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FINAL MEETING NOTICE

TO: Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee; ACCSP Coordinating Council; Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Steering Committee; Atlantic Herring Section; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Executive Committee; Habitat Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; Management & Science Committee; Shad & River Herring Management Board; South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board; Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Sharks Management Board; Sturgeon Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board; Tautog Management Board; Weakfish Management Board; Winter Flounder Management Board

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

DATE: October 10, 2012

RE: **71st Annual Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**
October 21-25, 2012 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (TA # 12-082)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 71st Annual Meeting will be held October 21-25, 2012 at the **Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania**. The reserved hotel room block is now closed. Please call Cindy Robertson at the Commission if you need assistance with lodging.

Please note we have added a quick summary of Robert's Rules of the Debate on the Briefing CD as a standard item. Further, the following changes have been made to the meeting schedule. The Atlantic Menhaden Management Board will not be meeting on Tuesday. Instead, it will meet on December 14 in Baltimore, Maryland to consider final action on Amendment 2. The Weakfish Management Board, originally scheduled to meet on Thursday, will now meet on Tuesday from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

The following pages contain the Final Agenda and directions to the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel. 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 Philadelphia.

Enclosures: Annual Meeting Agenda
Directions to the Radisson Plaza-Warwick Hotel, Philadelphia
Briefing Book CD
TA # 12-082



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).

1. Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline is October 16, 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.
3. Following the Tuesday, October 16, 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: Changes have been made to Tuesday and Thursday's schedule. The Atlantic Menhaden Management Board will not be meeting on Tuesday. The Weakfish Management Board, originally scheduled to meet on Thursday, will now meet on Tuesday from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

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

Sunday, October 21, 2012

2:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration

Monday, October 22, 2012

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.

Atlantic Herring Section

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

Other Participants: Kaelin, Marston, Cieri

Chair: Pierce

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Pierce*)
2. Section Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Approve Comprehensive Spawning Regulations under Addendum V (*T. Kerns*) **Final Action**
5. Review Technical Committee Report (*M. Cieri*)
 - Nantucket Shoals Spawning Area White Paper
6. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Amendment 4 Court Ruling (*T. Kerns*)
7. Discussion of ISFMP Policy Board Task to Review Flexibility and Delayed Implementation Under the Fishery Management Plan (*T. Kerns*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

8:30 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) Steering Committee

Members: Babb, Campfield, Chiarella, Daly, Devers, Johnson, Laney, Lorson, Lindloff, McMunigal, McReynolds, McTigue, Muir, Patterson, Powell, Rousseau, Schuler, Smith, Topolski, Wilber

Other Participants: Boelke

Chair: Smith

Staff: Greene

1. Welcome/Introductions (*C. Powell*)
2. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service/National Fish Habitat Partnership Project Solicitation FY13 (*J. Devers*)
 - Review Subcommittee Recommendations
 - Consider Project Rankings for Approval
3. Conservation Mooring Project (*C. Boelke*)
 - Overview of the Opportunity
 - Consider Proposals and Next Steps
4. Operational Funding (*E. Greene*)
 - Update on Multistate Conservation Grant Program Funding
 - Overview of Potential Foundational Support
 - Consider Next Steps
5. Overview of the Program Status of NOAA Community Based Restoration Grants (*E. Greene*)
 - Consider Participation and Next Steps
6. National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Funding Opportunities (*E. Greene*)
 - Overview of Keystone and Bring Back the Natives Initiatives
 - Overview of Partnership Involvement to Date
 - Discuss Possibilities of Participation and Steps to Establish Focal Species
7. Endorsements and Related Activities (*C. Powell*)
 - Consider Alternative Options for Regional Efforts
 - Discuss Participation in Letter-Writing Campaigns and Informal Letters of Support
8. Consider Approval Process of Accepting New Memorandum of Understanding Partners (*E. Greene*)
9. Overview of Activities and Involvement in the National Fish Habitat Partnership (*E. Greene*)
10. Recess

9:15 – 11:15 a.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: Fessenden, Carloni

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review Federal Rule-making Timeline and Development Progress of Additional Transferability Measures (*B. Ross, T. Kerns*)
5. Consider Draft Addendum XIX for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
 - Review Option (*T. Kerns*)
 - Consider Approval of Draft Addendum XIX for Public Comment
6. Discussion of Lobster Conservation Management Area 1 V-notch Definition
 - Technical Committee Report (*J. Carloni*)
7. Technical Committee Report: Bottom Tending Gear Impacts on Lobster (*J. Carloni*)
8. Fishery Management Plan Review (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
9. Review and Populate Lobster Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Tautog Management Board

Member States: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia

Other Members: NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Bill Goldsborough

Other Participants: Donnelly, Caruso, Fresco, Drew

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*B. Goldsborough*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Overview of State Implementation of Addendum VI
5. Discussion of Federal Waters Tautog Harvest (*T. Kerns*)
6. Report on Tautog Aging Workshop (*K. Drew*)
7. Report on Tautog Assessment Scoping Workshop (*P. Caruso*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Law Enforcement Committee

Members: Adams, Amato, Anthony, Beaton, Blanchard, Block, Bridi, Buckson, Buendia, Chicketano, Dunn, Easley, Etheridge, Fanelli, Fresco, Fessenden, Foos, Frampton, Graybeal, Gregory, Gross, Hall, Hamel, Hogan, Ingerson, Johnson, King, Lanier, Lauderman, Lewis, Mannix, Marston, Micele, Moore, Overturf

Chair: Overturf

Staff: Robson

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*K. Overturf*)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Roll Call of the States
5. Public Comment
6. ASMFC Staffing Update and Review of Law Enforcement Committee Assignments
7. Review of Management Options in Atlantic Menhaden Draft Amendment and Consideration of LEC Comments for Input
8. LEC Meets with USFWS Chief of Law Enforcement
9. Review of Glass Eel Enforcement Issues and Status of Memorandums of Understanding with States and USFWS
10. Review and Discussion of NOAA Office of Law Enforcement Priorities for 2013
11. Update on JEA Process, Metrics, and Potential Impact of Federal Budget Sequestration
12. Update on Federal Case Loads and Future Coordination of State/Federal Prosecution Efforts
13. Recess

1:30 – 3:00 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: White

Other Participants: Blanchard, Brown, Correia

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome / Call to Order (*R. White*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Draft Addendum II for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options (*T. Kerns*)
 - Public Comment Summary (*T. Kerns*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum II
5. Consider Draft Addendum III for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

3:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Shad and 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: Gromen, Bridi, Miller

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Duval*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review of NOAA Fisheries Potential Endangered Species Act Listing of River Herring (*K. Taylor*) **Possible Action**
5. Update on NEFMC Amendments 4/5 and MAFMC Amendment 14 (*K. Taylor*)
6. Review of MAFMC Amendment 15 Scoping Document (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
7. Review and Consider Approval of American Shad and River Herring Sustainable Fishing Plans **Action**
 - Technical Committee Report (*L. Miller*)
8. Consider Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*K. Taylor*)
9. Other Business/Adjourn

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Welcome Reception

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Registration

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Executive Committee (Closed Session begins at 9:30 a.m.)

Members: Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Chanda, Daniel, Diodati, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, O'Connell, 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 August 2012
3. Public Comment

4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*L. Daniel*)
 - Presentation of the FY12 Audit **Action**
5. 2014-2018 Strategic Planning Process (*P. Diodati*)
6. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
 - October 27-31, 2013 – St. Simons Island, Georgia
 - 2014 – Connecticut
 - 2015 – Florida
 - 2016 – Maine
 - 2017 – Virginia
7. Legislators and Governors' Appointees Report (*D. Abbott*)
8. Other Business
9. Closed Session
 - Interview of Executive Director Candidate(s)
10. Adjourn

8:30 a.m. – noon

ACFHP Steering Committee (reconvened)

11. Science and Data Working Group Update
 - Overview of the Status of the Species-Habitat Matrix Publication
 - Overview of Habitat Assessment Efforts
 - Update on Northeast Climate Science Center Involvement
12. Implementation Plan
 - Presentation of Plan Tasks
 - Consider Approval of the 2012-2013 Plan
 - Discuss Next Steps (Team Breakouts)
13. Review of American Rivers Darby Project (*S. Lindloff; L. Craig*)
14. Other Business/Adjourn

8:30 a.m. – noon

Law Enforcement Committee (reconvened)

14. Discussion of Law Enforcement Equipment and Techniques
15. Discussion of LEC Membership, Participation and Travel Reimbursement
16. Review of Draft LEC Priorities List and 2013 Action Plan Goal 3
17. Review of Species Issues, Focusing on New or Potential Enforcement Concerns
18. Review of Law Enforcement Issues, Draft Addendum III for American Eel (*K. Taylor*)
19. State Issues Presented by Each State; Focus on Success Stories
20. Federal Reports
 - National Marine Fisheries Service
 - U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service
 - United States Coast Guard
21. Other Business/Adjourn

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Weakfish Management Board

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

Other Members: PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Gilmore

Other Participants: Anthony, Farmer, Cimino

Staff: Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report (*J. Cimino*)
 - Update on Weakfish Stock Status Indicators
5. Consider Approval of 2012 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*M. Waine*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Habitat Committee

Members: Babb, Chintala, Clarke, Colosi, Croom, Geer, Gill, Johnson, Kritzer, Laney, Lorson, McReynolds, McTigue, Muir, Murray, Nye, Odell, Patterson, Rouseau, Schneider, Smith, Stewart, Tinsman, Topolski, VanDolah, Watkinson, Wilber

Other Participants: Kipp

Chair: Van Dolah

Staff: Caldwell

1. Welcome/Introductions (*B. Van Dolah*)
2. Review 2012 Habitat Action Plan (*M. Caldwell*)
3. Review Draft 2013 Habitat Action Plan (*M. Caldwell*)
4. Fish Passage Update (*J. Kipp*)
5. Habitat Management Series
 - Review Habitat Impacts of Harbor Deepening Projects (*D. Clarke*)
 - Discuss Future Habitat Management Series Topics
6. Recess

1:45 – 2:45 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: Place, Sharov, Blanchard

Chair: O’Connell

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. O’Connell*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Benchmark Stock Assessment Terms of Reference (*A. Sharov*)
Action
5. Review and Consider Rhode Island Addendum III Request (*R. Ballou*) **Action**
6. Consider 2012 Fishery Management Plan Review (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration

3:00 – 4:00 p.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 August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Proposed American Eel Endangered Species and CITES Petitions (*K. Taylor*)
5. Update on Draft Addendum III (*K. Taylor*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

4:15 – 5:15 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: Windley

Chair: Daniel

Staff: Chesky

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Black Drum Interstate Fishery Management Plan for Public Comment (*D. Chesky*) **Action**
5. South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Report **Possible Action**
 - Spanish Mackerel Dealer Permitting
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

6:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Dinner at The National Constitution Center

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.

(Closed Session)

**Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP)
Executive Committee**

Members: Alexander, Beal, Boyles, Diodati, Geiger, Mahood, Patterson

Chair: Alexander

Staff: Cahall

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Legislators and Governors' Appointees Workshop with
Blank Rome Government Relations LLC**

8:30 a.m. – noon

Habitat Committee (reconvened)

7. Habitat Information in Stock Assessments (*G. Nessler*)
 - Eel Stock Assessment and Eel Habitat Geographic Information Systems
8. Discussion of Habitat Bottlenecks (*M. Caldwell*)
 - Red Drum, Lobster and Black Drum Habitat Updates
 - Fishery Management Plan Outline
 - Future: Expand to a Larger Effort?
9. Discussion of Habitat Hotline
 - 2012 Issue (*C. Patterson*)
 - Future Issues
10. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
11. Other Business/Adjourn

9:00 a.m. – Noon

ACCSP Coordinating Council

Members: Alexander, Beal, Bellavance, Boyles, Carpenter, Chester, Coakley, Cyr, Daniel, Diodati, Ford, Geiger, Gibson, Gilmore, Grout, Himchak, Howard, Keliher, King, Knowlton, Mahood, Michels, Moore, O’Connell, Patterson, Poday, Risenhoover, Sutter, Travelstead, Woodward, Young

Chair: Alexander

Other Participants: Sender

Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*M. Alexander*)
2. Approval of Agenda Action
3. Public Comment
4. ACCSP Status Report
 - Program Status (*M. Cahall*)
 - Process Status (*K. Knowlton*)
5. 2012 Independent Program Review **Action**
 - Review of Process (*J. Travelstead*)
 - Presentation of Findings (*K. Sender*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Program Review
6. Review FY2013 Funding Proposals **Action**
 - Present Recommendations of Operations and Advisory Committees (*K. Knowlton*)
 - Review and Consider Approval of Operations and Advisory Committees Recommendations
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Management and Science Committee

Members: Alexander, Armstrong, Arnott, Burns, Gartland, Geer, Heins, Kelsey, King, Laney, Mercer, Meyers, Miller, Muffley, Murphey, O’Hop, Orner, Patterson, Tinsman, Valliere

Other Participants: Kipp, Greene, Cieri, Campfield, Drew, Nesslage

Chair: Armstrong

Staff: Paine

1. Welcome/Introductions (*M. Armstrong*)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from April 18, 2012
4. Public Comment
5. Report on ASC Development of Guidance on Characterizing Uncertainty (*M. Cieri*)
 - MSC to Revisit Task for Developing Guidance on Risk and Uncertainty
6. Discuss Technical Committee Guidance Document Revision and Update (*P. Campfield*)
 - MSC Review Stock Assessment Scientist Workload
 - Public Participation at Meetings
 - Independent Review of Alternative Stock Assessments
7. Updates
 - ASMFC Research Priorities (*J. Kipp*)

- ACCSP Research Proposals to Address ASMFC Critical Research Priorities (*M. Paine*)
 - ACFHP (*E. Greene*)
 - Cooperative Winter Tagging Cruise (*W. Laney*)
 - SEAMAP (*M. Paine*)
 - NEAMAP (*J. Gartland*)
 - Ageing Workshop and Manual (*K. Drew, J. Kipp*)
8. Discuss Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management (EBFM)
 - Update on Incorporating Forage Species into Fisheries Management (*M. Paine, K. Drew*)
 - Update on Biological Ecosystem Reference Points Work Group (*G. Nesslage*)
 - Revisit EBFM task from Action Plan (*W. Laney*)
 9. Discuss Need for an Integrated Peer Review for Tautog (*P. Campfield*)
 10. Update on Telemetry Work in Chesapeake Bay and Efforts to Develop a Database of Tags (*D. Orner*)
 11. Report from Marine Recreational Information Program Calibration Workshop (*K. Drew*)
 12. Discuss Data Management Issues (*C. Patterson*)
 - Design Databases for Managed Species' Required Data (e.g., Annual Compliance Reports, Standardized Data for Stock Assessments)
 - Web-based Data Entry System for Partners to Enter Data Annually
 13. Discuss Climate Change Induced Shifts in Species Distribution (*M. Armstrong*)
 14. Discuss Future Issues which may be addressed by MSC (*M. Armstrong*)
 15. Other Business/Adjourn

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration

12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Captain David H. Hart Award Luncheon

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Horseshoe Crab 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: DC, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

Chair: Simpson

Other Participants: Brust, Cooper, Howell, Karpanty, Rutherford

Staff: Chesky

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Delaware Bay Ecosystem Technical Committee Reports (*J. Brust*)**Action**
 - ARM Framework Harvest Output Recommendations for 2013
 - Shorebird and Horseshoe Crab Survey Reports Summary
5. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 5:00 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, Cieri, Van Dolah

Chair: Diodati

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Marine Recreational Information Program Implementation (*G. Colvin*)
5. Assessment Science Committee Report (*M. Cieri*) **Action**
 - Assessment Prioritization
6. Review White Paper on ASMFC Meeting Transparency (*R. Beal*) **Action**
 - Web Broadcasting ASMFC Meetings
 - Roll Call Voting
7. Habitat Committee Report (*R. Van Dolah*) **Action**
 - Discuss Future Direction of Habitat Program
8. ACFHP Report (*E. Greene*)
9. Law Enforcement Committee Report
10. Update on Technical Orientation and Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*)
11. Discuss Climate Change Induced Shifts in Species Distribution (*M. Armstrong*)
12. Other Business/Recess

5:00 – 6:00 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/Introductions (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of the 2013 ASMFC Action Plan **Action**
5. Elect Commission Chair **Action**
6. Elect Commission Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

Thursday, October 25, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.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: Fox, Thumm

Staff: Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Allen*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Atlantic Sturgeon Endangered Species Petition Update (*K. Taylor*)
 - Review and Discuss Petition
5. Atlantic Sturgeon Stock Assessment Planning
 - Technical Committee Report (*D. Fox*)
6. Draft Habitat Addendum I for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Changes to the Habitat Section
 - Public Comment Summary (*K. Taylor*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Habitat Addendum I
7. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 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: Gibson

Other Participants: Skomal, Tulik, Frampton, Rago, Gillingham

Staff: Chesky

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gibson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from August 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Set 2013/2014+ Spiny Dogfish Specifications **Action**
 - Spawning Stock Biomass and Reference Point Update (*P. Rago*)
 - Technical Committee Recommendations (*D. Chesky*)
5. Update on Draft Amendment 3 to Federal Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (*D. Chesky*)
6. Set 2013 Coastal Sharks Specifications (*G. Skomal*) **Action**
7. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

12:45 – 1:15 p.m.

Lunch for Commissioners and Proxies

1:15 – 3:15 p.m.

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Simpson

Other Participants: Chicketano, McNamee

Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review Wave 4 Recreational Data for Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass (*T. Kerns*)
 - Potential Actions in the Federal Fishery Management Plan if Catch Levels Exceed Recreational Annual Catch Limits
5. Overview of 2013 Recreational Management Process for Black Sea Bass (*T. Kerns*)
 - Consider Initiation of an Addendum to Allow for Management Tools Other than Coastwide Measures **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

3:15 – 3:45 p.m.

ISFMP Policy Board (reconvened)

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

3:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Business Session (reconvened)

1. Welcome; Introductions (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Recommendations (if necessary)
5. Report from the Resolutions Committee
6. Other Business/Adjourn