m.
2. Board Consent 1:15 p.m.
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2017
3. Public Comment 1:15 p.m.
4. Progress Update on Shad Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*) 1:25 p.m.
5. Consider Approval of Massachusetts Shad Sustainable Fishery Management Plan (SFMP) **Final Action** 1:35 p.m.
 - Review SFMP and Technical Committee Memo (*K. Sprankle*)
6. Update on Technical Committee Review of Inconsistencies with Harvest and Monitoring Requirements of Amendments 2 and 3 (*K. Sprankle*) 1:50 p.m.
7. Other Business/Adjourn 2:15 p.m.

The meeting will be held at the Westin Crystal City; 1800 S. Eads Street, Arlington, Virginia 22202; 703.486.1111

MEETING OVERVIEW

Shad and River Herring Management Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 2019

1:15 – 2:15 p.m.

Arlington, Virginia

Chair: John Clark (DE) Assumed Chairmanship: 2/17	Technical Committee Chair: Ken Sprankle (FWS)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Furlong (PA)
Vice Chair: Mike Armstrong	Advisory Panel Chair: Pam Lyons Gromen	Previous Board Meeting: October 17, 2017
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS, USFWS (19 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from October 2017

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. Update on Shad Stock Assessment Progress (1:25 – 1:35 p.m.)
Background
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The American shad benchmark stock assessment was initiated in October 2017, with a scheduled completion date in late 2019. • In March 2018 the Stock Assessment Subcommittee (SAS) and TC met for the Data Workshop, and in November 2018 the SAS met for the Methods Workshop. • At the Methods Workshop, the SAS recommended a revised assessment timeline with the completion date moved from Annual Meeting 2019 to Summer Meeting 2020. (Briefing Materials)
Presentations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Shad Stock Assessment Progress by J. Kipp

5. Consider Approval of Massachusetts Shad Sustainable Fishery Management Plan (SFMP) (1:35 – 1:50 p.m.) Final Action
Background
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries submitted an updated SFMP for recreational and commercial harvest of American shad in the Merrimack and Connecticut Rivers. The plan includes recent data and requests to maintain the existing management measures from the 2012 SFMP. Commercial shad fishing will remain prohibited in all rivers in the state. (Briefing Materials)

Presentations

- Overview of the Massachusetts SFMP and Technical Committee Recommendations by K. Sprankle

Board actions for consideration at this meeting

- Approve the Massachusetts Sustainable Fishery Management Plan Update

6. Update on Technical Committee Review of Inconsistencies with Harvest and Monitoring Requirements of Amendments 2 and 3 (1:50 – 2:15 p.m.)**Background**

- In October 2017 the TC identified several inconsistencies between state SFMPs and the requirements of Amendments 2 and 3. Subsequently, the Board tasked the TC to develop proposed improvements to the Amendments with regard to several items: 1) Management and monitoring of rivers with low abundance and harvest of shad and river herring; 2) Standardization of Sustainable Fishery Management Plan (SFMP) requirements; 3) Incorporation of stock assessment information into SFMPs and discussion on the timeline for renewing plans; 4) Clarification of *de minimis* requirements as they pertain to SFMPs; and 5) Review of the number of years of data are required before developing a SFMP. **(Briefing Materials)**
- The TC has met several times to develop this task, though work has focused primarily on the first item. The TC has noted that items 2, 3, and 5 could be addressed in concurrently with the ongoing Benchmark Assessment for American shad. A subset of the TC has formed a task group to address this task. **(Briefing Materials)**

Presentations

- Update on Technical Committee Review of Inconsistencies with Harvest and Monitoring Requirements by K. Sprankle

7. Other Business/Adjourn