



## Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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### MEMORANDUM

#### FINAL MEETING NOTICE

**TO:** Commissioners; Proxies; American Eel Management Board; American Lobster Management Board; Atlantic Herring Section; Atlantic Menhaden Management Board; Executive Committee; Horseshoe Crab Management Board; ISFMP Policy Board; Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program Board; Shad and River Herring Management Board; Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks Management Board; Sturgeon Management Board; Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board; Winter Flounder Management Board

**FROM:** Robert E. Beal *REB*  
Executive Director

**DATE:** February 6, 2013

**RE:** ASMFC Winter Meeting: February 19 – 21, 2013 (TA # 13-003)

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Winter Meeting will be held February 19–21, 2013 at the **Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria** (Telephone: **703.683.6000**) located at 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. Directions to the hotel are attached. A courtesy shuttle to the hotel is provided from Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport arriving on the quarter hour from Doors 5 or 9 outside the baggage claim area. When completing travel voucher forms, the reimbursement rate for privately owned vehicles (POV) is 0.565 cents per mile. The reserved hotel room block is now closed; please call Cindy Robertson if you have difficulty obtaining a room.

Enclosed is the CD containing briefing materials. CDs containing all supplemental materials will be available at the meeting. The following pages contain the Winter Meeting Agenda. Please note Wednesday's schedule has been adjusted to allow for the addition of a Horseshoe Crab Management Board meeting at 10 a.m. Be advised the schedule is subject to change; the order in which the agenda items are listed is subject to change, and other agenda items or meetings may be added as necessary.

Meeting proceedings will be broadcast via webinar beginning 9:30 AM on February 19<sup>th</sup> and continuing daily until the meeting adjourns around 2 PM on February 21<sup>st</sup>. The webinar will allow registrants to listen to board/section deliberations and view presentations and motions as they occur. No comments or questions will be accepted via the webinar. Should technical difficulties arise with streaming the broadcast, the boards/sections will continue their deliberations without interruption. We will attempt to resume the broadcast as soon as possible. To register for the webinar, please go to <https://www3.gotowebinar.com/register/428041974>

Enclosures: Winter Meeting Agenda, Directions to the Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town  
Briefing Book CD

# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission



## 2013 Winter Meeting

February 19–21, 2013

**Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town**

Alexandria, Virginia

## Final Agenda

### 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).

- Comments received 3 weeks prior to the start of a meeting week will be included on the briefing CD.
- Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be February 12, 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.
- Following the Tuesday, February 12, 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.

Please note the schedule for Wednesday has been adjusted to allow for the addition of a meeting of the Horseshoe Crab Management Board from 10:00-11:00 a.m.

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, February 19, 2013**

9:30 a.m. – noon

**American Lobster Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS

*Chair:* Grout

*Other Participants:* Carloni, Fessenden, Robson

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Grout*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Addendum XX for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Review Options
  - Consider Approval of XX for Public Comment
5. Consider Draft Addendum XXI for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Review Options
  - Consider Approval of Draft Addendum XXI for Public Comment
6. Draft Addendum XIX for Final Approval (*T. Kerns*) **Final Action**
  - Review Options
  - Consider Approval of Draft Addendum XIX
7. Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
  - Lobster Conservation Management Area 1 V-notch Definition
8. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**Atlantic Herring Section**

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

*Other Participants:* Zobel, Marston, Kaelin, Steele

*Chair:* Pierce

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Pierce*)
2. Section Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment

4. Update on New England Fishery Management Council Action (*L. Steele*)
  - NEFMC Framework Adjustment 2 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan
  - 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Specifications
5. Set 2013-2015 Atlantic Herring Specifications (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 4:15 p.m.

**Shad & 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:* Gromen, Dionne

*Chair:* Duval

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Duval*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review of NOAA Fisheries Possible Endangered Species Act Listing of River Herring (*K. Taylor*) **Possible Action**
5. Review of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Amendment 15 Development (*K. Taylor*)
6. Consider Proposed American Shad Stocking Plan in Georgia (*M. Dionne*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

**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, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

*Chair:* Allen

*Other Participants:* Fox

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*R. Allen*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Populate Stock Assessment Subcommittee Membership (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
5. Review of NOAA Fisheries/ASMFC Mid-Atlantic Gillnet Bycatch Workshop
6. Other Business/Adjourn

**Wednesday, February 20, 2013**

8:00 – 9:45 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:* PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

*Chair:* Daniel

*Other Participants:* Brust, Windley, Ingerson, Cieri

*Staff:* Waine

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*L. Daniel*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Proceedings from December 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Technical Committee Report (*J. Brust*)
5. Discuss Amendment Implementation and Compliance (*L. Daniel*)
  - Total Allowable Catch Set Aside for Episodic Events (*M. Waine*)
  - Update on Compliance Requirements (*M. Waine*)
6. Multispecies Technical Committee Report on Progress of Ecological Reference Points (*M. Cieri*)
7. Review and Populate the Stock Assessment Subcommittee Membership (*M. Waine*) **Action**
8. Review and Populate the Plan Review Team Membership (*M. Waine*) **Action**
9. Other Business/Adjourn

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

**Horseshoe Crab 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:* DC, PRFC, USFWS, NMFS

*Chair:* Simpson

*Other Participants:* Rutherford, Cooper, Howell, Gauvry

*Staff:* Hawk

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Discuss the Importation of Asian Horseshoe Crab (*G. Gauvry*)
5. Review Status of New Jersey Moratorium on Horseshoe Crab Harvest (*P. Himchak*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

11:15 a.m. – noon

**Winter Flounder Management Board**

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

*Other Members:* NMFS and USFWS

*Chair:* White

*Other Participants:* Blanchard, Brown, Correia

*Staff:* Yuen

1. Welcome /Call to Order, (*R. White*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider 2012 Fishery Management Plan Review and State Compliance (*M. Yuen*) **Action**
5. Consider Draft Addendum III for Public Comment (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

**American Eel 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, PRFC, NMFS, USFWS

*Chair:* T. Stockwell

*Other Participants:* Fessenden, Chase, Robson

*Staff:* Taylor

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*T. Stockwell*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Draft Amendment III for Public Comment **Action**
  - Review of Draft Addendum III (*K. Taylor*)
  - Advisory Panel Report (*K. Taylor*)
  - Technical Committee Report (*B. Chase*)
  - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
5. Review and Populate Advisory Panel Membership (*K. Taylor*) **Action**
6. Other Business/Adjourn

2:45 – 5:45 p.m.

### **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

*Other Participants:* Greene, Hooker, Paine

*Chair:* Diodati

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings of October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. ASMFC Commissioner Survey Results (*T. Kerns*)
  - Review Summary of Results
  - Discuss Next Steps
5. Executive Committee Report on Strategic Planning Process (*R. Beal*)
6. Technical Orientation and Guidance Document (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Review Revised Guidance Document
  - Consider Approval of the Technical Orientation and Guidance Document
7. Update on Bureau of Ocean Energy Management Activities (*B. Hooker*)
8. Discuss and Consider ASMFC Public Comment on Amendment 5 to the HMS 2006 Consolidated Fishery Management Plan (*L. Daniel*) **Action**
9. Habitat Program Direction and Priorities (*T. Kerns*) **Action**
  - Discuss Future Direction of Habitat Committee
  - Consider Approval of Harbor Deeping Report
10. Atlantic Coastal Fish Habitat Partnership Report (*E. Greene*)
11. Management and Science Committee Report (*M. Paine*)
12. Other Business/Adjourn

### **Thursday, February 21, 2013**

7:45 – 9:00 a.m.

#### **Closed Session**

**Executive Committee** (*Breakfast will be served at 7:45 a.m.*)

*Members:* Abbott, Ballou, Boyles, Chanda, Daniel, Diodati, Estes, Gilmore, Grout, Keliher, O'Connell, Rhodes, Saveikis, Simpson, Travelstead, Woodward, Young

*Chair:* Diodati

*Staff:* Leach

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Committee Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Meeting Summary from October 2012
3. Discuss Strategic Planning Process (*L. Daniel*) **Action**
4. Discuss Use of Reserves (*P. Diodati*)
5. Discuss Human Resource Issues (*P. Diodati*)
6. Other Business/Adjourn

9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

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

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

*Other Members:* NMFS, PRFC, USFWS

*Chair:* Simpson

*Other Participants:* Fresco, McNamee, Robson

*Staff:* Kerns

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*D. Simpson*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Consider Approval of State Summer Flounder Recreational Proposals **Action**
  - Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee, T. Kerns*)
5. Consider Approval of State Scup Recreational Proposal **Action**
  - Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee, T. Kerns*)
6. Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee*)
  - Report on the Use of Multi-year Averaging of Recreational Data
7. Reconsider Black Sea Bass 2013 Quota **Final Action**
8. Draft Addendum XXIII for Final Approval **Final Action**
  - Review Options (*T. Kerns*)
  - Public Comment Summary (*T. Kerns*)
  - Technical Committee Report (*J. McNamee*)
  - Law Enforcement Committee Report (*M. Robson*)
  - Consider Final Approval of Addendum XXIII
9. Other Business/Adjourn

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**Spiny Dogfish and Coastal Sharks 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:* USFWS, NMFS

*Chair:* Gibson

*Other Participants:* Frampton, Gillingham, Tulik, Skomal

*Staff:* Hawk

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*M. Gibson*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review and Consider Approval of Draft Addendum II to the Interstate Atlantic Coastal Sharks FMP for Public Comment (*M. Hawk*) **Action**
5. Consider Spiny Dogfish FMP Review and State Compliance (*M. Hawk*) **Action**
6. Consider Atlantic Coastal Sharks FMP Review and State Compliance (*M. Hawk*) **Action**
7. Other Business/Adjourn



1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Northeast Area Monitoring and Assessment Program (NEAMAP)  
Board**

*Members:* Brown, Carpenter, Chanda, Geiger, Gibson, Heins, Himchak, Kellogg, Mercer, Michels, O’Connell, O’Reilly, Patterson, Pierce, Simpson, West

*Other Participants:* Bonzek, Gartland

*Chair:* O’Reilly

*Staff:* Paine

1. Welcome and Introductions (*R. O’Reilly*)
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes from February 2012 **Action**
4. Public Comment
5. NEAMAP Survey Reports
  - NEAMAP Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Nearshore Trawl Survey (*C. Bonzek, J. Gartland*)
  - Maine-New Hampshire Inshore Trawl Survey (*L. Mercer*)
  - Massachusetts DMF Bottom Trawl Survey (*D. Pierce*)
6. Discuss Incorporation of Other Trawl Surveys as Part of NEAMAP
7. Reports and Recommendations from NEAMAP Committees
  - Data Management (*C. Bonzek*)
  - Analytical (*M. Paine*)
  - Operations (*J. Gartland*)
8. Review and Consider Approval of NEAMAP 2013 Operations Plan
9. Discuss Promotion of NEAMAP Data Use
10. Discuss Potential Funding for NEAMAP
11. Other Business/Adjourn

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

**ISFMP Policy Board (continued)**

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn

1:30 – 2:00 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:* Diodati

*Staff:* Beal

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*P. Diodati*)
2. Board Consent
  - Approval of Agenda
  - Approval of Proceedings from October 2012
3. Public Comment
4. Review of Non-compliance Findings (if necessary)
5. Other Business/Adjourn