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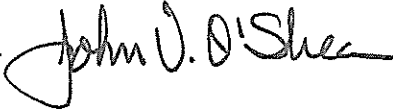
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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: ASMFC Administrative Commissioners

FROM: John V. O'Shea, Executive Director 

RE: State Delegation Participation in Management Board/Section Meetings

DATE: June 12, 2009

At the ASMFC Spring Meeting, the ISFMP Policy Board provided guidance for state delegation participation during board/section meetings. The Policy Board reaffirmed that each state may have no more than three commissioners or commissioner proxies engage in board discussions.

The Policy Board noted there have been instances when more than three commissioners or proxies have been seated at the table during board meetings.

Where a proxy for an administrative commissioner is serving as chair of a board, the Policy Board agreed that the administrative commissioner may sit with the state's delegation. The commissioner may advise/consult the delegation but shall not engage in the board discussion.

In the case where a commissioner is sitting at the table with their proxy, the Policy Board agreed such practice is acceptable; however the commissioner shall decide which one will participate in the board discussion.

cc: ASMFC Commissioners

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