



## Preliminary Agenda (Revised)

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.

### Sunday, October 23, 2016

- 2:00 – 6:00 p.m.            Registration
- 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.            Welcome Reception

### Monday October 24, 2016

- 7:00 a.m. – Noon            Registration
- 8:30 a.m. – Noon            **75<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Plenary Session – *Honoring our Past, Celebrating the Present and Envisioning the Future***

1. Welcome/Kick-off, ASMFC Chair Doug Grout, Chief of Marine Fisheries, New Hampshire Fish and Game
2. Plenary Overview, ASMFC Executive Director Bob Beal
3. ASMFC History
  - Honoring the Past (1941-1991), Phil Coates, former Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Director and ASMFC Commissioner (1979-2000)
  - Celebrating the Present (1992- 2016), Susan Shipman, former Georgia Coastal Resources Division Director and ASMFC Commissioner (1994-2008)
4. ASMFC Highlights – Interactive Session
5. Morning Session Wrap-up and Overview of Things to Come, Bob Beal
6. Break
7. Envisioning the Future
  - Introduction, Patrick Keliher, Commissioner, Maine Department of Marine Resources
  - Observations on the Current and Future State of the Ocean and Marine Resources, Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Steneck, Maine School of Marine Sciences
  - Panel Discussion on Adapting to Future Challenges

Panelists: Jack Dunnigan, Former ASMFC Executive Director and Assistant Administrator for Oceans and Coastal Services; Gordon Colvin, former Director of Marine Resources, New York State Department of Environmental Conservation and ASMFC Commissioner (1982-2007); Robert Boyles, Jr., Deputy for Marine Resources, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources; Patrick Keliher; Jason McNamee, Chief, Marine Resources Division, Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife; and Kathy Knowlton, Fisheries Statistics Unit Leader, Georgia Coastal Resources Division

8. Plenary Wrap-up and Adjournment, Bob Beal

**1:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Law Enforcement Committee**

***(A portion of this meeting is a closed session for Committee members and authorized personnel only)***

*Members:* Anthony, Blanchard, Burton, Cloutier, Cornish, Donovan, Eastman, Frampton, Furlong, Gordon, Green, Hettenbach, Hogan, Huss, Kersey, King, Lynn, Messeck, Moran, Overturf, Schlaht, Snellbaker

*Chair:* Eastman

*Staff:* Robson

1. Call to Order/Roll Call of the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) Representatives (*M. Eastman*)
2. Approval of Agenda and Minutes from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Discussion of Emerging ISFMP Issues
5. Review and Discussion of 2017 Action Plan Items
6. Interstate Violator Compacts and Application to Marine Fisheries
7. Review Proposed Jonah Crab Claw Harvest Regulations
8. Review Warrant and Search Provisions Among LEC Jurisdictions
9. Review and Discussion of Ongoing Enforcement Activities (*Closed Session*)
10. Other Business/Recess

**1:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

**Spiny Dogfish Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, USFWS

*Chair:* Borden

*Other Participants:* Moran, Newlin

*Staff:* Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Set Spiny Dogfish Fishery Specifications for 2017/2018 Season **Final Action**
  - Review Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council 2016-2018 Specifications Recommendation (*M. Appelman*)

5. Consider 2016 Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance  
(*M. Appelman*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**1:45 – 2:45 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

*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 August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Updates from NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Division (*K. Brewster-Geisz*)
  - Review Proposed Rule for HMS Amendment 5b (Dusky Sharks) and 2016 Stock Assessment Results
  - Review Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 10 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan: Essential Fish Habitat
  - Review Proposed Review Proposed Rule for Blacknose Possession Limits for Federally-permitted Vessels
  - Review Proposed Rule for the 2017 Atlantic Shark Commercial Fishing Season
5. Set 2017 Coastal Sharks Fishery Specifications (*A. Harp*) **Final Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**2:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Registration**

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

**Welcome Tea for Spouses/Guests**

**3:00 – 5:00 p.m.**

**Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board**

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

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

*Chair:* Gilmore

*Other Participants:* Blanchard, Lengyel, Nelson

*Staff:* Appelman

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016

3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report (*N. Lengyel*)
  - Performance Evaluation of Addendum IV Regulatory Measures
5. Review the 2016 Atlantic Striped Bass Stock Assessment Update (*G. Nelson*)
6. Consider the Advisory Panel Request to Submit Comment to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council on its Draft Squid Capacity Amendment (*J. Gilmore*) **Possible Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**Tuesday October 25, 2016**

**7:30 a.m. – Noon                      Registration**

**8:00 – 10:00 a.m.                      Executive Committee**  
*Breakfast to be served at 7:30 a.m.*                      **(A portion of this meeting may be a closed session for Commissioners and Committee members only)**  
*Members:* Abbott, Blazer, Boyles, Bull, Chanda, Clark, Davis, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, McNamee, Miller, Pierce, Shiels, Simpson, Woodward  
*Chair:* Grout  
*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of FY16 Audit (*L. Leach*) **Action**
5. Review Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. Review ASMFC Standard Meeting Practices Document (*R. Beal*) **Action**
7. Awards Committee Report (*S. Woodward*)
8. Review Performance Appraisal/Merit Increase Protocol (*R. Beal*)
9. Review Resolution Regarding Revision of Retirement Plan (*L. Leach*) **Action**
10. Discuss Revision of Action Plan to Include ACCSP Goal (*R. Beal*)
11. Discuss Health Benefits for Retired ASMFC Employees (*R. Beal*)
12. Other Business/Adjourn

**8:00 a.m. – Noon                      Law Enforcement Committee (continued)**

1. Social (Open to Commissioners and Staff)
2. Update on Future Safe Harbor Issues and Input (Other Emerging Issues)
3. Update on Aerial Enforcement Subcommittee Discussions
4. Federal/State Agency Reports
5. Lobster Enforcement Subcommittee Report and Discussion
6. Review Law Enforcement Committee Comments and Recommendations to ASMFC Boards
7. Review Out-of-State Shipment/Sale Tracking for Enforcement Needs
8. Review Updated ISFMP Issues
9. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. South Atlantic State/Federal Fisheries Management Board**

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

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

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

*Chair:* Estes

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Estes*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Cobia FMP Public Information Document for Public Comment (*L. Daniel*) **Action**
5. Red Drum Working Group Report (*J. Kipp*)
  - Presentation of Follow Up Tasks to the Red Drum Assessment
6. Progress Report on the Spot and Atlantic Croaker Benchmark Stock Assessments (*J. Kipp*)
7. Consider 2016 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance (*A. Hirrlinger*) **Action**
  - Black Drum
  - Spanish Mackerel
  - Spotted Seatrout
8. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
9. SEAMAP Funding Update (*S. Madsen*)
10. Other Business/Adjourn

**1:15 – 3:15 p.m. Tautog Management Board**

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

*Other Participants:* McNamee, Snellbaker

*Chair:* Nowalsky

*Staff:* Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*A. Nowalsky*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review 2016 Stock Assessment Update (*J. McNamee*)
5. Provide Plan Development Team Guidance on Draft Amendment 1 (*A. Harp, A. Nowalsky*)
6. Update on Tautog Tagging Trial (*A. Harp*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**2:30 – 5:00 p.m. Registration**

**3:30 – 4:30 p.m.**

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

*Member States:* Maine, 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:* Luisi

*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Luisi*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review Marine Recreational Information Program Wave 4 Harvest Estimates for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (if available) (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
5. Consider Management Approaches for 2017 Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Fisheries **Possible Action**
  - Summer Flounder Working Group Report (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
6. Update on Stock Assessment Progress for Black Sea Bass (*K. Rootes-Murdy*)
7. Consider 2016 Fishery Management Plan Reviews and State Compliance (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
  - Summer Flounder
  - Scup
  - Black Sea Bass
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**4:45 – 5:30 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:* Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*B. Goldsborough*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from May 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of the Nemasket River, Massachusetts Sustainable Fishery Management Plan for River Herring (*B. Chase*) **Final Action**
  - Review Technical Committee Memo on the Nemasket River Sustainable Fishery Management Plan
5. Discuss the Timetable for the Five-Year Update of Shad and River Herring Sustainable Fishery Management Plans (*A. Harp*)

6. Review Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Decision on Potential Management of Shad and River Herring (*B. Goldsborough*)
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**6:30 – 9:00 p.m.                    Annual Dinner**

**Wednesday October 26, 2016**

**8:00 – 10:00 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  
*Other Participants:* Breese, Doctor, Messeck  
*Chair:* Gilmore  
*Staff:* Rootes-Murdy

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Gilmore*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Comments from the Adaptive Resource Management (ARM) Subcommittee on Draft Addendum VIII (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Possible Action**
  - ARM Subcommittee Report (*K. Anstead*)
5. Horseshoe Crab Technical Committees Report (*S. Doctor*) **Possible Action**
  - Shorebird and Horseshoe Crab Survey Reports Summary
  - ARM Framework Harvest Output for 2017
  - Recommendations on Bait Trials
6. Set 2017 Delaware Bay Horseshoe Crab Fishery Specifications (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Final Action**
7. Consider 2016 Horseshoe Crab Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*K. Rootes-Murdy*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:15 – 11:15 a.m.                    Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program (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. Council Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Minutes from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. ACCSP Status Report (*M. Cahall*)
  - Program Updates
  - Committee Updates
5. Presentation of the Universe of Electronic Reporting Efforts on the Atlantic Coast (*M. Cahall*)
6. Consider Recommendations of FY2017 Submitted Proposals (*P. Campfield, J. Morgan*) **Action**
7. Consider Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding to Reflect Governance Change (*R. Boyles, Jr.*) **Action**
8. Other Business/Adjourn

**11:30 a.m. – 12:30 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:* Grout

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Introductions (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Election of Commission Chair and Vice-chair (*R. Beal*) **Action**
5. Review and Consider Approval of the 2017 ASMFC Action Plan **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:30 – 1:45 p.m. Captain David H. Hart Award Luncheon**

**2:00 – 5:00 p.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

*Other Participants:* Kaelin, McNamee, Kersey

*Chair:* Ballou

*Staff:* Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Ballou*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Review Timeline of Menhaden Activities through 2019 (*M. Ware*)



5. Set 2017 Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Specifications **Final Action**
  - Review Stock Projections and Recent Juvenile Abundance Indices Trends (*J. McNamee*)
  - Consider Postponed Motion to Set the 2017 Total Allowable Catch (TAC)
    - *Motion to set the 2017 Coastal TAC for the Atlantic Menhaden Fishery at 225,456 metric tons (20% Increase)*
6. Consider Draft Amendment 3 Public Information Document for Public Comment **Action**
  - Overview of Public Information Document (*M. Ware*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*J. Kaelin*)
7. Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee*)
  - Review of “The Fate of an Atlantic Menhaden Year Class”
8. Biological Ecological Reference Points Working Group Progress Report (*S. Madsen*)
9. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*T. Berger*) **Action**
10. Other Business/Adjourn

### **Thursday October 27, 2016**

**8:00 – 10:30 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 August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Executive Committee Report (*D. Grout*)
5. Review Revisions to the Conservation Equivalency Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*) **Final Action**
6. Update on the Climate Change Working Group (*T. Kerns*)
7. Discuss Risk and Uncertainty Policy Workgroup White Paper (*J. McNamee*)
8. Habitat Committee Report (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Review and Consider the Sciaenid Habitat Source Document
  - Review State Reports on Climate Change Initiatives
  - Review the Draft Letter to BOEM regarding Seismic Testing
9. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Report (*P. Campfield*)
10. Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
11. Discuss and Consider Comment on the National Park Service Management Policies (*J. Gilmore*)
12. Review Non-Compliance Findings, If Necessary **Possible Action**
13. Other Business/Adjourn

**10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Atlantic Herring Section**

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

*Chair:* White

*Other Participants:* Eastman, Kaelin, Zobel

*Staff:* Harp

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. White*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from February 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Elect Vice-chair **Action**
5. Review and Discuss White Paper on Fishery Performance and Alternative Management Tools (*A. Harp, R. White*) **Possible Action**
6. Set 2017 Atlantic Herring Specifications for Area 1A **Final Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

**12:30 – 4:00 p.m. American Lobster Management Board (*Lunch to be provided*)**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Borden

*Other Participants:* Cornish, Reardon

*Staff:* Ware

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Borden*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from August 2016
3. Public Comment
4. Consider American Lobster Draft Addendum XXV for Public Comment (*M. Ware*) **Action**
5. Discuss Trap Caps Included in Addenda XXI and XXII (*M. Ware*)
6. American Lobster Reporting Work Group Report (*M. Ware*) **Possible Action**
7. Consider Jonah Crab Draft Addendum II for Public Comment **Action**
  - Jonah Crab Working Group Report (*M. Ware*)
8. Consider 2016 American Lobster Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*M. Ware*) **Action**
9. Update on the Atlantic Marine Monument Designation (*M. Ware*)
10. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Deep-Sea Coral Amendment (*M. Ware*)
11. Other Business/Adjourn