



February 2021 Council Meeting Webinar

Wednesday, February 10 – Thursday, February 11, 2021

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Agenda

Wednesday, February 10

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. North Atlantic Right Whale Issues**
Jen Anderson (GARFO Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources)
- Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and proposed rule
 - Draft Batched Biological Opinion covering 10 fisheries
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Aquaculture Updates**
- Aquaculture topics in E.O. 13921, including Aquaculture Opportunity Areas, *Danielle Blacklock (NOAA Office of Aquaculture, Director)*
 - Regional EEZ Aquaculture Projects Status Update, *Kevin Madley (GARFO Regional Aquaculture Coordinator)*
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Review Staff River Herring and Shad White Papers**
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. MAFMC and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Bluefish Management Board**
- Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment**
- Review and approve joint draft public hearing document for public comment
 - Board only: approve draft Commission amendment document for public comment

Thursday, February 11

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Offshore Wind Update**
- Updates related to federal review and approval of offshore wind projects, *Brian Hooker (Bureau of Ocean Energy Management)*
 - Offshore Wind Developer Updates
 - Coastal Virginia Offshore Wind, *Ron Larsen and Kevin Carroll*
 - Kitty Hawk Wind, *Rick Robins and Brian Benito*

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session

Committee Reports

- Scientific and Statistical Committee

Executive Director's Report

Chris Moore

- Review and approve SOPP updates

Organization Reports

- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
- NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
- US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Continuing and New Business

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