

ASMFC Summer Meeting

ASMFC Summer Meeting August 17 - 20, 2009

[Crowne Plaza Hotel Old Town](#)
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Alexandria, Virginia

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Preliminary Schedule

The preliminary 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.

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 on the briefing CD.
2. Comments received by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday immediately preceding the scheduled ASMFC Meeting (in this case, the Tuesday deadline will be August 11, 2009) 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, August 11, 2009 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.

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Official Roster

[ASMFC Proxy Form](#)

AP Nomination Form

August 17 , 2009

2:00 PM - 5:00 PM

American Lobster Management Board

August 18 , 2009

8:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Atlantic Herring Section

10:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Management Board

1:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board

3:45 PM - 5:15 PM

Horseshoe Crab Management Board

August 19 , 2009

8:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Weakfish Management Board

10:45 AM - 1:15 PM

Atlantic Menhaden Management Board

2:15 PM - 6:15 PM

ISFMP Policy Board

August 20, 2009

8:00 AM - 9:30 AM

South Atlantic State-Federal Fisheries Management Board

9:45 AM - 11:45 AM Spiny Dogfish & Coastal Shark Management Board

12:15 PM - 2:45 PM Shad & River Herring Management Board

3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ISFMP Policy Board

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Business Session