



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT FINAL NOTICE

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Herring Section; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; ISFMP Policy Board; Shad and River Herring Management Board; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board; Sturgeon Management Board; Winter Flounder Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal *REB*
Acting Executive Director

DATE: July 25, 2012

RE: ASMFC Summer Meeting: August 7 – 9, 2012 (TA # 12-063)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Meeting will be held August 7-9, 2012 at the **Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria** (Telephone: **703.683.6000**) located at 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Directions to the hotel are attached. A courtesy shuttle to the hotel is provided from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA) arriving on the quarter hour from Doors 5 or 9 outside of the Lower Level-Baggage Claim area. When completing travel voucher forms, the reimbursement rate for privately owned vehicles (POV) is 0.555 cents per mile. The reserved hotel room block is now closed. If you have difficulty obtaining a room, please call Cindy Robertson at the Commission for assistance.

Enclosed is the CD containing briefing materials. The following pages contain the Summer Meeting Agenda. Be advised the schedule is subject to change; the order in which the agenda items are listed is subject to change, and other agenda items or meetings may be added as necessary.

I look forward to seeing you all in a couple of weeks.

Enclosures: Summer Meeting Agenda
Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town
Briefing Book CD



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

2012 Summer Meeting

August 7 - 9, 2012

Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town

Alexandria, Virginia

Final Agenda

Public Comment Guidelines

With the intent of developing policies in the Commission's procedures for public participation that result in a fair opportunity for public input, the ISFMP Policy Board has approved the following guidelines for use at management board meetings:

For issues that are not on the agenda, management boards will continue to provide opportunity to the public to bring matters of concern to the board's attention at the start of each board meeting. Board chairs will use a speaker sign-up list in deciding how to allocate the available time on the agenda (typically 10 minutes) to the number of people who want to speak.

For topics that are on the agenda, but have not gone out for public comment, board chairs will provide limited opportunity for comment, taking into account the time allotted on the agenda for the topic. Chairs will have flexibility in deciding how to allocate comment opportunities; this could include hearing one comment in favor and one in opposition until the chair is satisfied further comment will not provide additional insight to the board.

For agenda action items that have already gone out for public comment, it is the Policy Board's intent to end the occasional practice of allowing extensive and lengthy public comments. Currently, board chairs have the discretion to decide what public comment to allow in these circumstances.

In addition, the following timeline has been established for the **submission of written comment for issues for which the Commission has NOT established a specific public comment period** (i.e., in response to proposed management action).

- Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
- Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be July 31, 2012) will be distributed electronically to Commissioners/Board members prior to the meeting and a limited number of copies will be provided at the meeting.
- Following the Tuesday, July 31, 2012 5:00 PM deadline, the commenter will be responsible for distributing the information to the management board prior to the board meeting or providing enough copies for the management board consideration at the meeting (a minimum of 50 copies).

The submitted comments must clearly indicate the commenter's expectation from the ASMFC staff regarding distribution. As with other public comment, it will be accepted via mail, fax and email.

Please note the complete schedule for Tuesday has been adjusted to allow for the addition of a meeting of the Winter Flounder Board from 5:00- 6:00 p.m.

The agenda is subject to change. The agenda reflects the current estimate of time required for scheduled Board meetings. The Commission may adjust this agenda in accordance with the actual duration of Board meetings. Interested parties should anticipate Boards starting earlier or later than indicated herein.

Tuesday, August 7, 2012

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Section

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey

Other Participants: Cieri, Marston, Kaelin

Chair: Pierce

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Pierce*)
2. Section Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from April 30, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum V for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options
 - Review Public Comment Summary
 - Technical Committee Report (*M. Cieri*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*J. Marston*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Draft Addendum V
5. Review New England Fishery Management Council Amendment 5 Selected Measures
6. Atlantic Herring SAW 54 Benchmark Assessment
 - Stock Assessment Report (*M. Cieri*)
 - Peer Review Panel Report (*M. Cieri*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

American Lobster Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Other Members: NMFS

Chair: Grout

Other Participants: Carloni, Fessenden

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from April 30, 2012
3. Public Comment

4. Consider Draft Addendum XVIII for Final Approval (*T. Kerns*) **Final Action**
 - Review Public Comment
 - Review Options
 - Consider Final Approval of Draft Addendum XVIII
5. Discussion of Lobster Conservation Management Area 1 V-notch Definition
6. Technical Committee Report (*T. Kerns*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina

Other Members: PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS

Other Participants: Blanchard, Place, Sharov

Chair: O'Connell

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. O'Connell*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 1, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum III for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Draft Addendum III (*K. Taylor*)
 - Review Public Comment (*K. Taylor*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Draft Addendum III
5. Virginia Request for Alternative Management (*J. Travelstead*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*A. Sharov*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

Shad & River Herring Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

Chair: Duval

Other Participants: Bridi, Gromen, Miller

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Duval*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 1, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Update on NEFMC Amendment 5 and MAFMC Amendment 14 Action (*K. Taylor*)

5. Review of NOAA Fisheries Proposed Endangered Species Act Listing of River Herring (*K. Taylor*)
6. Discuss Rhode Island Request for River Herring Bycatch Fishery (*B. Ballou*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Winter Flounder Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, and Delaware

Other Members: NMFS and USFWS

Chair: Simpson

Other Participants: Blanchard, Brown, Correia

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome /Call to Order, (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from November 10, 2011
3. Public Comment
4. Review Addendum I Management Measures
5. Review SARC 54 Gulf of Maine Results and Technical Committee Recommendations
6. Review Massachusetts Gulf of Maine Winter Flounder Request (*D. Pierce*) **Possible Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Wednesday, August 8, 2012

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.

Closed Session

Executive Committee

The Executive Committee will meet in closed session to discuss issues related to the Executive Director position.

Members: Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Chanda, Daniel, Diodati, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, O'Connell, Poday, Rhodes, Saveikis, Simpson, Travelstead, Woodward, Young

Chair: P. Diodati

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion of Executive Direction Position
 - Qualifications
 - Search Process/Timeline
5. Other Business/Adjourn

9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Daniel

Other Participants: Brust, Latour, Windley, Williams

Staff: Waive

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Proceedings from May 2, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. 2012 Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Update **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*E. Williams*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*J. Brust*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Stock Assessment Update Report for Management Use
5. Consider Approval of Draft Amendment 2 for Public Comment **Action**
 - Review Draft Amendment Options (*M. Waive*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*W. Windley*)
6. Multispecies Technical Committee Report on Potential Multiple Management Objective Decision Analysis (MODA) Funding Sources
7. Other Business/Adjourn

1:45 – 2:45 p.m.

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board (con't)

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Sturgeon Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

Chair: Allen

Other Participants: Post, Thumm

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Allen*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Atlantic sturgeon Endangered Species Listing
 - Technical Committee Report on Listing Methodology and Potential Bycatch Reduction Strategies (*B. Post*)
 - Discuss Technical Committee Report **Possible Action**
 - Technical Committee Report on Delisting Proposal (*B. Post*)
 - Discuss Development of Delisting Petition **Possible Action**

5. Section 10 Application Update
6. Other Business/Adjourn

4:45 – 6:15 p.m.

ISFMP Policy Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Other Participants: Greene

Chair: Diodati

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings of May 2 and 3, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Stock Rebuilding Performance (*T. Kerns*)
5. Habitat Committee Update (*R. Beal*) **Action**
 - Approval of Offshore Wind Habitat Document
 - Discuss Future Direction of Habitat Program
6. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) Report (*E. Greene*)
7. Technical Orientation and Guidance Document Update (*T. Kerns*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, August 9, 2012

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

American Eel Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: DC, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

Chair: T. Stockwell

Other Participants: Fessenden, Chase

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. Stockwell*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 1, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report on Potential Management Options (*B. Chase*)
Possible Action
 - Discuss Potential Management Options for American Eel
5. Update on Proposed American Eel Endangered Species and CITES Petitions (*K. Taylor*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: USFWS, NMFS

Chair: Simpson

Other Participants: Gillingham, Tulik, Skomal

Staff: Chesky

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 3, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of Draft Addendum IV to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan **Action**
 - Review Options (*D. Chesky*)
 - Review Public Comment Summary (*D. Chesky*)
 - Technical Committee Report (*D. Chesky*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*D. Chesky*)
5. Massachusetts Spiny Dogfish 2011 Unreported Landings (*D. Pierce*)
6. Technical Committee Review of New Jersey Smooth Dogfish Request (*B. Winner*) **Possible Action**
7. Discuss State Shark Fin Possession Prohibition Bills
8. Other Business/Adjourn

1:15 – 2:45 p.m.

South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board

Member States: North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

Other Participants: Collier, Grist, Paramore, Windley

Chair: Daniel

Staff: Chesky

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 1, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Atlantic Croaker Technical Committee Report (*J. Grist*) **Possible Action**
5. Spot Plan Review Team Trigger Report (*J. Grist*)
6. Draft Black Drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan
 - Review Comment on Public Information Document (*D. Chesky*)
 - Provide Guidance to the Plan Development Team (*L. Daniel*)
7. Consider Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance (*D. Chesky*) **Action**
8. Review Nomination for South Atlantic Species Advisory Panel (*D. Chesky*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 3:15 p.m.

ISFMP Policy Board (continued)

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Business Session

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Chair: Diodati

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 3, 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Consider Approval of Fishery Management Plans/Amendments (if necessary)
- Final Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn