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   Motion to Amend
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ATTENDANCE

Board Members

Carl Wilson, ME (AA)
Rep. Allison Hepler, ME (LA)
Renee Zobel, NH (AA)
Doug Grout, NH (GA)
Dennis Abbott, NH, proxy for Sen. Watters (LA)
Bob Glenn, MA, proxy for D. McKiernan (AA)
Raymond Kane, ME (GA)
Rep. Sarah Peake, MA (LA)
Jason McNamee, RI (AA)
Eric Reid, RI, proxy for Sen. Sosnowski (LA)
Shanna Madsen, CT (AA)
Bill Hyatt, CT (GA)
Rep. Joseph Gresko, CT (LA)
John Maniscalco, NY, proxy for M. Gary (AA)
Emerson Hasbrouck, NY (GA)
Monica Martinez, NY (LA)
Joe Cimino, NJ (AA)
Adam Nowalsky, NJ, proxy for Sen. Gopal (LA)
Jorden Zimmerman, NJ (AA)
John Clark, DE, proxy for R. Miller (AA)
Michael Luisi, MD (AA)
Ethan Simpson, VA, proxy for J. Grist (AA)
Del. Adele McClure, VA (GA)
Allison Murphy, NMFS

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

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Tracy Pugh, Technical Committee Chair
Rob Beal, Law Enforcement Committee Rep.

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Tracey Bauer
James Boyle
Chelsea Tuohy
Katie Drew
Jeff Kipp
Samara Nehemiah
Jainita Patel

The American Lobster Management Board of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Jefferson Ballroom of the Westin Crystal City Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, via hybrid meeting, in-person and webinar; Tuesday, August 4, 2026, and was called to order at 11:15 a.m. by Chair Renee Zobel.

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR RENEE ZOBEL: Welcome, I'm going to go ahead and call this meeting to order. First item that I would like to do is go to Toni for the Board members that are online today.

MS. TONI KERNS: Thank you, I have Alli Murphy, Sarah Peake, and Delegate Adele McClure.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR ZOBEL: Thank you, Toni, first item of business is to approve the agenda. Is there anyone that has any changes for the agenda today? Seeing no changes, we will approve the agenda by consent if anyone has no opposition to that. Okay, agenda is approved by consent.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

CHAIR ZOBEL: Back to the proceedings from the May meeting. Are there any changes or amendments to the proceedings from May? Seeing no hands, we'll consider the proceedings approved by consent.

PUBLIC COMMENT

CHAIR ZOBEL: Next on the items is public comment on items that are not on the agenda today. Again, items not being covered by the agenda items today. We will allow for public comment as time allows. Anyone who would like to make public comment today in the room or online. Seeing no hands, we're moving right along.

UPDATE ON MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES PROCESS STEERING COMMITTEE PROGRESS

CHAIR ZOBEL: Next is an update on the Management Objectives Process Steering Committee Progress. I'm going to go to Caitlin Starks for that presentation.

MS. CAITLIN STARKS: Thank you, Madam Chair. I just want to remind everyone quickly of the background on the Steering Committee. After the Board reviewed the 2025 Benchmark Stock Assessment last fall, it tasked the Technical Committee with updating previous guidance on the process for initiating Management Strategy Evaluation or MSE for the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank stock.

Then at the winter meeting the TC provided its guidance and its first recommendation was that as a critical first step before considering a Management Strategy Evaluation for the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank fishery that the Board should initiate a formal process to identify management goals and objectives for the future of the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank lobster fisheries, possibly including a series of meetings at local and regional scales like by a third party facilitator.

Based on that TC recommendation in May, the Board formed a Steering Committee, tasked with developing the scope for such a process. The Steering Committee includes 17 members representing the Board, TC, Commission staff, the Commission's Committee of Economics and Social Sciences, and industry stakeholders.

The specific tasks for this Steering Committee as established by the Board are to review the current management objectives in the FMP relative to the current Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank stock status and social economic conditions facing the fishery today, and then to develop a process that was clearly identified in the Management Objectives across all stakeholders, to better understand socioeconomic status and concerns and identify potential management tools.

The Steering Committee met for the first time in June, and at that meeting they reviewed the existing management objectives, as well as a few other examples of management objectives processes from menhaden and horseshoe crab. They discussed gaps giving the current social and economic conditions of the fishery, and talked about how to incorporate those existing management objectives into a new management objectives process.

We have a second Steering Committee meeting scheduled for the end of August, which is the earliest we could get the majority of the Steering Committee members available. The goal for that meeting is to discuss the management objectives process in more detail, including identifying the universe of stakeholders to be involved, outlining the structure, schedule participants and objectives of the stakeholder meetings, and determining the roles of facilitator, as well as assigning tasks to the Steering Committee for writing a report and cost estimation.

Then we've also started working on the schedule for the final meeting in September or early October to wrap up the final details of the recommended process, and that would include the cost estimates and a final report for the Board. Our goal is still to have that Steering Committee Report out to the Board on the recommended management objectives process at the Annual Meeting. That is all I've got for an update and I can take any questions.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Are there any questions from the Board for Caitlin? Seeing no questions; thank you, Caitlin. Just a reminder to us, as she said 17 members. This is as very large group, and as anticipated it has been challenging to try to wrangle such a large group. For those who are a part of this Steering Committee, just a reminder to respond to Caitlin and John for doing a very good job trying to heard cats as quickly as possible. Next on the agenda will be Considering Lobster Conservation Management Team 5 Proposal to Modify Seasonal Closures. I'm going to go to John Clark first for that.

CONSIDER LOBSTER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT TEAM 5 PROPOSAL TO MODIFY SEASON CLOSURE

MR. JOHN CLARK: Thank you, Madame Chair, there are some slides. Thank you to Caitlin for putting this together and all her help on this. I'll be brief. This item has come up to the Board a couple times already, but we were missing one critical component to move this along, which was we had not had a Lobster Conservation Management Team meeting.

The Lobster Conservation Management Team or LCMA 5, was reconstituted. They met two weeks ago, and asked us to submit this proposal to the Board. That is essentially to modify the season closure in LCMA 5 to allow earlier access to black sea bass. It's going to be a 15-day earlier season, open on March 9 instead of the 24th. Just to allow the pots to be hauled for harvesting black sea bass. The TC had reviewed this proposal. There was a memo before the spring meeting about that, and they suggested allowing the pots to be set and fished for black sea bass on March 9 instead of the 24th, while maintaining the closure dates for lobster, was not expected to increase lobster mortality.

The LCMT 5 at their meeting two weeks ago made the following recommendation to the Board. They request the Board that NOAA Fisheries, GARFO revise the LCMA 5 season to allow black sea bass pots to be set beginning on March 9 instead of March 24, while maintaining the current American lobster harvest closure, February 1 through March 31; as proposed by the TC in it's April 20 memo to the Board. That is all I have, so after any questions and discussion I have a motion, I would like to make.

CHAIR ZOBEL: I am going to go to Caitlin for some Plan Review Team and Law Enforcement Committee comments on the proposal.

MS. STARKS: I just wanted to go over the PRT and LECs comments. They reviewed the proposal and I just have a summary of those here. First, from the

PRT there was general support for Board consideration of the proposal from LCMT 5. There were a few issues they raised for the Board to consider, in its discussions.

First, the PRT members noted that it's not clear from the proposal whether it would allow for Jonah crabs to be retained and landed while the traps are being fished for black sea bass. They recommended that the Board discuss and clarify that point. Second, the proposal doesn't specify if the change would apply to all federal LCMA 5 lobster permit holders; that would be those with the LCMA 5 waiver and those with the regular permit.

The closure currently of 5 to all permit holders, so it makes sense for the change to also apply to both, but it would be good to make that point clear as well. Then third, the PRT noted that the current lobster closure is implemented in both state and federal regulations for LCMA 5 permit holders. The proposed change would need to be made across all of those regulations to be effective.

Then from the LEC comments on the proposal. Again, there was overall support for the changes. There was one concern raised by a member of the LEC, which was that they noted a concern about the potential of fishermen using black sea bass traps to pull lobsters during the closure, because there was a past incident of an LCMA 5 fisherman cutting lobster up in their black sea pots during the closed period, in anticipation of the lobster season opening back up.

That's why the LEC members were not concerned about the enforceability of proposed measures. They noted that generally closed seasons are highly enforceable, as described in the guidelines for resource managers on the enforceability of fishery management measures. Then one last point I wanted to bring up is that because the Southern New England stock status is depleted, according to the Commission's Conservation Equivalency Policy. There would need to be a two-thirds majority vote to approve this proposal.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Thank you, John and Caitlin. Go ahead and open it up to the Board for questions for John and Caitlin, and it looks like everyone is also looking for a little bit of clarification. Any questions? Jason McNamee.

DR. JASON McNAMEE: Just no issues at all, other than just curious as to why March 9 was the date. I even looked to see if it like started on a weekend or something, but it's like a Tuesday or something.

MR. CLARK: That was what was proposed. I think the two fishermen that first brought this to us thought that it was roughly two weeks earlier in the discussion the LCMT had. They thought that opening even earlier would be even better. But I think they figured two weeks would look like they were not asking for too much, just to fill in that timeframe. I don't know why 15 days instead of exactly two weeks, but it is roughly the same thing.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Any other questions? Okay, we did have a few points of clarification that Caitlain had asked for. I know some of these have been discussed in the background a little bit. Caitlin, refresh my memory here. The first one was on Jonah crab possession during this black sea bass season. Just looking for guidance from the Board on whether that was the intent, or whether that would be allowed during that period. John, go ahead.

MR. CLARK: If I could just say, as of right now our regulations for Delaware don't have a season for Jonah crab. It is an extremely small fishery in our part of, I think I could speak for all of LCMA 5. I don't think that is really an issue in our LCMA.

CHAIR ZOBEL: I'll go right along then, and probably keep questioning you, sir. The next one was, all LCMA 5 permit holders or the waiver versus the nonwaiver.

MR. CLARK: Yes, I had to go look u what the difference was. But yes, I think that our thinking is it would apply to all permits.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Then the final one for the Board was the proposed changed in both federal and state regulations.

MR. CLARK: I can speak for Delaware. Yes, we would have to change our season for lobster, but that is fairly simple. I think it is probably the same for Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia. But I think all four of our states we had great support on the LCMT call, and I think our states can work to get our state regulations changed quickly.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Again, for those online, I am seeing a lot of head nods in the room from the other states that might be involved as well. Thank you all for that feedback, any other questions? Are there any questions from the public on this? All right, seeing no questions from the public. I believe it's about time to entertain a motion, if anybody has a motion they would like to bring forward. John Clark.

MR. CLARK: Thanks again, Caitlin for writing up a motion that I think covers everything here, so I will read it into the record. **Move to approve the Conservation Equivalency Proposal for Lobster Conservation Management Area 5, and that the Commission send a letter to NOAA Fisheries recommending the modification of the federal regulations for LCMA 5 season closure, to allow black sea bass fishermen to hold a lobster permit to set and haul gear to fish for black sea bass beginning on March 9 instead of on March 24, while maintaining the prohibition on lobster harvest and possession from February 1 through March 31**.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Do we have a second for the motion? Mike Luisi, thank you. Any additional rationale? I know we've discussed this pretty extensively.

MR. CLARK: Yes, I would just say once again. This was a request made by our small fishery in the LCMA 5, and they think it will be helpful. It's tough time, as everybody knows for commercial fishermen. Giving them this extra time to fish for black sea bass should be a big help.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Mike, anything for you?

MR. MICHAEL LUISI: Nothing for me, Madam Chair, thanks.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Okay, any discussion by the Board? Toni.

MS. KERNS: Just for clarity purposes. Are Jonah crab going to be allowed to be harvested or not? While I recognize Delaware may not have a fishery, there are three other states that harvest from Area 5. I just want to have a better understanding. We need to know if they are allowed or not.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Ethan Simpson.

MR. ETHAN SIMPSON: Just like other states in LCMA 5, our fishery is so small that we would likely continue to allow that to be open, with no ill anticipated in that.

MS. KERNS: Right now, it should be closed not open during that timeframe. If you are going to do something different than it being closed during that timeframe, then it would need to be on the record.

MR. SIMPSON: Misunderstanding on my part, status quo.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Mike Luisi.

MR. LUISI: Toni, you said it's closed right now. In this area, in the Mid-Atlantic lower portion where we are, the DelMarVa. If Jonah crab is closed then my preference would be just to leave it closed. The request here was based on a need to harvest sea bass. The other species, there was no intent that they would be harvested through this. That is how I would see it moving forward.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Emerson Hasbrouck.

MR. EMERSON C. HASBROUCK: Just to clarify this and to get it on the record. I have a **motion to amend to add, Jonah crab after lobster in the second to the last line; or maintain a prohibition on lobster and Jonah crab harvest and possession**. That will formalize what the Board wants to do.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Do we have a second? Okay, go to Toni first.

MS. KERNS: Just to clarify. The reason why I bring it up is because the pots are not able to be fished at this time, so your regulations are silent on it, because your pots can't be fished. But if the pot can be fished, then you will need to add, you know within the regulation that lobster and Jonah crab cannot be possessed at that time. That is why we were clarifying.

MR. CLARK: Right now, as you said, it's silent about the core season for Jonah crab.

CHAIR ZOBEL: I've got a second from Shana Madsen. Any discussion on the motion to amend? Go ahead, Joe Cimino.

MR. JOE CIMINO: Yes, I apologize for doing the sound out for New Jersey. I was under the same impression that we would keep regulations status quo. Understanding Toni's concern, I can accept the motion, and we would be able to make that amendment along with our lobster change.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Because we need a two-thirds majority, then go ahead and do a roll call vote, for first the motion to amend, and then whether it passes or fails. I'll see if there is any objection to the motion to amend first, and then we'll do a roll call beyond that. **Is there any objection to this motion to amend? Okay, I am seeing no objection to the motion, so this now becomes the main motion.**

MS. ALLISON MURPHY: Pardon me, Madam Chair. This is Alli.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Yes, Alli.

MS. MURPHY: I just wanted to note my abstention.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Thank you very much, Alli, we've noted it. The motion carries with one abstention from NOAA Fisheries. This is now the main motion. Any further discussion on this as the main motion? Anything from the public, who would like to comment or has any questions on this before we vote?

Seeing no hands online or in the room, okay we are going to go ahead and do a roll call vote for this. If Toni or Caitlin can help me out with this, that would be wonderful. Getting some guidance on how to move forward here. We'll try this the easy way first despite the two-third. **Is there any objection to the motion on the board? Alli, I see your hand up, is that for an abstention?**

MS. MURPHY: Yes, that is correct, thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Okay, seeing no hands in objection, the motion carries with 1 abstention from NOAA Fisheries. Thank you.

REPORTS FROM GULF OF MAINE STATES ON INDUSTRY SURVEYS AND MEETINGS

CHAIR ZOBEL: That moves us on to the next item on the agenda, which is Reports from the Gulf of Maine States on Industry Surveys and Meetings. I think I went north to south last time, let's go south to north this time. Bob Glenn, you're up first.

MR. BOB GLENN: Just a quick update. We have not convened any meetings, but we have been working on reconstituting our LCMT list. Upon review it hadn't been updated since 2006, and many of the members had moved on in one capacity or another, so we're working internally and with some feedback from industry to reconstitute that list and to be in a better position to convene at a later date.

CHAIR ZOBEL: As far as New Hampshire, I have nothing to report. We'll move on to Carl Wilson and the state of Maine.

MR. CARL WILSON: We have had some activity up in Maine since our May Board meeting. We finished up a round of 7 lobster Zone Councils that straddled our meeting, and we have had 2 Lobster Advisory Councils, which are kind of Council of

Councils in May and June. Following our June Lobster Advisory Council meeting, which ended nearly a year of conversations following our survey that we sent out last summer.

The Lobster Advisory Council has voted to move forward with a modification to our biological escape panel, so not the escape vent but what we refer to as the bio panel, to increase that from an opening of 3 -3/4 by 3 -3/4 to now a proposed opening of 4.5 inches by 6 inches. This would allow a much lobster to escape when that panel degrades and opens up.

Our process would be that this would be taken out to our Zone Councils in our August/September meetings, and eventually put it out to rule making after the first of the year. We're not asking for any conservation equivalency or recognition from this body, other than saying that we feel that this is actually a small step, but it's a positive step to, if traps are lost that there is a better opportunity for lobsters that are in those traps to be able to over time get out.

This change would, as it is suggested right now, does not impact the attachment method of the panel. It's just speaking towards the size of that panel. Again, that was supported through the Lobster Advisory Council at the end of June. We also convened other LCMT members, as Bob said, first time probably in 15 years that we've done this.

It was as very short meeting, more of a meet and greet. I want to thank Caitlin Starks for participating in that meeting; giving us a nice short presentation on the role of LCMTs. Without any specific action needed from them or needed anticipated action from LCMTs, we agreed to meet after the first of the year and see where we go. I believe that is Maine's update.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Thanks, Carl. Are there any questions for either Bob, myself or Carl? Emerson Hasbrouck.

MR. HASBROUCK: Can I just ask Carl directly or should I bring my question to you?

CHAIR ZOBEL: You can ask the questions of Carl, thanks.

MR. HASBROUCK: I'm encouraged to hear about the change in the size of the panel. Is that Step 1? Are there further actions that are being considered, or you've got to that point and that is it for now?

MR. WILSON: There are additional conversations around support of lobster hatcheries. There has been a CDS request for the University of Maine to spearhead an initiative around lobster hatcheries. For now this is where we're at. My intention and our intention in the state is to continue the temporal conversations so that we're informed and ready to move with the next stock assessment coming forward.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Any other questions? Doug Grout.

MR. DOUGLAS E. GROUT: Just a quick one. Was there any rationale behind those particular dimensions and going bigger? How did you decide on that particular increase?

MR. WILSON: It was simply by; you could use the same escape vent and the method of attachment by simply clipping out one additional mesh. It was supposed to be a very simple, common-sense way to improve what happens to traps when they're lost. It is something that can be done at sea, and the intention was that it was going to have a two-year implementation point so people kind of can do this as they work through the gear over the next couple years.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Anything else? Seeing no other questions from the Board.

UPDATE ON REQUEST FOR INFORMATION FOR ALTERNATIVE GEAR MARKING FRAMEWORK

CHAIR ZOBEL: Moving on to Alli Murphy, who is going to give us an update on the Request for Information for Alternative Gear Marking Framework. On to you, Alli.

MS. MURPHY: I want to thank you and the Board for your patience and routinely maintaining some time on your agenda for this update, for when it finally published. I'm also really sorry that I wasn't able to rearrange my travel plans to be there in person with you all today. We'll dive in. As always, I'll start with a little background here. On demand and alternatively marked gear research has been conducted in the Greater Atlantic Region since 2019.

They are all recalled from past updates from my Science Center colleagues at NOAA Fisheries just working with industry, with states and other organizations to develop and test different gear designs with the goal of restoring fishing access to areas that currently function as fishery closures. The purpose of any of these tools is to provide a voluntary option that fishermen can use, or not, depending on whatever works best for them.

Such research unlocks various other tools, options like dynamically removing end lines if whales are present as well. Research really accelerated under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, which required NMFS to, and I'll quote, "in consultation with effected states and fishing industry participants, promote the innovation and adoption of gear technologies."

NOAA Fisheries has provided resources, and continues to work with fishermen, manufacturers, state agencies, fishery management organizations and other partners, to explore the benefits and limitations of these technologies. You'll also all recall that the New England and Mid Atlantic Councils initiated the Joint Alternative Gear Marking Framework, to consider whether to recommend to NOAA Fisheries to allow the use of fixed gear without physical surface markers in Council managed fisheries if an equivalent Alternative marking method was used.

NMFS was also considering whether to similarly modify the federal lobster regulations, along the lines of what the Council may have been considering. Council action was postponed, pending additional input from stakeholders, including the fishing industry. NMFS similarly postponed action with respect to the lobster/Jonah crab fisheries to gather additional input and to ensure consistency among actions.

Keep in mind, that regulations would need to be modified for other potential solutions such as fishing with only one end marked with surface markings, dynamic changes to surface markings like removing one end line. There could be value to this action moving forward, that action or a similar action moving forward as well.

Back to this request for information. This is a key step of the ongoing effort to comply with the mandates of the Consolidated Appropriations Act. But I'll also note that it does not limit NOAA Fisheries ability to consider other innovative gears or management activities, and various management options are being considered. With that I'll go on to more about this RFI.

This request for information seeks information specific to program design, utility, limitations, technical capabilities of alternatively marked gear. It contains questions and associated context that were developed with a focus on the Greater Atlantic Region and operational and management considerations.

However, we welcome feedback informed by experiences outside the region as well. It contains 52 questions organized under the 10 headings on the slide. But it also includes questions on other important considerations, including fishing with only one end using traditional surface markers, grappling, balancing cost versus complexity, potential need for future flexibility, et cetera.

Just quickly wanted to review how to comment. I've included the direct link that should bring you on the first bullet, it should bring you right to this request for information, and you should see on there the comment icon. You can also go to regulations.gov and type in the NOAA/NMFS 2026, 2080 in the search box, and that will bring you to the same place.

If you would like to submit a comment, you know click on that comment icon or some fields that are required to be filled out, so please check through those as appropriate. We're asking that you label your comments with the questions that you are responding to, just so we can kind of appropriately thin them.

Also wanted to note that both anonymous and non-anonymous comments will be accepted. The comment period closes on October 14, 2026; there is still a lot of time to think about this and submit responses. That's it. I am happy to answer any questions that you all might have. Thank you so much.

CHAIR ZOBEL: Thank you, very much, Alli. Out to the Board for any questions for Alli. Okay, no hands from the Board online or in the room. Go out to the public, since we have a few extra minutes here, if anybody has any questions for Alli. Okay, seeing no hands in the room or online for Alli. I guess I will just make one comment, since I have the mic here, Alli, and you said it yourself; 52 questions with 10 headings.

I got into the RFI in the Federal Register and I thought, whoa. If it overwhelmed me for a minute, it has definitely overwhelmed others. Just encouragement that if there is a way to summarize really important things, that NOAA Fisheries is really trying to get out of this as part of the outreach process. I think that would be valuable use of time.

ADJOURNMENT

CHAIR ZOBEL: That moves us on to Other Business for today. Is there any other business to come before the Board today? Seeing no other business; we are adjourned.

(Whereupon the meeting adjourned at 11:50 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4, 2026)