

ACCSP Update – February, 2018

Funding Process

- Eight Maintenance Projects Approved
 - Last year of full funding for extant maintenance projects
- Three New Projects Approved
 - Voice Recognition for trip data collection
 - New approach for Black Sea Bass Data Collection
 - Create SAFIS data feed for SC data system
 - Possibly universal applicability for Bluefin VESL tool

Data Collection

- Preparing for For-Hire Mid-Atlantic and South-East mandatory reporting
 - Completing final adjustments to Etrips/Mobile and On-line tools
 - Additional work needed on data exchange to SE systems
 - Participating in training of harvesters
 - Beginning process of integrating data in to effort/catch estimates
 - Working with MRIP to get SC project methodology approved

Data Dissemination

- Preliminary data for 2017 in process
 - Working with agencies to get data (due March 9)
- Planning to meet with NRCC to work our realistic deadlines and expectations.
- Revised query tool up and running, some adjustments will continue to be made
- New coast-wide confidentiality policy agreed to, system will reflect in the near future
- Support for Stock Assessments
 - Striped Bass,
 - Horseshoe Crab,
 - Atlantic Menhaden,
 - Shad,
 - Lobster

APAIS

- Project achieved fiscal efficiencies in 2016-2017 with some states under budget
- 2017 Interviews realized 9% increase over 2016 (61,400 in 2017, 56,100 in 2016)
- 2017 Social-Economic Survey successful (75% of intercepts completed SEAS)
- 2018 preparations complete
 - NOAA Launched online Vessel Directory
 - NC sampling in progress
 - 3 APAIS regional trainings scheduled (Feb & March)



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Executive Committee 1/24/18
FROM: Bob Beal
RE: ASMFC Officer Nomination Process

Attached please find the ASMFC Leadership Nomination and Election Process which was developed in 2009 and has guided our nomination and election process since then. The process spells out that all Commissioners should be contacted to solicit recommendations for nominees – but it does not give guidance for how that should happen.

The Nomination and Election Process does not define the eligibility criteria for who can serve as an officer. Traditionally only active Commissioners have served as the Chair or Vice Chair. While occasionally a Governors' Appointee has become an officer, it was the prevailing opinion amongst Commissioners that serving as an officer is a significant time commitment, and it seemed that this work was best done by an Administrative Commissioner since they work in fisheries management day in and day out. Governors' Appointee and Legislative Appointees are eligible to be officers. Heretofore proxies have not been deemed eligible to serve as officers.

The Commission's Compact/ Rules and Regulations addresses officers as follows:

ARTICLE V

The Commission shall elect from its number a Chair and a Vice Chair and shall appoint, at its pleasure, remove or discharge such officers and employees as may be required to carry the provisions of this compact into effect, and shall fix and determine their duties, qualifications and compensation.

Issue 1. What is the appropriate approach to contact Commissioners for nominations?

1. A member of the Nominating Committee shall contact each Commissioner directly (via phone or email)
2. A member of the Nominating Committee will contact the Administrative Commissioner from each state and request they communicate with the States' L/GA Commissioners.

Issue 2. Who should be eligible to serve as an officer?

1. Only Commissioners are eligible (no proxies) to serve as an Officer.
2. Commissioners and Ongoing Proxies are eligible to serve as Officers. However the appointing Commissioner must agree to the eligibility of a proxy.
3. Commissioners and Ongoing Proxies are eligible to serve as Officers.

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MEMORANDUM

6 October 2009

TO: ASMFC Commissioners

FROM: John V. O'Shea, Executive Director

SUBJ: ASMFC LEADERSHIP NOMINATION AND ELECTION PROCESS

Attached please find the guidance document detailing the Commission's nomination and election process for Chair and Vice-Chair. This document reflects the decisions made by the Commission at the Spring and Summer Meetings earlier this year. This process will be used for the nomination and election of Commission leadership at the 2009 Annual Meeting and in future years unless modified by the Commission.

During the Business Session at the Summer Meeting, there was a discussion as to whether Commissioners should be allowed to vote independently for Commission Chair and Vice-Chair. This would be a change from the current one vote per state process. The Commission agreed there was not sufficient time to amend the Rules and Regulations for this year's election.

The Commission tasked staff with investigating what changes would need to be made to Commission guidance documents should the Commission decide to revise their current voting procedures. Staff will report the findings at the Annual Meeting.

Enclosure: ASMFC Leadership Nomination and Election Process

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ASMFC Leadership Nomination and Election Process

September 18, 2009

Term Limits – The current annual election process and practice of a two-year term should be maintained when possible. The two-year term could be extended or shortened to accommodate circumstances with the leadership and Commission membership.

Regional Rotation of Leadership – The practice of having the chair and vice-chair rotate between the north, mid-Atlantic, and south should be maintained when possible. However, this practice should not be followed at the expense of electing the most qualified leadership.

Membership of Nominating Committee – The current three-member Nominating Committee will be maintained. The membership will generally consist of one Commissioner from the north, mid-Atlantic, and south and will be appointed annually by the Chair.

Role of Nominating Committee Prior to Election

- Contact all Commissioners to solicit recommendations for nominees.
- Follow-up on Commissioner recommendations to gauge the individual's interest in being included as a nominee.
- Develop separate ballots for chair and vice-chair based on input from Commissioners. A ballot will be prepared even if there is only one nominee in order to provide the opportunity to write-in a candidate.

Election Process

- Ballots will be distributed to state delegations at the Commission Business Session when the election is held (usually at the Annual Meeting).
- Each state delegation will receive one ballot and cast one vote based on the result of the Commissioner caucus from that state.
- State delegations may identify a write-in candidate. States should verify the interest of their candidate before submitting his or her name on the ballot.
- In the event that more than two candidates receive votes for either Chair or Vice-Chair, a run-off will be conducted between the two candidates that received the most votes.
- In the event of a tie, a vote will be retaken until there is a majority winner.
- The Nominations Committee will tally the votes and report the results to the Commission after each vote.