

## RESOLUTION FOR THE MINUTES

A RESOLUTION for the Minutes authorizing the Executive Director to enter into agreements for conducting a Creel Survey in the Delaware River Basin.

WHEREAS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (“ASMFC”), established in 1942, is an interstate commission comprised of the 15 Atlantic coastal states, which assists in managing and conserving the states’ shared coastal fishery resources; and

WHEREAS, the ASMFC’s mission is to promote the cooperative management, protection and enhancement of Atlantic coast fisheries—marine, shell, and diadromous; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Amendments 2 and 3 of the ASMFC’s Interstate Fishery Management Plan (“Plan”), the ASMFC is required to complete a Creel Survey for American Shad and river herring, and pursuant to Amendment 7 of the Plan, it must do the same for migratory Striped Bass; and

WHEREAS, the ASMFC has charged the Delaware River Basin Fish and Wildlife Management Cooperative (“Co-op”), of which DRBC is a liaison member, with monitoring and reporting catch, landings and effort associated with the recreational catch and release of American Shad, river herring, and migratory Striped Bass within the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, a Creel Survey to quantify the above efforts has not been performed since 2002; and

WHEREAS, the ASMFC has secured funding to implement a Creel Survey between March 1 and June 30, 2026, and the states of Delaware, New York and Pennsylvania have tacitly committed to providing additional funding to extend the Survey; and

WHEREAS, the ASMFC, in consultation with the Co-op, has requested DRBC’s assistance in facilitating and completing the referenced Survey; and

WHEREAS, DRBC is uniquely situated to facilitate and manage an interstate survey on recreational fisheries in the Delaware River Basin; and

WHEREAS, the Delaware River Basin Compact (“Compact”) in relevant part provides that the Commission:

- may “[c]onduct and sponsor research on water resources, their planning, use conservation, management, development, control and protection . . .

and collect, compile, correlate, analyze, report and interpret data on water resources and uses in the basin” (§ 3.6(c));

- “shall promote and aid the coordination of the activities and programs of federal, state, municipal and private agencies concerned with water resources administration in the basin” (§ 3.9); and

WHEREAS, the Creel Survey will be accomplished through on-the-ground interviews of anglers, using a series of pre-defined questions and examination of their relevant catch, as well as through aerial surveys (using planes or drones) to estimate the number of anglers fishing in a defined spatial area; and

WHEREAS, because neither the ASMFC, nor any single basin state, has the capacity to manage the entirety of the project given its interstate nature, DRBC has been asked to provide administrative support for this effort, in return for a fee;

WHEREAS, using ASMFC funds allocated for this purpose, the Commission will secure assistance from a third-party contractor to conduct the Creel Survey; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Delaware River Basin Commission:

1. The Executive Director is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with ASMFC to facilitate and manage the above-described Creel Survey within the Delaware River Basin, focusing on American Shad, river herring and migratory Striped Bass.

2. The Executive Director is further authorized to develop and issue a request for proposal (“RFP”) for the Creel Survey, and in consultation with the Co-op, to select and enter into an agreement with the lowest responsible bidder in an amount not to exceed the combined sum made available by the ASMFC and the basin states for the bidder’s services, for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

3. The Executive Director is further authorized to accept a fee from ASMFC for its services, and to enter into any additional contracts or agreements and/or to accept purchase orders from DRBC’s member states as needed to facilitate the Creel Survey.

4. This Resolution for the Minutes shall take effect immediately.

ADOPTED: September 10, 2025