

**River Herring Technical Expert Working Group (TEWG)**  
**Conference Call and Webinar**  
**September 26, 2016**  
**1:00 - 4:00 p.m.**

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**Draft Agenda**

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

Meeting Purposes:

- Discuss status of river herring conservation planning initiative.
- Receive updates on TEWG-related initiatives.
- Provide updates on TEWG subgroups and committee efforts.

- 1:00 PM:** Welcome, introductions and getting organized
- Introductions and attendance
  - Opening comments (*D. Borggaard, NMFS, and A. Harp, ASMFC*)
  - Review agenda (*D. Borggaard and A. Harp*)
- 1:05 PM:** River Herring Conservation Planning and TEWG: Updates
- Conservation Planning
    - Updates (e.g., Monitoring) *D. Borggaard and A. Harp, 10 min. including discussion*)
    - Related initiatives and/or efforts
      - Using genetic markers to assess byatch impacts on river herring (*D. Hasselman and E. Palkovacs, UCSC, 15 min. presentation, 10 min. discussion including broader implications*)
      - Development of an eDNA assay for river herring (*M. Ogburn, Smithsonian ERC, and L. Plough, University of Maryland, 10 min. presentation, 10 min. discussion*)
      - Coast wide survey (Maine to South Carolina) of river herring fishermen (*D. Kircheis, NMFS, 15 min. presentation, 10 min. discussion*)
      - Mapping the River Herring Conservation Plan (*T. Trinko-Lake, NMFS, 5 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion*)

- TEWG Updates<sup>1</sup>
  - Full meetings (*D. Borggaard and A. Harp, 5 min*)
  - Subgroups (*10 min. each: ~5 min. update and ~5 min. feedback*)
    - Fisheries (*J. Didden and M.B. Tooley*)
    - Climate Change (*J. Nye and M. Alexander*)
    - Stock Status (*K. Sullivan and M. Bailey*)
    - Genetics/Hybrids/Landlocked populations (*D. Hasselman*)
    - Habitat (*A. Bowden and J. Pierce*)
    - Species Interaction (*E. Schultz*)
  - Ecosystem Integration Committee (*D. Borggaard and J. Hare, ~5 min. update and ~5 min. feedback*)
- General river herring updates and/or initiatives (*~5 min*)
  - Open discussion of anything relevant
- Other

**3:45 PM** Public comment

**3:55 PM** Wrap up and next steps (e.g., future speakers)

**4:00 PM** Adjourn

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<sup>1</sup> Time allotted is an overestimate of what is typically needed.  
August 24, 2016