

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**  
**Finfish Management Advisory Committee (FMAC) Meeting**  
2600 Washington Avenue, Newport News, VA  
VMRC Commission Room, Fourth Floor  
Monday, September 22, 2014, 6:00 p.m.

**ATTENDANCE**

Members Present

Jeff Deem (Chairman)  
Pete Nixon (for Scott MacDonald)  
Beth Synowiec  
Hon. Dr. Ken Neill  
David Agee (for Tom Powers)  
Ernest Bowden  
Robert Weagley  
Walter Rogers  
Steve Tyree (for Jack Austin)  
Skip Feller  
Percy Blackburn (for Rick Lockhart)  
Glenn Wayne France

VMRC Staff Present

Joe Cimino  
Ande Ehlen  
Adam Kenyon  
Rachael Maulorico  
Robert O'Reilly  
MPO Zack Widgeon  
Laurie Williams

Members Absent

Andy Hall  
Russell Gaskins

Others Present

Kelly Place  
Doug Jenkins  
Frank Kearney  
Claude O Jones III  
Stan Simmerman  
Nelson Ortiz  
Steve Ellis  
Blair Brandon  
Martin Gary  
G.G. Crump

A quorum was present with 12 members in attendance. Minutes were recorded by Laurie Williams.

**I. ASMFC Public Hearing on Draft Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan**

(To view an online version of Draft Addendum IV to Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan, go to the following web-link:

[http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/StripedBassDraftAddendumIV\\_PublicComment.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/StripedBassDraftAddendumIV_PublicComment.pdf))

Mr. Mike Waine of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission presented the Draft Addendum and all the possible management options regarding a reduction in harvest for the striped bass fishery. Mr. Waine then took comments and questions from the public and the Finfish Management Advisory Committee. The majority present favored developing reference points for the coastal and bay stocks; the majority also favored a three year timeline chosen to implement the reduction. Those present also supported taking any form of reduction from the 2012 harvest. The majority of comments made were in favor of implementing the reduction of 7% each year over a period of three years (Option D). The majority of comments made also favored status quo with the existing commercial size limits. Mr. Waine told the

Committee and members of the public that the period for public comment on the Addendum is open until 5pm on September 30, 2014.

**II. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm. The next meeting has not yet been scheduled.