



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

## MEMORANDUM

July 21, 2021

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program Coordinating Council; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board; Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Sciaenids Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board; Tautog Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal   
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RE: ASMFC Summer Meeting Webinar: August 2-5, 2021

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting Webinar will be held August 2-5, 2021. Meeting materials are now available on the Commission website at <http://www.asmfc.org/home/2021-summer-meeting-webinar>. Supplemental materials will be posted to the website on Wednesday, July 28.

Board meeting proceedings will be broadcast daily via webinar beginning Monday, August 2 at 1:30 p.m. and continuing daily until the conclusion of the meeting (expected to be 3 p.m.) on Thursday, August 5. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. To register for the webinar go to <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1268548762865393678> (Webinar ID: 606-517-315).

Each day, the webinar will begin 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.

If you are joining the webinar but will not be using VoIP, you can may also call in at 415.655.0052. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar; see [webinar instructions](#) for details on how to receive the PIN. 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 415.655.0052 (access code: 904-450-431).

We look forward to meeting with you at the Summer Meeting Webinar. If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.

Enclosure: Public Comment Guidelines and Final Agenda

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## Summer Meeting Webinar

August 2-5, 2021

### Public Comment Guidelines

To provide a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings. **Please note these guidelines have been modified to adapt to meetings via webinar:**

**For issues that are not on the agenda**, management boards will continue to provide an opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will ask members of the public to raise their hands to let the chair know they would like to speak. Depending upon the number of commenters, the board chair will decide 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 the webinar (July 12) will be included in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 27 will be included in the supplemental materials.
3. Comments received by 10:00 AM on Friday, July 30 will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting.

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

# 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, August 2

1:30 – 4:00 p.m.

### **American Lobster Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* McKiernan

*Other Participants:* Reardon, Perry, Beal

*Staff:* Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Report on Development of Draft Addendum XXVII on Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank Resiliency (*C. Starks*)
5. Review Work Group Report on Vessel Tracking Devices in Federal Lobster and Jonah Crab Fisheries (*C. Starks*) **Possible Action**
6. Review Jonah Crab Pre-assessment Report and Consider Initiation of a Stock Assessment (*D. Perry*) **Possible Action**
7. Consider Development of a Management Strategy Evaluation of the American Lobster Fisheries (*J. Kipp*) **Possible Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

### **Atlantic Large Whale Take reduction Team (ALWTRT) Update** (*C. Coogan*)

NOAA Fisheries will provide an update on efforts to collect information for the ALWTRT to develop 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, August 3**

**9:00 a.m. – 12:30 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, Hoffman

*Staff:* Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from March and May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*E. Franke*) **Action**
5. Review Juvenile Abundance Index for the Albemarle Sound/Roanoke River
  - Technical Committee Report (*C. Hoffman*)
6. Progress Report for Draft Amendment 7
  - Plan Development Team (PDT) Report (*E. Franke*)
  - Provide Guidance to the PDT for Draft Amendment 7
7. Review Options for Addressing Commercial Quota Allocation in a Future Management Document (*E. Franke*) **Possible Action**
8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:30 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:30 – 3:00 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 September 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Progress Report on 2021 Stock Assessment Update (*K. Drew*)
5. Review and Discuss Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool for Tautog (*S. Murray*)
6. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
7. Review Implementation of Commercial Tagging Program (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**3:15 – 5:15 p.m.**

**Sciaenids Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC

*Chair:* Fegley

*Other Participants:* Franco, Giuliano, Paramore, Rickabaugh, Hodge

*Staff:* Lewis

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Fegley*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from March 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review Traffic Light Analysis (TLA) for Spot and Atlantic Croaker and Technical Committee Recommendations (*D. Franco, H. Rickabaugh*)
5. Review Technical Committee Recommendations for Black Drum TLA and Benchmark Stock Assessment (*H. Rickabaugh*) **Action**
6. Consider Atlantic Croaker and Red Drum Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for 2020 Fishing Year (*S. Lewis*) **Action**
  - Consider State Implementation Plan from Florida for its Commercial Atlantic Croaker Fishery
7. Update on Red Drum Modeling Process and 2022 Simulation Stock Assessment (*J. Kipp*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 4**

**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 May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. CARES “The Act” Update (*R. Beal*)
5. Report from the Administrative Oversight Committee (*S. Woodward*)
6. Discuss Annual Meeting Attendance and Future Meeting Formats (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss Pending Shark Finning Legislation (*R. Beal*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board Concurrent with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC

*ASMFC Chair:* Nowalsky

*Other Participants:* Wojcik, Snellbaker

*Staff:* Colson Leaning, Lewis

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Consider ISFMP Policy Board Directive for Changes to Addendum XXXIII: Black Sea Bass Commercial Allocation **Final Action**
5. Consider Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance for the 2020 Fishing Year for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (*D. Colson Leaning/S. Lewis*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:15 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch Break**

**1:15 – 5:15 p.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:* Newhard, Kersey, LaFrance

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Review Data Needs for Spatially Explicit Management of Atlantic Menhaden in the Chesapeake Bay (*J. Newhard*)
5. Review Work Group Report on Commercial Quota Re-allocation and Other Provisions of Amendment 3 (*R. LaFrance*)
6. Consider Initiation of Addendum on Commercial Fishery Measures (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**Thursday, August 5**

**9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

**Wind Energy Development Workshop** (*A. Kipsky/P. Burns*)

Updates on the roles of NOAA Fisheries' Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office and Northeast Fisheries Science Center in the offshore wind development process including data exchange, regulatory process, survey mitigation and research on interactions of offshore wind on NOAA trust resources

**10:45 – 11:45 a.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 May 2021
  - Approval of Program Update Document
3. Public Comment
4. Review ACCSP Funding Projections and 2022 Proposals Summary (*G. White*)
5. Accountability Subgroup Report (*J. Simpson*)
6. Discuss Atlantic Recreational Implementation Plan Priorities (*G. White*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break**

**12:15 – 2:45 p.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

*ASMFC Chair:* Keliher

*Other Participants:* Cody

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2021
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) (*R. Cody*)
  - 2020 Catch Estimate Methodology Review
  - MRIP Survey Data Standards and Future Presentation Changes
5. Reports from the Executive Committee and State Directors Meeting (*P. Keliher*)
6. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative (*T. Kerns*)

7. Update on the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Research Steering Committee to Evaluate Restarting the Research Set-Aside Program (*R. Beal*)
8. Committee Reports
  - Assessment Science Committee (*S. Murray*) **Action**
  - Habitat Committee (*L. Havel*)
  - Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (*L. Havel*)
9. Review Noncompliance Findings (if Necessary) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**2:45 – 3:00 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. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment **Final Action**
5. Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (if Necessary) **Final Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn