



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Herring Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Coastal Sharks Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal 
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Spring Meeting: April 29 – May 2, 2019 (TA 19-036)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting will be held April 29 – May 2, 2019 at **The Westin Crystal City** (Telephone: 703.486.1111), located at 1800 South Eads Street, Arlington, VA. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2019-spring-meeting>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, April 24, 2019.

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.

As a reminder for those submitting travel vouchers, please note the travel voucher has been revised to reflect the change in the mileage rate for privately owned vehicles to 58 cents/mile. The new voucher can be obtained at http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/ASMFCElectronicTravelVoucher_Jan19.xlsx.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning April 29th at 1:00 p.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 12:15 p.m.) on Thursday, May 2nd. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board 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 will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. To register, please go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1041506190356646145>.

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.



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Spring Meeting

April 29 – May 2, 2019

The Westin Crystal City

Arlington, 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 23, 2019**) 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 23, 2019 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

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Monday, April 29

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

American Lobster Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia

Other Members: NEFMC, NMFS

Chair: Train

Other Participants: Perry, Reardon, Carroll, Coogen

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Train*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Update on the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Spring Meeting and Recommendations to NOAA Fisheries (*C. Coogen*)
5. Review Progress on American Lobster Draft Addendum XXVIII (*T. Kerns*)
6. Report from the American Lobster Bait Working Group (*M. Schmidtke*)
7. Review Implementation of the Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan by Delaware and New York (*S. Train*) **Possible Action**
8. Progress Update on the 2020 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

Tuesday, April 30

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey

Other Members: NEFMC, NMFS

Chair: Keliher

Other Participants: Zobel, Eastman, Kaelin

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Addendum II for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum II

5. Update on 2020-2021 Fishery Specifications (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Progress Update on Draft Addendum III (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Review Management Tools Used for Setting Days Out Measures (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
8. Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 a.m. – Noon

Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

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

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Armstrong

Other Participants: Lengyel, Blanchard, Celestino, Latour

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Armstrong*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. 2018 Atlantic Striped Bass Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Overview of Benchmark Stock Assessment (*M. Celestino*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Report (*R. Latour*)
 - Consider Acceptance of 2018 Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use (*M. Armstrong*)
5. Consider Management Response to the 2018 Benchmark Stock Assessment (*M. Armstrong*) **Action**
 - Review Technical Committee Report on Reductions Needed to Achieve Fishing Mortality Reference Points in 2020 (*N. Lengyel*)
 - Review Adaptive Management Timeline (*M. Appelman*)
6. Recess

Noon – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch (*On Your Own*)

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board (continued)

7. Reconvene
8. Consider Management Response (continued) (*M. Armstrong*) **Action**
9. Consider Forwarding Comments to NOAA Fisheries Opposing Proposed Measures to Lift Ban on Recreational Striped Bass Fishing in Federal Block Island Sound Transit Zone (*M. Armstrong*) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Enforcement Committee

(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for the LEC Coordinator and Committee members only)

Members: Anthony, Blanchard, Carroll, Eastman, Furlong, Gadowski, Garner, Hettenbach, Hogan, Kersey, King, Lauderman, Lynn, Messeck, Moore, Moran, Noel, Pearce, Ray, Santiago, Snellbaker, Williams

Chair: Anthony

Staff: Robson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the LEC Representatives (*S. Anthony*)
2. Approval of Agenda and October 2018 Minutes **Action**
3. Public Comment
4. Presentation on Police-Assisted Addiction and Recovery Initiative (PAARI) and Use of NARCAN/NALAXONE
5. Review of 2019 Action Plan
6. Review Potential Atlantic Cobia Regulations in Federal Waters
7. Discuss Use of Drones and Other Technologies in Enforcement
8. Review and Discuss Ongoing Enforcement Activities **Closed Session**
9. State Agency Reports
10. Recess

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

Coastal Sharks Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Miller

Other Participants: Frazier, Garner

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Miller*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Final Rule for Highly Migratory Species Amendment 11 (Shortfin Mako)
 - Review Final Rule and NOAA Fisheries Request for Complementary Measures (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
 - Consider Complementary Management Measures (*R. Miller*) **Final Action**
5. Consider Approval of 2018 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Coordinating Council

Partners: ASMFC, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, MAFMC, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, NEFMC, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, NMFS, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, PRFC, Rhode Island, SAFMC, South Carolina, USFWS, Virginia

Chair: Fegley

Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*L. Fegley*)
2. Council Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Review Progress on Accountability/Validation (*J. Simpson*)
5. Program Updates
 - Administrative (*M. Cahall*)
 - SAFIS (*M. Cahall*)
 - Recreational (*APAIS Staff*)
6. Committee Updates
 - Commercial Technical
 - Information Systems
 - Joint Operations/Advisors
7. Review and Consider Approval of 2020 Request for Proposals (*L. Fegley*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Annual Awards of Excellence Reception

Wednesday, May 1

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

Breakfast will be available at 7:30 a.m.

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

Members: Abbott, Blazer, Bowman, Boyles, Jr., Cimino, Clark, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Haymans, Keliher, McNamee, Miller, Miner, Murphey, Pierce, Shiels

Chair: Gilmore

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*P. Keliher*)
 - Presentation of the FY2020 Budget
 - Develop Process to Address Non-Payment of State Assessments
5. Discuss Allocation of Atlantic Coastal Act Plus-Up Funds (*R. Beal*)
6. Review Draft Standard Operating Procedures and Policies for Management Board Work Groups
7. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
8. Executive Director Performance Review (**Closed Session**)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

8:00 a.m. – Noon **Law Enforcement Committee (continued)**

11. Reconvene/Social
12. Review and Discuss Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Enforcement Workshop
13. Review and Discuss Offshore Enforcement Vessel Working Group
14. Review and Discuss ASMFC Species Issues, as Needed
15. Presentation on Electronic Reporting in the South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico
16. Group Photograph
17. Discuss Criteria/Metrics for Evaluating Enforcement Effectiveness
18. Federal Agency Reports
19. Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**

Member States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Ballou

Other Participants: Wojcik, Snellbaker

Staff: Starks, Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review Plan Development Team Analysis of Black Sea Bass Commercial Management Strategies to Address Fishery Shifts (*C. Starks*) **Possible Action**
 - Advisory Panel Report
5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:15 p.m. **Lunch (*On Your Own*)**

1:15 – 2:30 p.m. **Business Session**

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

Chair: Gilmore

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of 2019-2023 Strategic Plan **Final Action**
5. Consider Approval of the Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment **Final Action**
6. Recess

2:45 – 5:15 p.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: Rhodes; Cimino (Vice-Chair) serving as chair for this meeting

Other Participants: Brunson, Messeck, Jacobson, Sweka

Staff: Schmidtke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2018
3. Public Comment
4. 2019 Horseshoe Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Sweka*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*L. Jacobson*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use (*J. Cimino*)
5. Consider Management Response to the 2019 Horseshoe Crab Benchmark Stock Assessment (*J. Cimino*) **Possible Action**
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, May 2

8:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy 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, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Gilmore

Other Participants: Cody, VanVoorhees

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Update from Executive Committee (*J. Gilmore*)
5. Update from the Risk Policy Work Group (*J. McNamee*)
6. Update on Marine Recreational Information Program Transition to New Surveys (*D. Van Voorhees, R. Cody*)
7. Committee Reports
 - Law Enforcement (*M. Robson*)
 - Artificial Reef (*L. Havel*)
8. Review Noncompliance Findings (If Necessary) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 – 10:00 a.m. **Business Session (continued)**

7. Reconvene
8. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (If Necessary) **Final Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. **South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

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

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

Chair: Geer

Other Participants: McDonough, Rickabaugh, Lynn

Staff: Schmidtke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Geer*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2019
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Draft Amendment 1 to the Cobia Fishery Management Plan for Public Comment (*M. Schmidtke*) **Action**
5. Review State-Gathered Public Input and Consider Management Action for Atlantic Croaker and Spot (*P. Geer*) **Possible Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn