

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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ASMFC Schedules Tentative Meetings of the Atlantic Striped Bass Board, ISFMP Policy Board & Full Commission for July 5 from 1-3 PM Meetings to Review Compliance with Atlantic Striped Bass Emergency Action

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has scheduled tentative virtual meetings of the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board, Interstate Fisheries Management (ISFMP) Policy Board and the full Commission to review compliance with the <u>emergency action</u> taken by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board on May 2, 2023. These meetings will be held via webinar on July 5 from 1 – 3 PM in the event that any state or jurisdiction fails to implement the required 31-inch maximum size limit for striped bass recreational fisheries by July 2.

Per the ISFMP Charter, a Board can initiate a compliance review any time after July 2, 2023 via an inperson or virtual meeting. If the Board finds a state or jurisdiction is not in compliance, the ISFMP Policy Board and then the Commission would meet immediately following the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board to review the finding. The intention would be to hold the 3 virtual meetings back-to-back.

The Commission will notify the public of its intent to hold the meetings during the week of June 26th, although it may cancel these meetings anytime up until the morning of July 5th.

The tentative webinar details follow:

Webinar link: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2120717568588686427 (Webinar ID 830-642-835)

If you will be joining the webinar but will not be using voice over internet protocol (VoIP), you can may also call in at +1 (562) 247-8422, access code 568-364-258. A PIN will be provided to you after joining the webinar; see webinar instructions for details on how to receive the PIN.

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The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.