



## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

### Summer Meeting

August 7 – 9, 2018

**The Westin Crystal City**

Arlington, Virginia

### 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.

#### **Tuesday, August 7**

8:00 – 10:00 a.m.

#### **Executive Committee**

**Breakfast will be served  
as members arrive;  
members may arrive  
as early as 7:30 a.m.**

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

*Members: Abbott, Blazer, Cimino, Bowman, Boyles, Jr., Clark, Estes, Gilmore  
Grout, Haymans, Keliher, McNamee, Miller, Miner, Murphey, Pierce, Shiels  
Chair: Gilmore  
Staff: Leach*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Changes to the Appeals Process (*J. McNamee*)
5. Update on Right Whale Lawsuit (*R. Beal*)
6. Update on Federal Appropriations (*R. Beal*)
7. Discuss the Commission's Role in Aquaculture Activities (*R. Beal, L. Daniel*)
8. Discuss Development and Use of Ecosystem Reports (*T. Kerns*)
9. Review White Paper on Future Scope of Recreational Data Collection Programs (*R. Beal, M. Cahall*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

10:15 a.m. - Noon

#### **Atlantic Herring Section**

*Member States: Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island,  
Connecticut, New York, New Jersey  
Other Participants: Zobel, Eastman, Cieri  
Chair: Keliher  
Staff: Ware*

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Keliher*)
2. Section Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018

3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of the 2018 Atlantic Herring Benchmark Assessment (SAW 65)

**Action**

- Presentation of Stock Assessment (*M. Cieri*)
- Presentation of Peer Review Report (*P. Campfield*)
- Consider Acceptance of Benchmark Stock Assessment and Peer Review Report for Management Use

5. Recess

6. Noon – 1:00 p.m. **Lunch (On Your Own)**

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Atlantic Herring Section (Continued)**

5. Reconvene
6. Discuss Recent New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) Recommendation to NOAA Fisheries on the 2018 Sub-Annual Catch Limits (*M. Ware*)
  - Reconsider the ASMFC 2018 Sub-Annual Catch Limits **Final Action**
7. Provide Recommendations to NEFMC for 2019-2021 Fishery Specifications (*M. Ware*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

2:15 – 3:15 p.m. **NOAA Fisheries Presentation on Revised Recreational Catch Histories Resulting from Changes to the Marine Recreational Information Program Survey**

3:30 – 5:00 p.m. **Atlantic Menhaden 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:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Ballenger, Kersey

*Chair:* Meserve

*Staff:* Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*N. Meserve*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Postponed Motion from the May 2018 Board Meeting (*N. Meserve*) **Action**

*Postponed Motion:* “Move the Atlantic Menhaden Board recommend to the ISFMP Policy Board that the Commonwealth of Virginia be found out of compliance for not fully and effectively implementing and enforcing Amendment 3 to the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Management Plan if the State does not implement the following measure from section 4.3.7 (Chesapeake Bay Reduction Fishery Cap) of Amendment 3: The annual total allowable harvest from the Chesapeake Bay by the reduction fishery is limited to no more than 51,000 mt. Motion made by Mr. Batsavage and seconded by Mr. Estes.
5. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, August 8**

8:00 – 10:30 a.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:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Zimmerman, Cloutier, DeLucia, Rademaker

*Chair:* Gary

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gary*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Illegal Glass Eel Harvest in Maine (*P. Keliher, R. Cloutier*)
5. Consider Addendum V for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options and Public Comment Summary (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
  - Reports from the Law Enforcement Committee, Technical Committee, and Advisory Panel (*M. Robson, J. Zimmerman, M. DeLucia*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum V
6. Consider Maine Aquaculture Proposal **Action**
  - Maine Proposal for 2019 Fishing Season (*S. Rademaker, P. Keliher*)
  - Reports from the Law Enforcement Committee, Technical Committee, and Advisory Panel (*M. Robson, J. Zimmerman, M. DeLucia*)
7. Update on North Carolina Aquaculture Plan: 2018 Fishing Season (*C. Batsavage*)
8. Other Business/Adjourn

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

**Atlantic 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, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Park, Gadomski, Crocker

*Chair:* Nowalsky

*Staff:* Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2017
3. Public Comment
4. Update on 5-Year Status Review of the Endangered Species Act Listing and Recovery Plan (*J. Crocker*)
5. Review Technical Committee Report Regarding Highest Priority Data Sources for Stock Assessments (*K. Drew*) **Possible Action**

6. Consider Approval of 2018 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports (*M. Appelman*) **Action**
7. Review Recommendation to Disband the Advisory Panel (*T. Berger*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

12:15 – 1:00 p.m.            **Lunch (*Provided for Commissioners, Proxies, and Board Members*)**

1:00 – 2:15 p.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

*Other Participants:* Frazier, Garner

*Chair:* Miller

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Miller*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum V for Public Comment (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
5. Update on NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species Draft Amendment 11 (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
6. Discuss Best Practices for Safe Handling and Release of Coastal Sharks from Shore Sites (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

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

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Wojcik, Snellbaker

*Chair:* Ballou

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy, Starks

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from April and May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Update on Strategic Plan for Black Sea Bass Management (*C. Starks*)
5. Consider Options for 2019 Black Sea Bass and Summer Flounder Recreational Management (*C. Starks, K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
6. Consider Approval of 2018 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance Reports for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (*K. Rootes-Murdy, J. Kuesel*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

4:45 – 5:30 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:* DC, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Other Participants:* Lengyel, Blanchard

*Chair:* Armstrong

*Staff:* Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Armstrong*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of 2018 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance Reports (*M. Appelman*) **Action**
5. 2018 Benchmark Stock Assessment Progress Update (*K. Drew*)
6. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**Thursday, August 9**

8:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy 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, NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Gilmore

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Update from State Director's Meeting and Executive Committee (*J. Gilmore*)
5. Review Annual Performance of the Stocks (*T. Kerns*)
6. Coordination Between ASMFC and NEFMC (*J. Gilmore*) **Possible Final Action**
  - Consider Changing the Atlantic Herring Section to a Management Board
7. Update from the Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership (*L. Havel*)
8. Update on the Risk and Uncertainty Policy (*J. McNamee*)
9. Progress Update on Benchmark Stock Assessments
  - Shad (*J. Kipp*)
  - Horseshoe Crab (*K. Anstead*)
10. Review Noncompliance Findings, If Necessary **Action**
11. Other Business/Adjourn

10:30 – 11:00 a.m.

**Business Session**

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

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October and November 2017
3. Public Comment
4. Review Noncompliance Findings, If Necessary **Final Action**
5. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – Noon

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

*Member States:* New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida  
*Other Members:* PRFC, NMFS, SAFMC, USFWS  
*Other Participants:* Jiorle, McDonough, Rickabaugh, Lynn  
*Chair:* Geer  
*Staff:* Schmidtke

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Geer*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2018
3. Public Comment
4. Consider 2018 Traffic Light Analyses for Atlantic Croaker and Spot (*C. McDonough*)
5. Consider Postponed Motion from May 2018 Board Meeting (*P. Geer*) **Action**  
*Postponed Motion: "Move to initiate an addendum to the spot and croaker fishery management plans that incorporates the new traffic light analyses and management response to those analyses."* Motion made by Mr. Batsavage and seconded by Mr. Gary.
6. Recess

12:05 – 12:35 p.m.

**Lunch (*Provided for Commissioners, Proxies, and Board Members*)**

12:35 – 1:45 p.m.

**South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board (Continued)**

7. Reconvene
8. Update on Revised SEDAR 58 Schedule (*M. Schmidtke*)
9. Review Cobia Technical Committee Report on Recreational Landings (*M. Schmidtke*)
10. Consider Draft Public Information Document for Amendment 1 to the Cobia Fishery Management Plan for Public Comment (*M. Schmidtke*) **Action**
11. Consider 2018 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance Reports for Atlantic Croaker and Red Drum (*M. Schmidtke*) **Action**
12. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
13. Elect Vice-Chair **Action**
14. Other Business/Adjourn