



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
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Washington, DC 20005

MEETING SUMMARY

**American Lobster Advisory Panel
Transferability Sub-committee
November 27, 2001
2:00-3:00 PM**

Participants:

Heather Stirratt David Spencer

Motions:

No motions were presented during the meeting.

Summary:

Transferability Workshop

The conference call was initiated by a brief review of the purpose of the transferability workshop, which was identified as a forum to educate, explore, and discuss options for transferring licenses or trap tag allocations.

Conference call participants discussed meeting specifications for this workshop including location, date, and time. Participants agreed that the workshop should be held, if possible, during an ASMFC meeting week so as to include involvement of state resource managers in the discussions. ASMFC staff recommended that at least 6 months be allowed for planning and securing speakers for this event. David Spencer noted that advance notice of the workshop would help members of the Advisory Panel attend this event as well. As such, conference call participants agreed that the workshop should be held sometime between May and August 2002.

Further consideration of the workshop specifications resulted in a lengthy discussion regarding desired speakers and workshop objectives. David Spencer suggested that the following individuals be considered as potential speakers for the workshop:

1. Representative from Area 2 (John Sorlein???)
2. Representative from Outer Cape Cod (Steve Smith???)
3. URI Professor – John Sutinen
4. UME Professor – Jim Wilson/Jim Acheson
5. ???
6. ???

Conference call participants agreed that a variety of speakers should be selected that can present the full range of viewpoints on transferability as a management tool for American lobster. The question was posed whether the workshop would be informational only or whether a facilitated discussion of some sort would be useful. It was determined that further input from both the

Advisory Panel and the Board was required before any decision could be made regarding this question. ASMFC staff noted that a clear objective for what this workshop is intended to achieve is needed before staff can begin to coordinate this event. As such, conference call participants agreed to seek further comment from the Advisory Panel, Management Board, and others as appropriate during January/February 2002.