

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Executive Committee

*February 4, 2015
8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Alexandria, Virginia*

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

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| 1. Welcome/Call to order (<i>L. Daniel</i>) | 8:00 a.m. |
| 2. Board Consent | 8:00 a.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Meeting Summary from October 2014 | |
| 3. Public comment | 8:05 a.m. |
| 4. Discuss Staff Tenure and Workload (<i>R. Beal</i>) | 8:10 a.m. |
| 5. Review and Consider Approval of Indirect Cost Policy | 8:25 a.m. |
| 6. Review Suggested Changes to Commission Guidance Documents | 8:35 a.m. |
| 7. Update on 2015 Annual Meeting (<i>L. Leach</i>) | 8:50 a.m. |
| 8. Other business/Adjourn | 9:00 a.m. |

The meeting will be held at the Westin, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, Virginia, 703-253-8600.

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**MEETING SUMMARY OF THE
ATLANTIC STATES MARINE FISHERIES COMMISSION
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**Hilton Mystic
Mystic, Connecticut
October 29, 2014**

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- 1. Approval of Agenda by Consent (Page 1)**
- 2. Approval of Meeting Summary from August 5, 2014 by Consent (Page 1)**
- 3. Approval of FY2013 Audit. Motion by Mr. Grout on behalf of the Administrative Oversight Committee; passed unanimously (Page 1)**
- 4. Adjournment by Consent (Page 2)**

ATTENDANCE

Committee Members

Pat Keliher, ME (AA)
 Doug Grout, NH (AA)
 Dennis Abbott, NH (LA Chair)
 Paul Diodati, MA (AA)
 Bob Ballou, RI (AA)
 David Simpson, CT (AA)
 Jim Gilmore, NY (AA)
 Brandon Muffley, NJ (AA proxy)
 Leroy Young, PA (AA proxy)

John Clark, DE (AA proxy)
 Tom O’Connell, MD (AA)
 John M.R. Bull, VA (AA)
 Louis Daniel, NC (AA)
 Robert Boyles, SC (AA)
 Malcolm Rhodes, SC (GA Chair)
 Spud Woodward, GA (AA)
 Jim Estes, FL (AA proxy)

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

Other Commissioners

David Borden, RI
 Ritchie White, NH

Staff

Bob Beal
 Laura Leach

Others

John Bullard, NMFS, GARFO
 Kevin Chu, NMFS, Annapolis
 Kelly Denit, NMFS, Silver Spring

Bill Karp, NMFS, Woods Hole
 Harry Mears, NMFS, GARFO
 Terry Stockwell, ME DMF

CALL TO ORDER

The Executive Committee of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission convened in the Brilliant Room of the Hilton Mystic Hotel in Mystic, Connecticut on October 29, 2014. It was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Louis Daniel.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

APPROVAL OF PROCEEDINGS

The summary minutes from the August 5, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

The Executive went into closed session and received a report from Executive Director Beal on his priorities for 2015.

In response to the Executive Director's report, a few questions/issues were raised:

- Inquiring about the human resources management process for employees working in the states but hired by the Commission;
- Requesting that Bob report back to the states after Hill visits with state legislators;
- Wondering if we should have a single lobbyist for the tri-Commission group;
- Asking if there was any growth space in the office;
- Asking about what handicaps us on benchmark stock assessments – money

or staff – and the response was data and assessment biologists.

PROCEDURAL ISSUES

There was a discussion regarding several procedural issues, including the 2/3 voting (with regard to the services abstaining). The Executive Committee also discussed advisory panel involvement in FMP development and use of meeting specific proxies. It was decided that further discussion on these procedural issues should be deferred until after an overall review of the ISFMP Charter and other guidance documents is undertaken to insure consistency with our current practices.

Mr. Muffley commented that the eel working group worked well. He felt that face-to-face meetings work better than conference calls, and conference calls should be limited.

Mr. O'Connell commented that while the Technical Committees (TC) were the foundation for making management decisions, he felt Boards were not getting enough risk-uncertainty analysis from the TCs. The working group was able to talk all that out.

It was also recommended that the use of working groups to hold initial discussions on difficult issues be continued.

Mr. Gilmore noted that New York was still under restrictive travel restrictions.

The Executive Committee requested the Executive Director contact legal counsel to discuss the interactions between the Magnuson-Stevens Act and the Atlantic Coastal Act. This arose from a discussion on the interactions between cod and lobster management.

**REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE OVERSIGHT
COMMITTEE (AOC)**

Mr. Grout presented the report of the AOC, moving to approve the FY2014 Audit as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

FUTURE ANNUAL MEETINGS

The schedule for future annual meetings was presented:

2015 – Florida; 2016 – Maine; 2017 – Virginia;
2018 – New York; 2019 – New Hampshire.

There was discussion about moving the 2016 meeting to Washington, D.C. since it will be the Commission's 75th anniversary. It is a national election year so getting anything done on the Hill would be unlikely. A spring reception was suggested as an option. Pros and cons were expressed with no final decision.

The closed session was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

NOAA FISHERIES PRESENTATION

NOAA Regional leadership met with the Executive Committee to discuss management, assessment, and budget priorities for 2015 and beyond.

ADJOURN

CHAIRMAN LOUIS DANIEL adjourned the Executive Committee meeting at 10:00 a.m.



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Douglas E. Grout (NH), Vice-Chair

Robert E. Beal, Executive Director

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Policy on Indirect Cost Recovery

The Commission has established a policy determining that a subcontractor's indirect cost recovery is limited to the percentage of indirect cost recovery that the Commission is authorized on the cooperative agreement. The Commission can make exceptions to this policy on a case by case basis.