

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Advisory Panel Webinar Meeting

DATE

September 1, 2021; 2:30 pm - 4:30 pm

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MEETING OBJECTIVE

Advisors will work with Council staff to develop a Chub Mackerel Fishery Performance Report summarizing their observations and recommendations. This report will be considered by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Monitoring Committee, and the Council when reviewing 2021 catch and landings limits and management measures for chub mackerel.

AGENDA

2:30 p.m. Review chub mackerel fishery information document (Julia Beaty, Council staff)

2:45 p.m. Review preliminary results of research evaluating the importance of chub

mackerel in the diet of highly migratory species (Walt Golet, GMRI/UMaine)

3:00 p.m. Discussion and develop AP Fishery Performance Report

4:30 p.m. Adjourn

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What factors influenced your chub mackerel catch in recent years?
 - a. Market or economic issues? (e.g., fish prices, fuel prices, overall economy)
 - b. Environmental or ecological issues? (e.g., temperature, weather, abundance of other species)
 - c. Management or regulatory issues? (e.g., management-induced effort shifts, regulatory discards, quotas, or gear restrictions)
 - d. Other fishing behavior or operational issues? (e.g., participation in other fisheries)
 - e. Other factors?
- 2. What other issues or concerns do you want to highlight?
- 3. What research recommendations do you have for chub mackerel?
- 4. What recommendations do you have for chub mackerel regulations in 2022?