

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Executive Committee

*May 3, 2016  
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.  
Alexandria, Virginia*

## Draft Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order, *D. Grout*
2. Committee Consent **Action**
  - 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. Future Annual Meetings Update, *L. Leach*
  - October 23-27, 2016 Bar Harbor, Maine
  - 2017 – Virginia
  - 2018 – New York
  - 2019 – New Hampshire
11. Closed Session
  - Discuss ACCSP Governance
  - Executive Director Performance Review
12. Other Business/Adjourn

***Please Note: Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.***

The meeting will be held at the Westin Alexandria; 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA; 703.253.8600

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**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE  
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION  
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Westin Alexandria  
Alexandria, VA  
February 3, 2016**

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## ATTENDANCE

### Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME (AA)	John Clark, DE (AA proxy)
Doug Grout, NH (AA)	Roy Miller, DE (GA Chair)
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)	David Blazer, MD (AA)
David Pierce, MA (AA)	John Bull, VA (AA)
David Simpson, CT (AA)	Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
Jason McNamee, RI (AA)	Robert Boyles, SC (AA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)	Pat Geer, GA (AA proxy)
Brandon Muffley, NJ (AA proxy)	Jim Estes, FL (AA proxy)
Leroy Young, PA (AA proxy)	

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

### Other Commissioners

Ed O'Brien, MD (LA proxy)  
Ritchie White, NH (GA)

### Staff

Bob Beal	Toni Kerns
Laura Leach	Deke Tompkins

### Others

John Bullard	Wilson Laney
Kelly Denit	Derek Orner
Chip Lynch	Taylor Pool

## **CALL TO ORDER**

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Bell Room of the Westin Alexandria on February 3, 2016. It was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Doug Grout.

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as presented.

## **APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS**

The summary minutes from the November 3, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Taylor Pool of the American Fisheries Society (AFS) invited all Executive Committee members to the listening sessions they will be conducting over the next few months in order to develop recommendations for the new administration. These recommendations will be finalized at the AFS Annual Meeting in late summer.

## **REVIEW OF GUIDANCE DOCUMENTS**

There was additional discussion on the review and proposed revision of the Commission's guidance documents.

### Voting on Technical Support Groups

The Executive Committee agreed that members of technical committees (TC) and stock assessment subcommittees (SASC) can abstain if they choose. All TC and SASC members are urged to fully engage in debates and participate in all votes if possible, however they can abstain if necessary.

### Advisory Panel, Law Enforcement Committee and Technical Committee Participation:

Move to recommend that *Advisory Panel (AP)* (CLARIFYING LANGUAGE ADDED) Chairs should

present their report and answer any specific questions relevant to their report. AP Chairs may not ask the Board questions or present their own viewpoints during Board deliberations. If an AP Chair wants to make comments on his or her own they must go to the public microphone.

It was agreed that the AP Chair cannot sit at table if the AP had not met, and further agreed that they will not be reimbursed for attending the meeting, but they were welcome to come as a member of the public.

### Council Participation on Management Boards

Move to recommend that a council staff member or another council member be allowed to serve as a proxy when the designated council member or executive director cannot be present at a board meeting. Motion by Mr. Keliher; second by Mr. Simpson The motion passed 16-1.

### Meeting Notice of Action Items

Move that the Commission be required to give notice before taking action on issues that come before the Commission, a board or a section. Motion by Mr. Boyles; second by Mr. Bull. The motion passed unanimously.

## **COUNCIL/COMMISSION FUNDING LINE IN FEDERAL BUDGET**

Mr. Beal provided a brief history of the funding stream of the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act (ACFCMA). It had been a separate line item until 2008. Now it is lumped in with the Regional Fisheries Management Councils (Councils). Mr. Beal is working on making the case for what is not being done since we are level or under-funded. The current trend is for budget lines to be lumped together in the NOAA budget. NOAA Fisheries is considering including Interjurisdictional

Fisheries Act funding in the Council and Commission line.

Mr. Grout stated he has seen the Councils increase by 30% and us decrease by 5%. When we got the \$2 million plus-up it was then first time Mr. Grout felt that we were fully funded and able to do what we needed to do. Now he's had to drop off baseline funding projects.

Mr. Beal noted that we've got to be able to demonstrate the value of what we do on the Hill in order to get an increase to our funding.

The Executive Committee members all agreed that we need to work together to develop a compelling case to get our funding increased. Mr. Grout formed a workgroup of Mr. Keliher, Dr. Daniel, Mr. McNamee, Mr. Boyles, Mr. Muffley, Dr. Pierce, and chaired by Mr. Gilmore. He asked them to meet at state directors meeting to start the discussion.

## **FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS**

The Commission's 75<sup>th</sup> annual meeting will be held October 23 – 27, 2016 in Bar Harbor, Maine; in 2017 we'll meet in Virginia; and in 2018 we'll meet in New York.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The Executive Committee went into a closed session to discuss the ACCSP Governance issue.

## **ADJOURN**

CHAIRMAN LOUIS DANIEL adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.