

Final Agenda

Please note that minor changes have been made to the time and schedule for meetings on Monday, February 1 and Tuesday, February 2; and a minor agenda modification to Thursday, February 4 ISFMP Policy Board.

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, February 1

9:30 – 10:00 a.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: 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 August 2020
3. Public Comment
4. 2021 Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (*D. Colson Leaning, S. Lewis*)
 - Consider State Proposals for Adjusting 2021 Recreational Measures **Possible Action**
 - Consider Virginia Proposal for Wave 1 Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery **Final Action**
5. Recess for ISFMP Policy Board & Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC)
Discussion on Recreational Management Reform Initiative

10:15 – 11:45 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

Board Chair: Keliher

Other Participants: Beaty

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review State Membership on Species Management Boards (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
 - Review State Declared Species of Interest

5. Discuss Recreational Management Reform Initiative (*J. Beaty*) **Possible Action** *This agenda item will be discussed jointly with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council*
6. Recess until Thursday, February 4 at 1:45 p.m.

11:45 – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break

12:45 – 4:30 p.m. 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

Board Chair: Nowalsky

MAFMC Chair: Luisi

Other Participants: Wojcik, Snellbaker

Staff: Colson Leaning, Lewis

6. Reconvene as a Joint Meeting with MAFMC
7. Consider Draft Addendum XXXIII and MAFMC Amendment on Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocations for Final Approval (*S. Lewis, C. Starks*) **Final Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Tuesday, February 2

8:30 a.m. – 12:45 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: McKiernan

Other Participants: Reardon, Perry, Beal, Anderson, Shank

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. McKiernan*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Discuss Proposed Rule and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Proposed Modifications for 2021 (*J. Anderson*)
5. Consider Management Response to the 2020 American Lobster Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review (*D. McKiernan*) **Possible Action**
 - Review Stock Status, Reference Points and Assessment Recommendations (*C. Starks*)
 - Discuss Development of Draft Addendum XXVII on Gulf of Maine Resiliency (*C. Starks*)
6. Discuss Potential for Conducting a Management Strategy Evaluation for the American Lobster Fishery (*B. Shank/J. Kipp*)
7. Discuss Executive Order on Northeast Canyons and Seamounts Marine National Monument (*C. Starks*) **Possible Action**
8. Review and Populate Jonah Crab Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

12:45 – 1:45 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:45 – 2:30 p.m.

Winter Flounder Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: Borden

Other Participants: Nitschke, Blanchard, Brown

Staff: Colson Leaning

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Specifications for the 2021 Fishing Year (*D. Colson Leaning*) **Final Action**
 - Technical Committee Report
 - Advisory Panel Report
5. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 4:00 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

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*S. Woodward*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Recent Fishery Performance Relative to Commercial Allocations (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
5. Other Business/Adjourn

4:15 – 5:15 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: Rootes-Murdy, Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Patterson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020

3. Public Comment
4. Set Sub-Annual Catch Limit for 2021-2023 Fishing Years (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Final Action**
5. Update on Amendment 8 and Consider Impacts to the Area 1A Fishery (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Update on New England Fishery Management Council and Commission Coordination Discussions (*R. Beal*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, February 3

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

Members: Abbott, Anderson, Batsavage, Bell, Bowman, Cimino, Clark, Davis, Estes, Gilmore, Keliher, Kuhn, McKiernan, McNamee, Miller, Patterson, Woodward

Chair: Keliher

Other Participants: Kelly Denit

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Second Round of CARES Act Assistance (*R. Beal*)
5. Legislative and Appropriations Update (*R. Beal*)
6. Review Letter to the Office of Management and Budget Regarding Commission's FY22 Funding Priorities (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss Legislative Committee Membership (*R. Beal*)
8. Future Annual Meeting Update (*L. Leach*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 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: Batsavage

Other Participants: Willey, Garner, McCandless

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review NOAA Fisheries Cooperative Shark Tagging Program (*C. McCandless*)
5. Update from NOAA Fisheries on Highly Migratory Species Management (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
6. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – 12:15 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 Minutes from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Project and Program Funding (*G. White*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:45 p.m. Lunch Break

1:45 – 5:00 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: Franke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from October 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Review Technical Committee Report on Release Mortality Sensitivity Runs (*K. Sullivan*)
5. Consider Stock Assessment Update Timeline (*K. Drew*) **Action**
6. Discuss Circle Hook Implementation (*T. Kerns*) **Possible Final Action**
7. Consider Draft Amendment 7 Public Information Document for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, February 4

8:30 – 11:30 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, Furlong, Lyons Gromen, Neilan

Chair: Armstrong

Staff: Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Armstrong*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Management Response to 2020 Shad Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review (*M. Armstrong*)
 - Review Technical Committee Recommendations (*B. Neilan*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*P. Lyons Gromen*)
5. Review Technical Committee Recommendations on Improvements to Amendments 2 and 3 (*B. Neilan*) **Possible Action**
6. Consider Shad Habitat Plan Updates **Action**
 - Review Technical Committee Recommendations (*B. Neilan*)
7. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance for the 2019 Fishing Year (*C. Starks*) **Action**
8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. Lunch Break

12:45 – 1:30 p.m.

Bluefish Management Board

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

Chair: Batsavage

Other Participants: Celestino, Kersey

Staff: Colson Leaning

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*C. Batsavage*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2020
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Revisions to the Addendum I Biological Monitoring Program (*D. Colson Leaning*) **Final Action**
5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

1:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board

7. Reconvene from February 1, 2021
8. Public Comment
9. Executive Committee Report (*P. Keliher*)
10. Progress Update on the Risk and Uncertainty Policy (*J. McNamee*)
 - Review Draft of the Risk and Uncertainty Policy
 - Discuss Steps to Consider Final Approval of the Policy
11. Review and Discuss 2020 Commissioner Survey Results (*D. Tompkins*)
12. Review State Membership on Species Management Boards (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
 - Review Pennsylvania’s Membership on the Atlantic Menhaden Management Board
13. Discuss Commission Process for Working on Recreational Reform Issues with the MAFMC (*T. Kerns*)
14. Discuss Possible Reporting Programs to Capture Recreational Release Data (*T. Kerns*)
15. Committee Reports (*L. Havel*) **Action**
 - Habitat Committee
 - Artificial Reef Committee
 - Atlantic Coast Fisheries Habitat Partnership
16. Review Noncompliance Findings (if necessary) **Action**
17. Other Business/Adjourn

4:15 – 4:30 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: 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 Noncompliance Recommendations (if necessary) **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn