



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

MEMORANDUM

April 22, 2020

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Herring Management Board; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Bluefish Management Board; Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board; Tautog Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal 
Executive Director

RE: ASMFC Spring Meeting Webinar: May 5 & 6, 2020

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Spring Meeting Webinar will be held May 5 & 6, 2020. Meeting materials are available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2020-spring-meeting-webinar>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, April 29, 2020.

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. It is our intent to begin at the scheduled start time for each meeting, however, if meetings run late the next meeting may start later than originally planned.

Board proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar, with separate webinar links for each day. May 5th meeting participants and attendees can register for the webinar at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9135385124352928269> (Webinar ID: 894-169-955), while May 6th participants and attendees can register at <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6204543422027821581> (Webinar ID: 918-539-707). **IMPORTANT: When registering, Commissioners, proxies, and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council members (on Wednesday only for Council members), should place two zeros (00) prior to their names (e.g., 00Toni Kerns).** Detailed instructions on joining and participating in the webinars can be found at http://www.asmfc.org/files/Meetings/2020SpringMeeting/Webinar_Instructions.pdf.

Each day, we will begin the webinar 30 minutes prior to the start of the first meeting so that people can troubleshoot any connectivity or audio issues they may encounter. If you are having

issues with the webinar (connecting to or audio related issues), please contact Chris Jacobs at 703.842.0790.

We strongly recommend Commissioners and proxies connect to the webinar using the computer audio (VoIP). **For the best sound quality, we recommend you get a headset** (any headphones with a microphone should work, such as headphones you use with your phone).

For those who will not be joining the webinar but would like to listen in to the audio portion only, you can do so by dialing 631.992.3221 (access code: 129-744-343) for the May 5th meetings and dialing 562.247.8422 (access code: 839-924-158) for May 6th meetings.

For management boards that are anticipated to take final actions, such as the Atlantic Herring and Tautog Management Boards, the public and stakeholders will have the opportunity to provide brief comments on actions for which the Commission has *NOT* established a specific public comment period, as time allows. For all other meetings, the public should anticipate limited opportunity to provide comment via the webinar. When public comment is allowed, it will be at the discretion of the individual Board Chairs. As such, we strongly encourage members of the public to submit written comments in advance to be included in the meeting materials. Please see the following revised Public Comment Guidelines for more information about submitting public comment prior to the meeting.

If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.

Enclosure: Final Agenda



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Spring Meeting Webinar

May 5 & 6, 2020

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. **Please note these guidelines have been modified to adapt to meetings via webinar:**

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 the webinar will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday, April 28, 2020 will be included in the supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Monday, May 4, 2020 will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

Comments should be submitted via email at comments@asmfc.org. All comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution.

Final Agenda

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Tuesday, May 5

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Management Board

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

Other Members: NEFMC, NMFS

Chair: Patterson

Other Participants: Zobel, Brown, Kaelin

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Patterson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Addendum III for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
 - Review Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum III
4. Reconsider 2020 Area 1A Specification (Allocation Distribution), if Necessary (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Final Action**
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.

Atlantic Menhaden 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: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Woodward

Other Participants: Ballenger, Kersey, Cieri

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Review Ecological Reference Point Workgroup Analysis (*M. Cieri*)
4. Other Business
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program 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: White

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Council Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Minutes from October 2019
 - Committee and Program Updates
3. Consider Approval of Funding Decision Document and 2021 Request for Proposals (*J. Simpson*) **Action**
4. Discuss Marine Recreational Information Program State Partnership Report to Congress (*G. White*)
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Tautog Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Hyatt

Other Participants: Ares, Snellbaker

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*W. Hyatt*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2019
3. Consider Approval of Rhode Island Conservation Equivalency Proposal (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
Final Action
 - Plan Review Team Report
 - Technical Committee Report
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report
 - Advisory Panel Report
4. Other Business
5. Public Comment
6. Adjourn

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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: Borden

Other Participants: Sullivan, Blanchard

Staff: Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Review and Discuss Predicted Fishery Performance in 2020 Based on Final Addendum VI Measures and New Stock Projections with Updated Data (*K. Drew*)
4. Consider Forming a Workgroup to Provide Advice Concerning High Priority Issues and Next Steps for Management (*D. Borden*)
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

Wednesday, May 6

10:00 a.m. – Noon

ASMFC Bluefish Management Board and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)

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

ASMFC Chair: Batsavage

MAFMC Chair: Luisi

Other Participants: Celestino, Kersey

Staff: Colson Leaning, Seeley

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage/M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Review Public Comment Summary on Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment Public Information and Scoping Document (*D. Colson Leaning, M. Seeley*)
 - Public Comment Summary
 - Plan Development Team (PDT)/Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) Report
4. Provide Guidance to the PDT/FMAT on Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Draft Amendment (*C. Batsavage, M. Luisi*) **Possible Action**
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board and MAFMC

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

ASMFC Chair: Nowalsky

MAFMC Chair: Luisi

Other Participants: Wojcik, Snellbaker

Staff: Colson Leaning, Starks, Coutre, Beaty, Dancy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky, ASMFC/M. Luisi, MAFMC*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2019

3. Review Public Comment Summary on Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment Public Information and Scoping Document (*D. Colson Leaning/K. Coutre*)
 - Public Comment Summary
 - Advisory Panel Report
 - Plan Development Team (PDT)/Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) Report
4. Provide Guidance to the PDT/FMAT on Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Draft Amendment (*A. Nowalsky/M. Luisi*) **Possible Action**
5. Other Business
6. Public Comment
7. Adjourn