

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

NEWS RELEASE

Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 27, 2023

PRESS CONTACT: Tina Berger 703.842.0749

ASMFC Cancels July 5 Meetings of the Atlantic Striped Bass Board, ISFMP Policy Board & Full Commission

Arlington, VA – The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission has cancelled virtual meetings of the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board, Interstate Fisheries Management (ISFMP) Policy Board and the full Commission. The three bodies were tentatively scheduled to meet on July 5 to review compliance with the <u>emergency action</u> taken by the Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board on May 2, 2023. However, since it is anticipated that all states and jurisdictions will have implemented regulations consistent with the required 31-inch maximum size limit for striped bass recreational fisheries by July 2, there is no need for the July 5 virtual meetings.

The Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board is scheduled to meet on August 1 during the Commission's Summer Meeting to review a summary of the comments received at the public hearings on the emergency action and consider approval of Draft Addendum II for public comment. Addendum II was initiated to address concerns about increased removals and stock rebuilding beyond 2023. It is intended to follow the 2023 emergency action, and will consider 2024 management measures designed to reduce fishing mortality to the target.

For more information, please contact Toni Kerns, Fisheries Policy Director, at tkerns@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

###

PR23-16