



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## Summer Meeting

August 6 – 8, 2019

**The Westin Crystal City**

Arlington, Virginia

### 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 in the briefing materials.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be **July 30, 2019**) 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, **July 30, 2019 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 preliminary agenda has been revised. Most notably, the schedule for Wednesday's meetings has been changed, with meetings and times shifted. Additionally, a Legislators and Governors' Appointees Luncheon has been added to Tuesday's schedule, slightly shifting meeting times that afternoon. These changes may affect participant travel so please review the revised schedule carefully.

The agenda is subject to change. Bulleted items represent the anticipated major issues to be discussed or acted upon at the meeting. The final agenda will include additional items and may revise the bulleted items provided below. 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 6***

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Executive Committee**

*(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Committee members and Commissioners only)*

- Consider Policy Addressing Non-Payment of State Assessments
- Consider Proposed Revision to the Annual Report
- Update on Transitioning the For-hire Telephone Survey to State/ACCSP Conduct
- Discuss Commission Involvement in Biosecurity and Bait Sources

10:15 a.m. – Noon

#### **South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

- Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1
- Progress Update on Draft Addenda for Atlantic Croaker and Spot Traffic Light Analyses
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance Reports for Atlantic Cobia, Atlantic Croaker, and Red Drum

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

Noon – 1:15 p.m.

#### **Legislators and Governors' Appointees Luncheon**

1:30– 2:30 p.m.

#### **American Eel Management Board**

- Review Board Working Group Recommendations on Addressing Coastwide Cap Overages
- Review and Consider Approval of Aquaculture Proposals

2:45 – 3:30 p.m.

**Horseshoe Crab Management Board**

- Consider Potential Management Response to the 2019 Benchmark Stock Assessment
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

3:45 – 5:15 p.m.

**Atlantic Menhaden Management Board**

- Progress Update on Menhaden Single Species and Ecological Reference Point Benchmark Stock Assessments
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports
- Set 2020 Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Specifications

***Wednesday, August 7***

8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board**

- Review 2019 Performance of the Stocks Report
- Review and Consider Approval of ISFMP Guiding Documents
- Update on American Lobster Enforcement Vessel
- Committee Reports
- Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (If Necessary)

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

**Committee on Economics and Social Sciences**

- Review Ongoing Committee Activities
- Discuss Efforts to Increase the Availability and Use of Socioeconomic Information in Management
- Review Committee Input on the Commission's Draft Risk and Uncertainty Policy

10:30 – 10:45 a.m.

**Business Session**

- Consider Approval of Atlantic Cobia Amendment 1
- Consider Noncompliance Recommendations (If Necessary)

11:00 a.m. – Noon

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

- Consider Approval of Draft Addendum VI for Public Comment
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

Noon – 12:45 p.m.

**Lunch**

12:45 – 3:30 p.m.

**Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**

- Review Potential Black Sea Bass Commercial Management Strategies and Consider Initiating Management Action to Address Commercial Allocation
- Progress Update on the Recreational Management Reform Working Group
- Update on Management Strategy Evaluation of Summer Flounder Recreational Fishery Project
- Report from the ACFHP/MAFMC Project: Characterizing Black Sea Bass Habitat in the Mid-Atlantic Bight
- Discuss Discard Mortality

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

**Tautog Management Board**

- Review Implementation Guidelines for the Commercial Harvest Tagging Program
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

**Thursday, August 8**

8:30 – 11:30 a.m.

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

- Consider Approval of Draft Addendum VI for Public Comment
- Consider Postponed Motions from the April 2019 Meeting:  
*Main Motion: Move to initiate an Amendment to the Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery Management Plan to address the needed consideration for change on the issues of fishery goals and objectives, empirical/biological/spatial reference points, management triggers, rebuilding biomass, and area-specific management. Work on this Amendment will begin upon the completion of the previously discussed Addendum to the Management Plan.*  
Motion made by Mr. Luisi and seconded by Mr. Clark.  
  
*Motion to Amend: Move to amend to add reallocation of commercial quota between states.*  
Motion made by Mr. Pugh and seconded by Mr. Reid.
- Review and Consider Approval of 2019 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Lunch**

12:30 – 5:00 p.m.

**NOAA Fisheries Wind Power Workshop for New England and Mid-Atlantic Commissioners**