

2021 Fall Meeting Webinar 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. 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.

Monday, October 18

9:00 a.m. – Noon

American Lobster Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: McKiernan

Other Participants: Perry, Reardon, Beal

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review Annual Data Update of American Lobster Abundance Indices (*K. Reardon*)
5. Discuss Development of Draft Addendum XXVII on Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Resiliency (*C. Starks*)
 - Consider Plan Development Team (PDT) Recommendations on Objectives
 - Provide Feedback to PDT on Proposed Options
6. Progress Update on Draft Addendum XXIX: Electronic Vessel Tracking Devices in the Federal American Lobster and Jonah Crab Fisheries (*C. Starks*)
7. Consider Next Steps for Development of a Management Strategy Evaluation of American Lobster Fisheries (*J. Kipp*) **Possible Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch Break

12:45 – 1:15 p.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

Staff: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Patterson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Set Quota Period for the 2022 Area 1A Fishery (*E. Franke*) **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Tautog Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS

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 August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2021 Stock Assessment Update (*N. Ares*)
5. Consider Management Response to 2021 Stock Assessment Update (*W. Hyatt*) **Possible Action**
6. Review and Provide Feedback on Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool for Tautog (*J. McNamee*)
7. Develop Guidance for Law Enforcement Committee Review of Commercial Tagging Program (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Atlantic Large Whale (ALW) Take Reduction Team Update (*M. Trego*)

NOAA Fisheries will provide an update on ALW Take Reduction efforts. The update will include a review of the final rule to amend the ALW Take Reduction Plan to reduce risk of serious injury and mortality to North Atlantic right whales caused by incidental entanglement in Northeast Jonah crab and lobster trap/pot fisheries. Scoping on the next phase of rulemaking is ongoing, through October 21, 2021. Additionally, NOAA Fisheries will provide an overview of scoping efforts to inform the Take Reduction Team's development of recommendations to modify the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan to reduce risk to North Atlantic right whales in coastwide gillnet and Atlantic mixed species trap/pot fisheries and Mid-Atlantic lobster fisheries.

Tuesday, October 19

9:00 – 10:30 a.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, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Other Participants: Sprankle, Warner, Neilan, O'Connell

Chair: Davis

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Davis*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2021
3. Public Comment

4. Consider American Shad Habitat Plans/Updates (*B. Neilan*) **Action** Consider Technical Committee Report on Methods for Evaluating Mixed-stock Catch (*B. Neilan*)
Possible Action
5. Progress Report on Prioritizing Systems for Shad Recovery and Developing Inventory of Available Data to Support Development of Fish Passage Criteria (*B. Neilan*)
6. Update from USGS Eastern Ecological Science Center on Alosine Science in Support of Interstate Management (*T. O'Connell*)
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 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: Carmichael
Staff: White

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Carmichael*)
2. Council Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Recommendations for FY2022 Submitted Funding Proposals (*J. Simpson*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

12:30 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 – 5:15 p.m. Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
 (break included)
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: Newhard, Kersey, Cieri, Brust
Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Provide Guidance to the Technical Committee and Ecological Reference Points Work Group on Priorities for Completing Next Benchmark Stock Assessment (*M. Cieri*) **Possible Action**
5. Progress Update on Development of Draft Addendum I to Amendment 3 (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
6. Update on 2020-2021 Atlantic Menhaden Mortality Events (*J. Brust*)

7. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, October 20

8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Executive Committee

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

Members: Abbott, Anderson, Batsavage, Bell, Bowman, Burgess, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Woodward
Chair: Keliher
Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(P. Keliher)*
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of FY2021 Audit *(S. Woodward)* **Action**
5. Discuss Policy on Responding to FOIA Requests *(R. Beal)*
6. Discuss Commission Involvement in Wind Energy Development *(J. Cimino)*
7. Discuss Seafood Processors Pandemic Response and Safety (SPRS) Block Grant Program
8. Discuss Appeals Process *(R. Beal)*
9. Future Annual Meetings Update *(L. Leach)*
10. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 – 10:30 a.m. Break

10:30 – 11:00 a.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
Chair: Bell
Other Participants: Willey, Garner
Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order *(M. Bell)*
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Set Specifications for 2022 Fishing Year *(K. Rootes-Murdy)* **Final Action**
5. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 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: Keliher

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of 2022 Action Plan **Action**
5. Elect Chair and Vice-Chair **Action**
6. Recess

12:15 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:00 – 5:15 p.m. Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

(break included)

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, Bassano

Staff: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Amendment 7 for Public Comment (*E. Franke*) **Action**
5. Consider Draft Addendum VII for Public Comment (*E. Franke*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, October 21

8:30 – 10:00 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: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Cimino

Other Participants: Brunson, Garner, Sweka

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Cimino*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment

4. Set 2022 Harvest Specifications **Final Action**
 - Review Horseshoe Crab and Red Knot Abundance Estimates and 2021 Adaptive Resource Management Model (ARM) Results (*J. Sweka*)
 - Set 2022 Harvest Specifications (*C. Starks*)
5. Progress Update on Revision to the ARM Framework (*J. Sweka*)
6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:15 a.m. Spiny Dogfish Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: Batsavage

Other Participants: Newlin, Moran, Didden, McManus

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Analysis on Trip Limit and Market Price (*J. Didden*)
5. Review and Revise (if needed) 2022-2023 Specifications (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
7. Update on Research Track Assessment (*C. McManus*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. American Eel 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, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Fegley

Other Participants: Tuckey, Beal

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Extending Maine's Glass Eel Quota for 2022-2024 (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Final Action**
5. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
6. Progress Update on 2022 Benchmark Stock Assessment (*K. Anstead*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch Break

12:45 – 4:30 p.m.

Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

(A portion of this meeting will be held with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC))

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

ASMFC Chair: Keliher

Other Participants: Pentony

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Draft Addendum/Framework on Harvest Control Rule for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (*This agenda item will be considered with the MAFMC.*)
5. Executive Committee Report (*P. Keliher*)
6. Review Management and Science Committee Tasks to Address Conservation Equivalency Concerns (*T. Kerns*)
7. Presentation by NOAA Fisheries on Efforts and Next Steps to Reduce Sea Turtle Bycatch in Several Trawl Fisheries in the Greater Atlantic Region, including Summer Flounder, Atlantic Croaker, and Longfin Squid (*M. Pentony*)
8. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative (*T. Kerns*)
9. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

4:30 – 4:45 p.m.

Business Session

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