



# Atlantic Marine Fisheries Commission

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## MEMORANDUM

April 20, 2016

**TO:** Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Coordinating Council; ACCSP Executive Committee; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Coastal Sharks Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; Northern Shrimp Section; Shad and River Herring Management Board; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Weakfish Management Board

**FROM:** Robert E. Beal  
Executive Director

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**RE:** ASMFC Spring Meeting: May 2-5, 2016 (TA # 16-036)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Winter Meeting will be May 2-5, 2016 at **The Westin Alexandria** (Telephone: 703.253.8600) located at 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2016-spring-meeting>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, April 27, 2016. CDs containing all meeting materials will also be available at the meeting in limited quantities.

Please note the following agenda changes: The Weakfish Board meeting has been rescheduled from May 4<sup>th</sup> to May 5<sup>th</sup>; the Atlantic Menhaden Board meeting, originally scheduled for May 5<sup>th</sup> is now being held on May 4<sup>th</sup>. Both meetings are being held in their original time slots. A Northern Shrimp Section meeting has been added to the agenda in a separate meeting space within the hotel and can be accessed via a conference call line (888.394.8197; passcode 815277) and different webinar link at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7449292807203785220>. Also meeting separately is the ACCSP For-Hire Inventory Workshop on May 5<sup>th</sup>. This workshop is included in the agenda for informational purposes and not a part of the ASMFP Spring Meeting.

Board/Section meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning at 9:00 a.m. on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 2:30 p.m.) on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board/section deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. No comments or questions will be accepted via the webinar. Should technical difficulties arise while streaming the broadcast, the boards/sections will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. Please go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8950745204164174338> to register.

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

Attachments: Final Agenda, Hotel Directions, TA#16-036, and Travel Reimbursement Guidelines



## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

### Spring Meeting

May 2-5, 2016

The Westin Alexandria

Alexandria, Virginia

### Public Comment Guidelines

With the intent of developing policies in the Commission's procedures for public participation that result in 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 use a speaker sign-up list in deciding 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 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be **April 26, 2016**) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
3. Following the Tuesday, **April 26, 2016 5:00 PM deadline**, the commenter will be responsible for distributing the information to the management board prior to the board meeting or providing enough copies for the management board consideration at the meeting (a minimum of 50 copies).

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, fax, and email.

# Final Agenda

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.

**Monday, May 2, 2016**

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 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, NEFMC

*Chair:* Borden

*Other Participants:* Cornish, Glenn, Moore, Gwin,

*Staff:* Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss Next Steps for Management of the Southern New England American Lobster Stock

### **Possible Action**

- Technical Committee Report (*B. Glenn*)
- Plan Development Team Report (*M. Ware*)
- Consider Tabled Motion to Initiate an Addendum to Address the Declining Stock Conditions
  - *Motion to begin a new addendum to address the declining lobster stock conditions in Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA). The Plan Development Team with input from the Lobster Conservation Management Teams is instructed to explore the following alternatives:*
    - a. *Analyzing the plans rebuilding targets and thresholds to account for current environmental conditions;*
    - b. *Work to stabilize and increase spawning stock biomass through changes in management measures*
    - c. *Improve permitting and accountability of SNE/MA lobster fisheries by requesting the National Marine Fisheries Service consider permit endorsement for Area 3 vessels fishing in SNE (west of 70 longitude);*
    - d. *Improve current management and compliance with lowered trap limits of nearshore trap fisheries by proposing a uniform closed season and new trap tag deadlines;*
    - e. *Accelerate trap allocation cuts that are already codified for the next 5 years in Areas 2 and 3; and*
    - f. *Recognize the SNE/MA trap fishery as a bona fide mixed crustacean fishery and develop strategies and policies that recognizes the multispecies nature of the catch.*

5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank American Lobster Stock (*P. Keliher*) **Possible Action**
6. Draft Addendum I to the Jonah Crab FMP for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options (*M. Ware*)
  - Public Comment Summary (*M. Ware*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*E. Gwin*)
  - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum I
7. Discuss Need to Create a Coastwide Standard for Claw Landings in the Jonah Crab Fishery **Possible Action**
  - NOAA Letter on Current Claw Exemption (*A. Murphy*)
8. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Deep Sea Coral Habitat Amendment and ASMFC Survey to Area 3 Fishermen (*M. Ware*) **Possible Action**
9. Discuss Offshore Monuments Proposal and Board Response (*D. Grout*) **Possible Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

**Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee**

***(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members only)***

*Members:* Beal, Boyles, Carmichael, Colvin, Cyr, Detlor, Fegley, Laney, Patterson

*Chair:* Boyles, Jr.

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*Coordinating Council Chair R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment\* (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
3. Committee Consent (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April 2016
4. ACCSP Program Status Updates (*M. Cahall*)
  - Program Status
  - Committee Updates
    - APAIS Update
5. Standard Operating Procedures Approval **Action**
  - PM – 02-06 ACCSP’s Value to Congressional Delegations
  - PM – 13 Collaboration ASMFC
6. Independent Program Review Update
  - Governance Discussion (if needed)
7. Other Business
8. Executive Session (Closed)
9. Adjourn

\*See Public Comment Guidelines: [http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP\\_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013](http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013)

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

### **ACCSP Coordinating Council**

Members: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, PRFC, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, ASMFC, NOAA Fisheries, NEFSC, GARFO, SEFSC, SERO, USFWS, NEFMC, MAFMC, SAFMC

*Chair:* R. Boyles, Jr.

*Staff:* Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment\* (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
3. Council Consent (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
4. ACCSP Status Report
  - Program Update (*M. Cahall*)
  - Committee Updates (*P. Campfield*)
5. Governance Program Decision (*C. Patterson*) **Action**
  - Executive Committee Recommendation
6. Consider Acceptance of Independent Program Review Package (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
  - Standard Operating Procedures
  - Governance Decision
  - Outreach Strategic Plan
  - Long-term Funding Strategy
7. Review and Consider Approval of 2016 Request for Proposals **Action**
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

\*See Public Comment Guidelines: [http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP\\_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013](http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013)

### **Tuesday, May 3, 2016**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

*Breakfast to be served*

### **Executive Committee**

***(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)***

*Members:* Abbott, Blazer, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Clark, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, Kelley, McNamee, Miller, Pierce, Shiels, Simpson, Woodward

*Chair:* Grout

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2016
3. Public Comment

4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*J. Gilmore*) **Action**
  - Presentation of the FY17 Budget
5. Discuss State Assessments
  - Level Funded in 2016
  - Confidential vs. Non-confidential Data
6. Discuss Black Sea Bass Management in Maine
7. Discuss Priorities for Saltonstall/Kennedy Research
8. Discuss Plan Development Team Membership
9. Discuss Conservation Equivalency
10. Discuss Offshore Monuments Proposal and Potential Commission Response (*D. Grout*)
11. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
  - October 23-27, 2016 Bar Harbor, Maine
  - 2017-Virginia
  - 2018-New York
  - 2019-New Hampshire
12. Closed Session
  - Discuss ACCSP Governance
  - Executive Director Performance Review
13. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:15 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:* PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

*Chair:* Gilmore

*Other Participants:* Doctor, Cooper, Messeck, Lyons

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Adaptive Resource Management Framework Review (*J. Lyons*)
5. Discuss Biomedical Data Confidentiality and Stock Assessment Planning (*K. Anstead*)
6. Review of Alternative Bait Cost Comparison (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Shad and River Herring 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:* DC, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

*Other Participants:* Chase, Furlong

*Chair:* Goldsborough

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*B. Goldsborough*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Timetable for American Shad and River Herring Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
5. Report from the Data Standardization Collection Workshop (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Update on Activities of the River Herring Technical Expert Work Group (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Consider Approval of 2015 Shad and River Herring FMP Review and State Compliance (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

**Law Enforcement Committee (LEC)**

***(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Law Enforcement Committee members only to discuss ongoing enforcement activities)***

*Members:* Anthony, Blanchard, Cornish, Eastman, Frampton, Furlong, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Hettenbach, Hogan, Huss, Jordan, Kersey, King, Lauderman, Lynn, Messeck, Moore, Moran, Overturf, Santiago, Schlaht, Shuster, Snellbaker

*Chair:* Eastman

*Staff:* Robson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the LEC Representatives (*M. Eastman*)
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from November 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Review Jonah Crab Addendum I LEC Comments and Follow-Up
5. Presentation of Maine's Lobster Trap Tag Transferability Program
6. American Lobster Enforcement Subcommittee Update
7. Discuss Other ISFMP Species (tentative)
8. Review and Discuss Ongoing Enforcement Activities (**Closed Session**)
9. Joint Enforcement Agreement Update/Federal Agency Reports
10. Review and Update of Dual Landings Allowances
11. Review and Discuss 2016 Action Plan Tasks for the LEC
12. Report of Other Enforcement Committees and LEC Coordination

13. Other Business/Recess

1:15 – 3:45 p.m.

**Climate Change Workshop**

1. Review and Discuss Northeast Fish and Shellfish Climate Vulnerability Assessment (*J. Hare*)
2. Review and Discuss NOAA Climate Science Action Plans
  - North East Climate Science Action Plan (*J. Hare*)
  - South East (Atlantic) Climate Science Action Plan (*H. Lovett*)
3. Begin Discussion of Next Steps for Commission Action in Response to the Climate

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**American Eel Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, DC, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Cornish, Wildman

*Chair:* Clark

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss Timing of 2017 Stock Assessment for American Eel (*M. Waine*)
5. Discussion to Consider Changes to Addendum IV Yellow Eel Allocations (*J. Gilmore*) **Possible Action**
6. Progress Report on North Carolina's Approved Glass Eel Aquaculture Plan (*M. Duval*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Annual Awards of Excellence Reception**

**Wednesday, May 4, 2016**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Atlantic Menhaden Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Boyles, Jr.

*Other Participants:* Kersey, McNamee

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda



- Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
  4. Consider Extension and Revision to Episodic Event Set Aside Program (*R. Ballou*) **Final Action**
  5. Consider Draft Addendum I for Public Comment (*M. Waine*) **Action**
  6. Provide Guidance to the Technical Committee Regarding Stock Projections (*R. Ballou*)
    - Review Stock Projection Methodology (*J. McNamee*)
  7. Biological Ecological Reference Points (BERP) Working Group Progress Report (*S. Madsen*)
  8. Consider Approval of 2016 FMP Review and State Compliance (*M. Waine*) **Action**
  9. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
  10. Other Business/Adjourn

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.                      **Law Enforcement Committee (continued)**

14. Social (Open to Commissioners and Staff)
15. Aerial Enforcement Issues and Subcommittee Formation
16. State Agency Reports
17. Review and Update of Safe Harbor Issues
18. Tautog Tagging Program Update and Subcommittee Review
19. Review Other ISFMP Species (as needed)
20. LEC Webpage Review and Discussion
21. Information Exchange on Enforcement Grants and Funding Opportunities
22. New Business
23. Adjourn

10:15 – 11:45 a.m.                      **Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board**  
*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida  
*Other Members:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS  
*Chair:* Grout  
*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*D. Grout*)
5. Discuss Request from South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to Consider a Cobia Interstate Fishery Management Plan (*G. Waugh*) **Possible Action**
6. Discuss Recommended Changes to the Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*)
7. Joint Management and Science and Assessment Science Committee Reports (*S. Madsen*) **Action**
  - Review and Approve the Stock Assessment Schedule
8. Discuss Next Steps for Commission Action in Response to the Climate Change Workshop

(D. Grout)

9. Update on the Sturgeon Stock Assessment (*K. Drew*)
10. Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
11. Other Business/Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

**Northern Shrimp Section**

*Member States:* Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts

*Chair:* Abbott

*Other Participants:* Whitmore, Eastman

*Staff:* Appelman

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7449292807203785220>;

Conference Call: [888-394-8197](tel:888-394-8197); passcode [8157277](tel:8157277)

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Abbott*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review Summary of Maine's Industry Meetings Held in March (*T. Stockwell*)
5. Resume Development of Draft Amendment 3 for Public Comment (*D. Abbott*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

**Commissioner Parliamentary Workshop**

**Thursday, May 5, 2016**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

**Weakfish 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:* Allen

*Other Participants:* Anthony, Cimino, Brust

*Staff:* Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Allen*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from November 2015
3. Public Comment
4. 2016 Weakfish Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
  - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Brust*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*P. Campfield*)
  - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Weakfish (*R. Allen*) **Possible Action**

6. Other Business/Adjourn

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**ACCSP For-Hire Inventory Workshop**

*Lunch to be served*

1. Welcome/Introductions (*G. White*)
2. Review Results of Updated “Atlantic and Gulf Coast Inventory of For-Hire Data Collection Programs” (*E. Wyatt*)
3. Set Up Focus Questions (*A. Loftus*)
  - Discuss Survey Results and Means to Identify and Reduce Duplicate Reporting
4. Focus Questions
  - Identify Preferred Timeliness of Reporting For-Hire Data Collection Programs
  - Identify Core Common data Elements Necessary for For-Hire Reporting
  - Discuss the Capabilities of Existing Programs Moving to Electronic Reporting
  - Identify Opportunities for Reducing Duplicate Reporting for State and Federal Permitted Vessels, all Charter Boats and Head Boats
  - Develop Recommended Measures to Modify Existing Reporting Mechanisms to Develop Greater Convergence Between For-Hire Reporting on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts
5. Status of Related Projects
  - South Carolina For-Hire Logbook Validation Methodology (*B. Floyd*)
  - SAFMC and MAFMC Mandatory For-Hire Reporting (*G. Waugh; J. Didden*)
6. Adjourn

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

**Coastal Sharks Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, USFWS

*Chair:* Nowalsky

*Other Participants:* Belcher, Frampton

*Staff:* Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of Addendum IV for Public Comment (*A. Harp*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

*Other Participants:* Lynn, McDonough, Rickabaugh, Murphy, Brust

*Chair:* Estes

*Staff:* Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Estes*)

2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. 2016 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
  - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Kipp; M. Murphy*)
  - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*J. Brust*)
  - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Red Drum (*J. Estes*) **Possible Action**
6. Progress Report on the Spot and Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*)
7. Review North Carolina Report on Spanish Mackerel Commercial Pound Net Landings as Required by the FMP (*C. Batsavage*)
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Business Session (if necessary)**

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

*Chair:* Grout

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Introductions (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn