

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

*May 1, 2012
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Alexandria, Virginia*

Draft Agenda

1. Welcome/Call to Order, *P. Diodati*
2. Committee Consent **Action**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from November 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee, *L. Daniel*
 - Presentation of the FY13 Budget **Action***
 - 2012 Action Plan Progress
5. Future Annual Meetings Update, *L. Leach*
 - 2012 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania October 22-25 Radisson Plaza Warwick Hotel
 - 2013 – Georgia
 - 2014 – Connecticut
 - 2015 – Florida
 - 2016 – Maine
6. Other Business/Adjourn

** The FY13 Budget will be emailed prior to the Spring Meeting*

The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel
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**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**The Langham Hotel
Boston, Massachusetts
November 10, 2011**

INDEX OF MOTIONS

- 1. Approval of Agenda by Consent (Page 1)**
- 2. Approval of Summaries from March 24, 2011, August 3, 2011 and August 4, 2011 by Consent (Page 1)**
- 3. Move to Approve FY11 Audit (Page 1). Motion by Mr. Diodati (no second needed for a motion coming out of a committee report.) Motion passes unanimously.**
- 4. Adjournment by Consent. (Page 4)**

ATTENDANCE**Board Members**

Terry Stockwell, ME (AA proxy)
Dennis Abbott, NH (LA)
Doug Grout, NH (AA)
Paul Diodati, MA (AA)
Bob Ballou, RI (AA)
Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)
Tom McCloy, NJ (AA proxy)
David Saveikis, DE (AA)

Leroy Young, PA (AA)
Tom O'Connell, MD (AA)
Steve Bowman, VA (AA)
Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
Robert Boyles, SC (LA)
Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA)
Spud Woodward, GA (AA)
Aaron Podey, FL (AA proxy)

(AA = Administrative Appointee; GA = Governor Appointee; LA = Legislative Appointee)

Staff

Vince O'Shea
Laura Leach

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Cleveland Room of The Langham Hotel, Boston, Massachusetts on November 10, 2011. It was called to order at 7:00 a.m. by Chairman Paul Diodati.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

One item was added to the agenda; discussion of the New Jersey registry program. With this addition, the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the March 24, August 3 & August 4, 2011 meetings were presented and approved.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE REPORT

FY11 AUDIT

CHAIRMAN PAUL DIODATI: The AOC reviewed the FY11 Audit and was pleased with the results of the audit. There were no questions from the Committee. A motion was made by Mr. Diodati on behalf of the AOC to approve the audit. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Woodward commented that he was continuing to seek funds from his legislature to pay Georgia's FY06 assessment arrears.

FUTURE MEETING LOCATIONS

MS. LEACH: Upcoming annual meetings are: October 21-26, 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 2013 in Georgia, 2014 in Connecticut and 2015 in Florida.

REVIEW PROCESS FOR CALLING BOARD MEETINGS

ROBERT BOYLES: A general discussion was held regarding the request for a special meeting of the Summer Flounder/Scup/Black Sea Bass Board and the circumstances and issues related to the action by Connecticut, New York and Rhode Island to deviate from the FMP.

Key points included:

1. Decision to deny the meeting request was made by the Commission Chair.
2. Rationale was the precedent-setting nature of the proposed action affected all states and needed discussion in a more public forum than a teleconference.
3. A number of members stated their support for the Chair's decision.
4. A number of members expressed concern the issue raises important process questions for the Commission and the adequacy of our current compliance mechanisms.
5. There was consensus to appoint a working group of Commissioners and staff to examine three issues:
 - a) Circumstances for calling a meeting
 - b) Appropriate definition of an emergency
 - c) Appropriate response for state deviation from ASMFC plan where such action does not jeopardize conservation
6. Discussion/action to appoint the working group would occur at the Policy Board meeting.

GOVERNOR APPOINTEE APPOINTMENT ISSUE

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR VINCE O'SHEA briefed the Executive Committee on the Governor Appointee Appointment issue. There is value for the Commission and States to work

together to ensure Governor Appointees status is kept up to date. The issue arose over several apparent lapsed appointments. This is an item that staff will continue to develop and report back to the Executive Committee in 2012.

LEGISLATOR/GOVERNOR'S APPOINTEE MEETING

MR. DENNIS ABBOTT gave report of Legislator/Governors' Appointee (L/GA) meeting. They discussed the issue of the Governor Appointee commissioner appointment/re-appointment process. There was consensus that the Governor Appointees do not want the Commission to contact their appointments office with regard to expired terms, since all states include the language that allows the appointee to continue to serve until s/he is replaced by a new appointee, should their designated term expire (i.e. "or until replaced"). They felt that it is their individual responsibility to stay on top of their appointment term limits.

The Committee had a robust discussion on the relationships they have with national legislators and who might be willing to champion the Commission on the Hill. The Committee requested that staff provide talking points so that the message is consistent along the coast. The Committee was receptive to the idea of a legislative outreach workshop in February. Additionally, staff will put together a white paper of options and information for moving forward, along with some examples of state-specific information that could be provided to structure meetings between Commissioners and their federal legislators.

The committee requested that leadership and staff review the per diem allowance for meetings and consider raising it to match the federal per diem.

NEW COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION

ROBERT BOYLES: Mr. Boyles stated that he benefitted greatly from his new commissioner orientation, and suggest that there are merits of finding a way to reinvigorate a new commissioner orientation. He asked the new Committee members Aaron Podey and David Saveikis to weigh in and both agreed that it would be quite beneficial. The Chair requested that Laura and Vince work on structuring a New Commissioner Orientation and give options to the Executive Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS/ADJOURN

MR. STEVE BOWMAN brought up the issue of scheduling Commission meetings during an election, and requested that we avoid election day in future scheduling.

MR. DOUGLAS GROUT requested that we minimize having Commission meeting meetings back to back with council meetings.

MR. TOM MCCLOY thanked the Committee for supporting the New Jersey registry program. He further said that New Jersey has a free registry program directed by the Legislature, and that the agency had no opportunity to comment on this issue.

CHAIRMAN PAUL DIODATI: There being no other business to come before the executive committee the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.