Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

May 6, 2026
8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

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.

A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only.

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan)*

2. Board Consent
   - Approval of Agenda
   - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2026

3. Public Comment

4. Consider Approval of FY2027 Budget (*L. Leach)* **Action**

5. Update from the Declared Interests and Voting Privileges Work Group (*R. Beal*)

6. Legislative Update (*R. Beal*)

7. CARES Update (*R. Beal*)

8. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
   - November 8 – 12, 2026 – Newport, Rhode Island
   - 2027 – South Carolina
   - 2028 – Massachusetts
   - 2029 – Pennsylvania

9. Other Business

10. Conduct Executive Director Performance Review (Closed Session)

11. Adjourn

This meeting will be held at The Westin Crystal City (1800 Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA; 703.486.1111) and via webinar; click here for details

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY OF THE

ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Westin Crystal City
Arlington, Virginia
February 4, 2026

For Review and Action by the Executive Committee May 6, 2026

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ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Carl Wilson, ME
Renee Zobel, NH
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)
Dan McKiernan, MA, Chair
Jason McNamee, RI
Bill Hyatt, CT
Marty Gary, NY
Joe Cimino, NJ,
Kris Kuhn, PA
Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
John Clark, DE
Michael Luisi, MD
Joe Grist, VA
Chris Batsavage, proxy for Kathy Rawls, NC
Ben Dyar, SC
Doug Haymans, GA, Vice Chair
Jeff Renchen, proxy for Jessica McCawley, FL

Other Commissioners/Proxies

David Borden, RI GA
Phil Edwards, RI DEM
Matt Gates, CT DEEP
Angela Giuliano, MD DNR
Doug Grout, NH GA
Jesse Hornstein, NY DEC
Gary Jennings, FL GA
Jeff Kaelin, NJ GA
John Maniscalco, NY DEC
Nichola Meserve, MA DMF
Eric Reid, RI LA Proxy
David Sikorski, MD LA Proxy

Staff

Bob Beal
Toni Kerns
Lisa Carty
Alexander Law
Laura Leach
Madeline Musante

Guests

Max Appelman, NMFS
Sam Duggan, NOAA
Jason Joyce, NEFSA
Chip Lynch, NOAA
Shanna Madsen, CBF
Ron Owens, PRFC
Will Poston, CBF
Ray Rowell, CCCFA
Mike Waine, CCA

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee (EC) of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened February 4, 2026, in the Jefferson Ballroom at the Westin Crystal City in Arlington, Virginia. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Dan McKiernan.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented and approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY MINUTES

The summary minutes from the October 29, 2025, meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was public comment regarding on-demand gear research, specifically concerning safety at sea issues and the current payment strategy may introduce bias in overall results. This issue was further discussed later in the week at the ISFMP Policy Board.

REPORT OF THE DECLARED INTERESTS AND VOTING PRIVILEGES WORK GROUP

Mr. Beal and Ms. Kerns reported the Declared Interests and Voting Privileges work group had met and made good progress on declared interest, but no formal progress on voting privileges yet. The work group is exploring the development of Best Management Practices (BMPs) on voting. The work group is discussing the pros and cons of establishing the BMPs as advisory or mandatory. The work group will present a final report to the Executive Committee in May.

NOTIFYING ACTIONS ON MEETING AGENDAS

Mr. Beal reported on the issue of "notifying actions" on meeting agendas. The EC agreed to add language at the beginning of board agendas to notify the public action may be taken on any items included on the agendas. The agendas will continue the current process of identifying "action" and "possible action" items.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE UPDATE

Legislative Program Coordinator Alexander Law presented an update on recent legislative activity, including the contents of the FY26 Commerce, Justice and Science Appropriations Bill. He also provided a brief update on several pending fishery bills.

CARES UPDATE

The Commission received an extension through 12.4.26 on the CARES cooperative agreement to continue to collect funds from those who received funds deemed ineligible.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETING LOCATIONS

Mrs. Leach provided an update on future Annual Meeting locations. November 8 -12, 2026 Rhode Island DEM Marine Fisheries will host the Annual Meeting at the Viking Hotel in Newport, Rhode Island. Future Annual Meeting locations are: 2027 South Carolina; 2028 Massachusetts; 2029 Pennsylvania; 2030 Georgia and 2031 Connecticut.

ADJOURN

The Executive Committee adjourned at 9:00 a.m.