

Final Agenda

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.

Monday, May 2, 2016

9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

American Lobster Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, NEFMC

Chair: Borden

Other Participants: Cornish, Glenn, Moore, Gwin,

Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss Next Steps for Management of the Southern New England American Lobster Stock

Possible Action

- Technical Committee Report (*B. Glenn*)
- Plan Development Team Report (*M. Ware*)
- Consider Tabled Motion to Initiate an Addendum to Address the Declining Stock Conditions
 - *Motion to begin a new addendum to address the declining lobster stock conditions in Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA). The Plan Development Team with input from the Lobster Conservation Management Teams is instructed to explore the following alternatives:*
 - a. *Analyzing the plans rebuilding targets and thresholds to account for current environmental conditions;*
 - b. *Work to stabilize and increase spawning stock biomass through changes in management measures*
 - c. *Improve permitting and accountability of SNE/MA lobster fisheries by requesting the National Marine Fisheries Service consider permit endorsement for Area 3 vessels fishing in SNE (west of 70 longitude);*
 - d. *Improve current management and compliance with lowered trap limits of nearshore trap fisheries by proposing a uniform closed season and new trap tag deadlines;*
 - e. *Accelerate trap allocation cuts that are already codified for the next 5 years in Areas 2 and 3; and*
 - f. *Recognize the SNE/MA trap fishery as a bona fide mixed crustacean fishery and develop strategies and policies that recognizes the multispecies nature of the catch.*

5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank American Lobster Stock (*P. Keliher*) **Possible Action**
6. Draft Addendum I to the Jonah Crab FMP for Final Approval **Final Action**
 - Review Options (*M. Ware*)
 - Public Comment Summary (*M. Ware*)
 - Advisory Panel Report (*E. Gwin*)
 - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Addendum I
7. Discuss Need to Create a Coastwide Standard for Claw Landings in the Jonah Crab Fishery **Possible Action**
 - NOAA Letter on Current Claw Exemption (*A. Murphy*)
8. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Deep Sea Coral Habitat Amendment and ASMFC Survey to Area 3 Fishermen (*M. Ware*) **Possible Action**
9. Discuss Offshore Monuments Proposal and Board Response (*D. Grout*) **Possible Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (ACCSP) Executive Committee

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

Members: Beal, Boyles, Carmichael, Colvin, Cyr, Detlor, Fegley, Laney, Patterson

Chair: Boyles, Jr.

Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*Coordinating Council Chair R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment* (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
3. Committee Consent (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from April 2016
4. ACCSP Program Status Updates (*M. Cahall*)
 - Program Status
 - Committee Updates
 - APAIS Update
5. Standard Operating Procedures Approval **Action**
 - PM – 02-06 ACCSP’s Value to Congressional Delegations
 - PM – 13 Collaboration ASMFC
6. Independent Program Review Update
 - Governance Discussion (if needed)
7. Other Business
8. Executive Session (Closed)
9. Adjourn

*See Public Comment Guidelines: http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013

3:45 – 4:45 p.m.

ACCSP Coordinating Council

Members: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, District of Columbia, PRFC, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, ASMFC, NOAA Fisheries, NEFSC, GARFO, SEFSC, SERO, USFWS, NEFMC, MAFMC, SAFMC

Chair: R. Boyles, Jr.

Staff: Cahall

1. Welcome/Introductions (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
2. Public Comment* (*R. Boyles, Jr.*)
3. Council Consent (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
4. ACCSP Status Report
 - Program Update (*M. Cahall*)
 - Committee Updates (*P. Campfield*)
5. Governance Program Decision (*C. Patterson*) **Action**
 - Executive Committee Recommendation
6. Consider Acceptance of Independent Program Review Package (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
 - Standard Operating Procedures
 - Governance Decision
 - Outreach Strategic Plan
 - Long-term Funding Strategy
7. Review and Consider Approval of 2016 Request for Proposals **Action**
8. Other Business
9. Adjourn

*See Public Comment Guidelines: http://www.accsp.org/documents/ACCSP_PublicCommentPolicyOct2013

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast to be served

Executive Committee

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

Members: Abbott, Blazer, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Clark, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, Kelley, McNamee, Miller, Pierce, Shiels, Simpson, Woodward

Chair: Grout

Staff: Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Committee Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Meeting Summary from February 2016
3. Public Comment

4. Report of the Administrative Oversight Committee (*J. Gilmore*) **Action**
 - Presentation of the FY17 Budget
5. Discuss State Assessments
 - Level Funded in 2016
 - Confidential vs. Non-confidential Data
6. Discuss Black Sea Bass Management in Maine
7. Discuss Priorities for Saltonstall/Kennedy Research
8. Discuss Plan Development Team Membership
9. Discuss Conservation Equivalency
10. Discuss Offshore Monuments Proposal and Potential Commission Response (*D. Grout*)
11. Future Annual Meetings Update (*L. Leach*)
 - October 23-27, 2016 Bar Harbor, Maine
 - 2017-Virginia
 - 2018-New York
 - 2019-New Hampshire
12. Closed Session
 - Discuss ACCSP Governance
 - Executive Director Performance Review
13. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Horseshoe Crab 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: Doctor, Cooper, Messeck, Lyons

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Adaptive Resource Management Framework Review (*J. Lyons*)
5. Discuss Biomedical Data Confidentiality and Stock Assessment Planning (*K. Anstead*)
6. Review of Alternative Bait Cost Comparison (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 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

Other Participants: Chase, Furlong

Chair: Goldsborough

Staff: Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*B. Goldsborough*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from May 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Timetable for American Shad and River Herring Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*) **Action**
5. Report from the Data Standardization Collection Workshop (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Update on Activities of the River Herring Technical Expert Work Group (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Consider Approval of 2015 Shad and River Herring FMP Review and State Compliance (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Law Enforcement Committee (LEC)

(A portion of this meeting will be a closed session for Law Enforcement Committee members only to discuss ongoing enforcement activities)

Members: Anthony, Blanchard, Cornish, Eastman, Frampton, Furlong, Gordon, Green, Gregory, Hettenbach, Hogan, Huss, Jordan, Kersey, King, Lauderman, Lynn, Messeck, Moore, Moran, Overturf, Santiago, Schlaht, Shuster, Snellbaker

Chair: Eastman

Staff: Robson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the LEC Representatives (*M. Eastman*)
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from November 2015
3. Public Comment
4. Review Jonah Crab Addendum I LEC Comments and Follow-Up
5. Presentation of Maine's Lobster Trap Tag Transferability Program
6. American Lobster Enforcement Subcommittee Update
7. Discuss Other ISFMP Species (tentative)
8. Review and Discuss Ongoing Enforcement Activities (**Closed Session**)
9. Joint Enforcement Agreement Update/Federal Agency Reports
10. Review and Update of Dual Landings Allowances
11. Review and Discuss 2016 Action Plan Tasks for the LEC
12. Report of Other Enforcement Committees and LEC Coordination

13. Other Business/Recess

1:15 – 3:45 p.m.

Climate Change Workshop

1. Review and Discuss Northeast Fish and Shellfish Climate Vulnerability Assessment (*J. Hare*)
2. Review and Discuss NOAA Climate Science Action Plans
 - North East Climate Science Action Plan (*J. Hare*)
 - South East (Atlantic) Climate Science Action Plan (*H. Lovett*)
3. Begin Discussion of Next Steps for Commission Action in Response to the Climate

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

American Eel Management Board

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida
Other Members: NMFS, DC, PRFC, USFWS
Other Participants: Cornish, Wildman
Chair: Clark
Staff: Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Clark*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discuss Timing of 2017 Stock Assessment for American Eel (*M. Waine*)
5. Discussion to Consider Changes to Addendum IV Yellow Eel Allocations (*J. Gilmore*) **Possible Action**
6. Progress Report on North Carolina's Approved Glass Eel Aquaculture Plan (*M. Duval*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Annual Awards of Excellence Reception

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

8:00 – 10:00 a.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: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS
Chair: Boyles, Jr.
Other Participants: Kersey, McNamee
Staff: Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda

- Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
 4. Consider Extension and Revision to Episodic Event Set Aside Program (*R. Ballou*) **Final Action**
 5. Consider Draft Addendum I for Public Comment (*M. Waine*) **Action**
 6. Provide Guidance to the Technical Committee Regarding Stock Projections (*R. Ballou*)
 - Review Stock Projection Methodology (*J. McNamee*)
 7. Biological Ecological Reference Points (BERP) Working Group Progress Report (*S. Madsen*)
 8. Consider Approval of 2016 FMP Review and State Compliance (*M. Waine*) **Action**
 9. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
 10. Other Business/Adjourn

8:30 – 11:30 a.m. **Law Enforcement Committee (continued)**

14. Social (Open to Commissioners and Staff)
15. Aerial Enforcement Issues and Subcommittee Formation
16. State Agency Reports
17. Review and Update of Safe Harbor Issues
18. Tautog Tagging Program Update and Subcommittee Review
19. Review Other ISFMP Species (as needed)
20. LEC Webpage Review and Discussion
21. Information Exchange on Enforcement Grants and Funding Opportunities
22. New Business
23. Adjourn

10:15 – 11:45 a.m. **Interstate Fisheries Management Program (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
Chair: Grout
Staff: Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*D. Grout*)
5. Discuss Request from South Atlantic Fishery Management Council to Consider a Cobia Interstate Fishery Management Plan (*G. Waugh*) **Possible Action**
6. Discuss Recommended Changes to the Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*)
7. Joint Management and Science and Assessment Science Committee Reports (*S. Madsen*) **Action**
 - Review and Approve the Stock Assessment Schedule
8. Discuss Next Steps for Commission Action in Response to the Climate Change Workshop

(D. Grout)

9. Update on the Sturgeon Stock Assessment (*K. Drew*)
10. Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
11. Other Business/Adjourn

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Northern Shrimp Section

Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts

Chair: Abbott

Other Participants: Whitmore, Eastman

Staff: Appelman

Webinar: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7449292807203785220>;

Conference Call: [888-394-8197](tel:888-394-8197); passcode [8157277](tel:8157277)

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Abbott*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review Summary of Maine's Industry Meetings Held in March (*T. Stockwell*)
5. Resume Development of Draft Amendment 3 for Public Comment (*D. Abbott*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Commissioner Parliamentary Workshop

Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:00 – 10:00 a.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: NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

Chair: Allen

Other Participants: Anthony, Cimino, Brust

Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Allen*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from November 2015
3. Public Comment
4. 2016 Weakfish Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Brust*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*P. Campfield*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Weakfish (*R. Allen*) **Possible Action**

6. Other Business/Adjourn

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

ACCSP For-Hire Inventory Workshop

Lunch to be served

1. Welcome/Introductions (*G. White*)
2. Review Results of Updated “Atlantic and Gulf Coast Inventory of For-Hire Data Collection Programs” (*E. Wyatt*)
3. Set Up Focus Questions (*A. Loftus*)
 - Discuss Survey Results and Means to Identify and Reduce Duplicate Reporting
4. Focus Questions
 - Identify Preferred Timeliness of Reporting For-Hire Data Collection Programs
 - Identify Core Common data Elements Necessary for For-Hire Reporting
 - Discuss the Capabilities of Existing Programs Moving to Electronic Reporting
 - Identify Opportunities for Reducing Duplicate Reporting for State and Federal Permitted Vessels, all Charter Boats and Head Boats
 - Develop Recommended Measures to Modify Existing Reporting Mechanisms to Develop Greater Convergence Between For-Hire Reporting on the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts
5. Status of Related Projects
 - South Carolina For-Hire Logbook Validation Methodology (*B. Floyd*)
 - SAFMC and MAFMC Mandatory For-Hire Reporting (*G. Waugh; J. Didden*)
6. Adjourn

10:15 – 11:00 a.m.

Coastal Sharks Management Board

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

Other Members: NMFS, USFWS

Chair: Nowalsky

Other Participants: Belcher, Frampton

Staff: Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of Addendum IV for Public Comment (*A. Harp*) **Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board

Member States: New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida

Other Members: PRFC, DC, NMFS, USFWS, SAFMC

Other Participants: Lynn, McDonough, Rickabaugh, Murphy, Brust

Chair: Estes

Staff: Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Estes*)

2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. 2016 Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment **Action**
 - Presentation of Stock Assessment Report (*J. Kipp; M. Murphy*)
 - Presentation of Peer Review Panel Report (*J. Brust*)
 - Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use
5. Discuss Next Steps for Management of Red Drum (*J. Estes*) **Possible Action**
6. Progress Report on the Spot and Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*)
7. Review North Carolina Report on Spanish Mackerel Commercial Pound Net Landings as Required by the FMP (*C. Batsavage*)
8. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

2:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Business Session (if necessary)

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

Chair: Grout

Staff: Beal

1. Welcome/Introductions (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
 - Approval of Agenda
 - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn