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MEMORANDUM

September 5, 2013

TO: Those interested in the activities of: 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 Menhaden Management Board; Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board; Habitat Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Law Enforcement Committee; Management & Science Committee; Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

FROM: Robert E. Beal *REB*
Executive Director

RE: **72nd Annual Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission**
October 27-31, 2013 – St. Simons Island, Georgia

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's 72nd Annual Meeting will be held October 27-31, 2013 at the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort on St. Simons Island, Georgia. This memorandum contains meeting details, including the preliminary agenda. All of the business meetings scheduled during this week (with the exception of closed sessions) are open to the public, free of charge. Please note the preliminary agenda is subject to change.

A block of rooms is being held at the King and Prince Resort, 201 Arnold Road, St. Simons Island, GA. Please call the King and Prince Beach and Golf Resort at 800.342.0212 or 912.638.3631 as soon as possible and specifically mention the ASMFC Annual Meeting to obtain the group room rate of \$136.00 plus tax.

Hotel reservations must be made before **September 27, 2013**. **Room availability will not be guaranteed beyond this date.** Please be aware that you must guarantee your room reservation with a major credit card or one night's advance payment you must notify the hotel of any cancellation **prior to October 12, 2013 (14 days prior to arrival)** or you will be billed one night's room plus tax. **If you have any problems regarding accommodations, please contact Cindy at 703.842.0740 or crobertson@asmfc.org.**

We look forward to seeing you at the Annual Meeting. If the staff or I can provide any further assistance to you, please call us at 703.842.0740.

Enclosures: Preliminary Agenda, Hotel Directions



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 (October 7, 2013) 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 will be **October 22, 2013**) 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 22, 2013 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.

Preliminary Agenda

Please note: 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 27, 2013

2:00 – 5:30 p.m. Registration

Monday, October 28, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration

8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Atlantic Herring Section

9:45 – 11:45 a.m. American Lobster Management Board

12:45 – 2:45 p.m. Business Session (Strategic and Action Planning)

1:00 – 5:30 p.m. Management and Science Committee

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Meet N' Greet

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration

8:00 a.m. – Noon Management and Science Committee (reconvened)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (ACFHP) Steering Committee

8:30 a.m. – Noon Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

12:15 – 2:15 p.m. Legislators and Governors' Appointees Luncheon

2:15 – 4:15 p.m. Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee (a portion of this meeting will be a closed session)

2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

4:15 – 5:15 p.m. ACCSP Coordinating Council

5:45 – 9:00 p.m. Annual Dinner – Georgia Coastal Resources Division

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

7:30 – 9:30 a.m.	Executive Committee (a portion of this meeting will be a closed session)
8:00 - 11:00 a.m.	ACFHP Steering Committee (reconvened)
8:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Law Enforcement Committee (a portion of this meeting may be a closed session)
9:30 a.m. – Noon	American Eel Management Board
12:15 – 1:30 p.m.	Captain David H. Hart Award Luncheon
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.	American Eel Management Board (reconvened)
2:30 – 6:00 p.m.	Habitat Committee
2:45 – 5:45 p.m.	ISFMP Policy Board
5:45 – 6:00 p.m.	Business Session (Election of Officers)

Thursday, October 31, 2013

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.	Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Sharks Management Board
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Habitat Committee (reconvened)
10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	Horseshoe Crab Management Board
12:15 – 12:30 p.m.	Lunch for Commissioners and Proxies
12:30 – 1:00 p.m.	ISFMP Policy Board (reconvened if necessary)
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.	Business Session (reconvened if necessary)



The King and Prince

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201 Arnold Road
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522

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DRIVING DIRECTIONS

From Jacksonville, FL:

- I-95 North to exit 29, first Brunswick Georgia Exit.
- Right off Exit ramp onto U.S. Highway 17.
- Approximately 9.3 miles take a right onto FJ Torras Causeway, the only access to St. Simons Island.
- Once on the island, get in the right traffic lane and continue straight on Kings Way.
- Continue approximately 3.3 miles through the Village area.
- Turn right onto Arnold Road, at the yellow blinking light. You will notice The King and Prince sign on the left. The Resort is one block ahead on your right.

From Atlanta, GA:

- I-75 South to Macon, Georgia - I16 East to Savannah, Georgia.
- I-95 South to Exit 38 - Brunswick Georgia.
- Turn left onto Spur 25.
- Spur 25 merges with US Highway 17.
- Take a left onto FJ Torras Causeway, the only access to St. Simons Island.
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From Brunswick Golden Isles Jetport:

- Take a right on Glynco Parkway upon departing.
- Go 3 miles to Golden Isles Parkway.
- Turn left on Golden Isles Parkway and continue to the Junction of Highway 17.
- Take a left onto FJ Torras Causeway, the only access to St. Simons Island.
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