



MEMORANDUM

FROM: Chairman Michael Frisk

DATE: March 23, 2019

The agenda for the March 26, 2019 meeting of New York's Marine Resource Advisory Council (MRAC) includes "Striped Bass assessment and potential management." This topic being listed has resulted in large amounts of phone, email and social media activity. The purpose of this brief message is to clarify what will be discussed at the meeting on Tues afternoon.

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Atlantic Striped Bass Management Board is currently scheduled to meet during the Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 30, 2019. At this April meeting the Board will consider the stock assessment results and begin discussing what management actions could be taken and when. New York State is one of 13 members on this management board.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's Division of Marine Resources is looking for feedback from its MRAC members as to whether NY's fishing public (all sectors) prefer that the ASMFC move to address the overfishing of the stock as quickly as possible or if the ASMFC should fully consider all implications of the stock assessment as part of a more complete but longer in duration process. Any actions proposed by ASMFC on striped bass at the April meeting will be accompanied by a full, dedicated, public hearing in New York prior to any final vote by the management board.

There will be limited opportunity for public comment at the March 26 MRAC meeting, as the majority of the meeting will be taken up by discussion among Council members.