



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

MEMORANDUM

July 27, 2022

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Herring Management Board; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Sciaenids Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal *REB*
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Summer Meeting: August 2-4, 2022 (TA 22-016)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be held August 2-4, 2022 at **The Westin Crystal City** (Telephone: 703.486.1111), located at 1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA. The room block is now closed; if you need assistance reserving a room, please contact Cindy Robertson at Crobertson@asmfc.org.

This will be a hybrid meeting (both in-person and remote) to allow for remote participation by Commissioners and interested stakeholders. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2022-summer-meeting>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, July 27, 2022.

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.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Tuesday, August 2 at 9 a.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 1:30 p.m.) on Thursday, August 4. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. 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 ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who wish to speak.

Each day, the webinar will begin 15 minutes prior to the start of the first meeting so that people can troubleshoot any connectivity or audio issues they may encounter. If you are having issues with the webinar (connecting to or audio-related issues), please contact Chris Jacobs at 703.842.0790.

To register for the webinar, please go to

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7218217294868422923> (Webinar ID: 822-004-851). If you are joining the webinar but will not be using VoIP, you can may also call in at +1 (415) 655-0060, access code 636-403-362. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar; see [webinar instructions](#) for details on how to receive the PIN.

For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen in to the audio portion only, press the # key when asked for a PIN.

We look forward to seeing you at the Summer Meeting. If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.

Enclosures: Final Agenda, Hotel Directions, TA 22-016, and Travel Reimbursement Guidelines



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Summer Meeting

August 2-4, 2022

The Westin Crystal City

Arlington, Virginia

Public Comment Guidelines

To provide 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 ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide 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).

1. Comments received three weeks prior to the start of a meeting week (July 11) have been included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 26th will be included in supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, July 29th will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

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 and email.

Final Agenda

(revised 7/27/2022)

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Tuesday, August 2

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Management Board

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

Other Members: NEFMC, NMFS

Chair: Ware

Other Participants: Zobel, Brown, Deroba, Cieri, Cournane

Staff: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Ware*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2022 Atlantic Herring Management Track Assessment and Peer Review Report (*J. Deroba*)
5. Update on Portside Sampling Program (*M. Cieri*)
6. Update from New England Fishery Management Council (*J. Cournane*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. American Lobster Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: McNamee

Other Participants: Perry, Reardon, Beal, Lynch, Murphy

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. McNamee*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from March 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Judge James Boasberg Ruling in the US District Court for the District of Columbia in Center for Biological Diversity versus Secretary Raimondo and the Maine Lobstermen's Association (*C. Lynch*)
5. Discuss Implications of Proposed Measures of Draft Addendum XXVII on Increasing Protection of Spawning Stock Biomass of the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Stock (*J. McNamee*) **Possible Action**
6. Update from NOAA Fisheries on Ongoing Actions Related to North Atlantic Right Whales
7. Progress Update on Jonah Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*)
8. Update on Federal Rulemaking to Implement Effort Control Measures and Harvester Reporting (Addenda XXI, XXII, and XVI Provisions) (*A. Murphy*)
9. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**

10. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
11. Other Business/Adjourn

12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 – 5:00 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: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS
Chair: Gary
Other Participants: Hoffman, Blanchard
Staff: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gary*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2021 Fishing Year (*E. Franke*)
Action
5. Progress Update and Board Guidance on 2022 Stock Assessment Update
 - Technical Committee Report (*K. Drew*)
 - Provide Guidance to Technical Committee for Management Options to Consider if the Assessment Indicates Reduction is Needed for Rebuilding
 - Discuss Timeline for Responding to the Assessment
6. Consider Next Steps for Draft Addendum I on Quota Transfers (formerly Draft Addendum VII) **Possible Action**
Motion from October 2021: Move to defer until May 2022 consideration by the Atlantic Striped Bass Board of Draft Addendum VII to Amendment 6 to allow further development and review of the transfer options.
7. Other Business/Adjourn

6:00 – 7:30 p.m. 2022 Annual Awards of Excellence Reception

Wednesday, August 3

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee
Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m. *(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)*
Members: Abbott, Bell, Burgess, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Fegley, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Plumlee, Rawls, Woodward
Chair: Woodward
Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. CARES Act Update

5. Report of *De Minimis* Work Group
6. Consider Approval of Updated Investment Policy **Action**
7. Review Letter of Support for Resilient Coasts and Estuaries Act
8. Discuss State Support for the Responsible Offshore Science Alliance
9. Review Updates to the Appeals Process
10. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. Horseshoe Crab Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Clark

Other Participants: Ameral, Couch, Hoffmeister

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum VIII on the Implementation of Recommended Changes from 2021 Adaptive Resource Management Revision and Peer Review Report for Public Comment (*C. Starks*) **Action**
5. Update on Plan Development Team Review of Biomedical Mortality, Biologically-based Options for Setting the Threshold, and Best Management Practices for Handling Biomedical Collections (*C. Starks*)
 - Technical Committee Recommendations (*N. Ameral*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*B. Hoffmeister*)
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break – Buffet lunch will be provided

11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Legislators and Governors' Appointee Luncheon

12:45 – 1:15 p.m. Presentation on NOAA Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Work Group Draft Action Plan

Presenter: Spencer Talmage, NOAA Fisheries

1:30 – 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Bell

Other Participants: Newhard, Kersey, Schueller

Staff: Boyle

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Bell*)

2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for 2021 Fishing Year (*J. Boyle*) **Action**
5. Consider Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 on Commercial Allocations, Episodic Event Set Aside Program, and Incidental Catch/Small-scale Fisheries for Public Comment (*J. Boyle*) **Action**
6. Review 2022 Atlantic Menhaden Single-species Stock Assessment Update (*A. Schueller*)
7. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, August 4

8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

Sciaenids Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC

Chair: Batsavage

Other Participants: Franco, Paramore, Rickabaugh, Hodge, Latour

Staff: Bauer

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Review Traffic Light Analysis for Spot and Atlantic Croaker (*D. Franco/H. Rickabaugh*) **Possible Action**
 - Technical Committee Recommendations
 - Discuss Spot Addendum III Management Measures
5. Review Development of a Spatial Model of Spot Abundance and Mortality (*R. Latour*)
6. Consider Atlantic Croaker and Red Drum Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for 2021 Fishing Year (*T. Bauer*) **Action**
7. Progress Update on 2022 Black Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*)
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

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

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Woodward

Other Participants: Benjaman, Densmore, Groves, Hare, Bromilow

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022

3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*S. Woodward*)
5. Consider Changes to the Appeals Policy (*R. Beal*) **Final Action**
6. Report from the *De Minimis* Work Group (*T. Kerns*) **Possible Action**
7. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning (*T. Kerns*)
8. Review of NOAA Fisheries' Climate Ecosystem Fisheries Initiative (*J. Hare*)
9. Update on the Risk and Uncertainty Policy (*J. McNamee*)
10. NorthEast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program Report (*N. Lengyel Costa*)
11. Committee Reports
 - Legislative (*B. Hyatt*)
 - Habitat (*L. Havel*) **Action**
 - Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership (*L. Havel*)
 - Assessment Science (*S. Murray*) **Action**
12. Consider Providing Comments to NOAA Fisheries on Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Work Group Draft Action Plan, if Necessary (*T. Kerns*) **Possible Action**
13. Review of Blue Catfish Science in the Chesapeake Bay (*M. Bromilow, C. Densmore, M. Groves*)
14. Review of NOAA Fisheries' Draft Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy (*S. Benjamin*)
15. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
16. Other Business/Adjourn

1:15 – 1:30 p.m.

Business Session

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

Chair: Woodward

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2022
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if necessary) **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn