

# MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2020

To: Council

From: Chris Moore

Subject: Executive Director's Report

The following materials are enclosed for Council review at the October 2020 Council Meeting during the Executive Director's Report:

- 1. 2020 Planned Meeting Topics
- 2. 2021 Council Meeting Schedule
- 3. 2022 Council Meeting Schedule
- 4. Status of Council Actions Under Development
- 5. Status of Completed Council Actions and Specifications
- 6. Staff Memo: Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative
- 7. Agenda: Data and Management Strategies for Recreational Fisheries with Annual Catch Limits
- 8. Memo: Pre-application meeting for Manna Fish Farms proposal Note: Additional related materials are available on the October meeting page (<u>https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/october-2020</u>) as supplemental materials under Tab 11
- 9. Memo: South Atlantic Council Action on Bullet and Frigate Mackerel and Potential Next Steps for the Mid-Atlantic Council
- 10. September 23-24 CCC Meeting Agenda



# 2020 Planned Council Meeting Topics

Updated 9/24/20

#### October 2020 Council Meeting: October 5-8, 2020

- 2021 Implementation Plan: Discuss Draft Deliverables
- Research Priorities Update: Tracking Progress to Address Priorities
- Spiny Dogfish 2021 and 2022 Specifications
- Joint Council-SSC meeting
- Chub Mackerel 2021 Specifications: Review
- EAFM Updates: Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation and other EAFM activities
- Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative: Update
- Executive Order 13921: Develop and Prioritize Council Recommendations
- Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment: Approve a Range of Alternatives
- Recreational Reform Initiative: Update
- Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Update

#### December 2020 Council Meeting: December 14-17, 2020

- 2021 Implementation Plan: Approve
- Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass 2021 Recreational Management Measures: Develop and Approve
- Summer Flounder, Scup, And Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment: Approve Public Hearing Document
- Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment: Final Action
- Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment: Approve Public Hearing Document (moved to February)
- Recreational Reform Initiative: Update
- Update on Habitat Activities
- Review RH/S White Papers (moved to February)

MAF	MC 2021 COUNCIL	
February 9-11, 2021	Durham Marriot	Durham Convention Center
	201 Foster St.	301 W. Morgan St.
	Durham, NC 27701	Durham, NC 27701
	919-768-6000	919-956-9404
April 6-8, 2021	Seaview, a Dolce Hotel	
	401 South New York Rd.	
	Galloway, NJ 08205	
	609-652-1800	
June 8-10, 2021	Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanf	ront
	3001 Atlantic Ave	
	Virginia Beach, VA	
	757-213-3000	
August 9-12, 2021	The Notary Hotel	
	21 N. Juniper St.	
	Philadelphia, PA	
	215-496-3200	
October 5-7, 2021	Yotel Hotel	
	570 10th Ave.	
	New York, NY 10036	
	646-449-7700	
December 13-16, 2021	Westin Annapolis	
	100 Westgate Circle	
	Annapolis, MD 21401	
	410-972-4300	

# **MAFMC 2022 Council Meeting Dates:**

February 8-10, 2022

April 12-14, 2022

June 7-9, 2022

August 8-11, 2022

October 4-6, 2022

December 12-15, 2022



# Status of Council Actions Under Development

AS OF 9/24/20

FMP	Action	Description	Status	Staff Lead
Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass	Commercial/ Recreational Allocation Amendment	This joint MAFMC/ASMFC amendment will reevaluate and potentially revise the commercial and recreational sector allocations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. This action was initiated in part to address the allocation-related impacts of the revised recreational data from MRIP. <u>http://www.mafmc.org/actions/sfsbsb-allocation-amendment</u>	The Council and Board approved a range of alternatives at the joint August 2020 Council Meeting and are scheduled to approve a public hearing document at the joint December 2020 meeting.	Dancy/Coutre/ Beaty
	Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment	This joint MAFMC/ASMFC action will consider adjusting the allocations of the black sea bass commercial quota among states and whether the allocations should be managed jointly by the Council and Commission. http://www.mafmc.org/actions/bsb-commercial-allocation	Public hearing webinars will be held October 8-29, 2020. The Council and Board expect to take final action at the December 2020 meeting.	Beaty
Bluefish	Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment	This joint MAFMC/ASMFC amendment considers potential revisions to the allocation of Atlantic bluefish between the commercial and recreational fisheries and the commercial allocations to the states. This action will also review the goals and objectives of the bluefish FMP and the quota transfer processes and establish a rebuilding plan for bluefish. http://www.mafmc.org/actions/bluefish-allocation-amendment	The Council and Board expect to approve a final range of alternatives at the joint October meeting.	Seeley
Surfclam and Ocean Quahog	Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Commingling/ Discarding Issues	As surfclams have shifted toward deeper water in recent years, catches including both surfclams and ocean quahogs ("commingling") have become more common, resulting in increased discards of surfclams on quahog trips and vice versa. Current regulations do not allow surfclams and ocean quahogs to be landed on the same trip. The Council is exploring options to address this issue.	An FMAT has been established.	Coakley/Montañez

FMP	Action	Description	Status	Staff Lead
Omnibus	Omnibus Amendment for Data Modernization	This amendment will address the regulatory changes needed to fully implement the Agency's Fishery-Dependent Data Initiative.	The Council last received an update at the October 2018 meeting.	GARFO/NEFSC
Non-FMP			The Council and Board will receive an update and will consider initiating a management action during the joint October 2020 meeting.	Beaty

### Timeline and Status of Recent MAFMC Actions and Amendments/Frameworks Under Review

#### As of 9/24/2020

The table below summarizes the status of actions after they have been approved by the Council. For information about the status of Council actions under development, please see the document titled "Status of Council Actions Under Development."

Status	Amendment/Framework	Action Number	Council Approval	Initial Submission	Final Submission	NOA Published	Proposed Rule Published	Approval/ Disapproval Letter	Final Rule Published	Regs Effective	Notes
Open	Summer Flounder Commercial Issues and Goals and Objectives Amendment	TBD	3/6/19	3/17/20	5/7/20	7/29/20	8/12/20				
Open	Chub Mackerel Amendment	MSB AM 21	3/7/19	5/31/19	10/25/19	2/14/20	3/9/20	5/5/20	8/4/20	9/3/20	
Open	Excessive Shares Amendment	TBD	12/9/19	4/24/20	9/25/20						
Open	Omnibus Risk Policy Framework	TBD	12/9/19	8/5/20							
Open	Omnibus Commercial eVTR Framework	TBD	MAFMC: 12/11/19; NEFMC: 1/29/20	3/4/20	4/14/20	7/17/20	7/17/20				
Open	MSB FMP Goals/Objectives and Illex Permits Amendment	MSB AM 22	7/16/20								

### Timeline and Status of Current and Upcoming Specifications for MAFMC Fisheries

### As of 9/24/20

Current Specifications	Year(s)	Council	Initial	Final	Proposed	Final Rule	Regs	Notes
	2010 2020	Approval	Submission	Submission	Rule	44/7/47	Effective	2010
Golden Tilefish	2018-2020	4/11/17	6/5/17	8/16/17	9/7/17	11/7/17	11/2/17	2019 specs were reviewed in April 2018. No changes were recommended.
Golden Tilefish	2021-2022	4/8/20	5/11/20	7 21 20				
Blueline Tilefish	2019-2021	4/11/18	8/17/18	10/24/18	11/19/18	2/12/19	2/12/19	
Surfclam and Ocean Quahog	2021-2026	8/12/20	9/2/20					
Surfclam and Ocean Quahog	2018-2020	6/6/17	8/14/17	9/22/17	12/8/17	2/6/18	3/8/18	2020 specs were reviewed in June 2019. No changes were recommended.
Longfin Squid	2021-2023	8/10/20						
Butterfish	2021-2022	8/10/20						
Illex Squid	2020-2021	6/17/20						NMFS already implemented 2020 via inseason action and SIR completed by staff - 2021 in same EA as MSB approved in Aug
Atlantic Mackerel (including RH/S cap)	2021-2022	8/10/20						
Chub mackerel	2020-2022	3/7/19	5/31/19	10/25/19	3/9/20	8/4/20	9/3/20	
Scup	2020-2021	10/8/19	1/15/20	3/5/20		5/14/20	5/15/20	Revised specifications based on the 2019 operational stock assessment
Scup	2021 (revised)	8/11/20						
Bluefish	2020	3/7/19	6/11/19	7/24/19	7/26/19	10/9/19	1/1/20	Interim specs to be replaced as soon as possible after results of 2019 operational assessment are available.
Bluefish	2020-2021	12/10/19	1/23/20	3/19/20	5/25/20	6/29/20	6/29/20	
Bluefish	2021 (revised)	8/11/20						
Summer Flounder	2020-2021	3/6/19	6/25/19	7/18/19	7/26/19	10/9/19	1/1/20	
Summer Flounder	2021 (revised)	8/11/20						
Black Sea Bass	2020-2021	10/9/19	1/15/20	3/5/20		5/14/20	5/15/20	Revised specifications based on the 2019 operational stock assessment
Black Sea Bass	2021 (revised)	8/11/20						
Spiny Dogfish	2021-2022	10/6/2020						
		(expected)						

#### Recreational Management Measures

Current Management Measures	Year(s)	Council Approval	Initial Submission	Final Submission	Proposed Rule	Final Rule	Regs Effective	Notes
Summer flounder recreational measures	2020	12/10/19	1/22/20	1/22/20	4/6/20	6/18/20	6/18/20	Rulemaking required each year to continue use of conservation equivalency
Black sea bass recreational measures	2020	2/14/18	3/5/18	4/10/18	4/11/18	5/31/18		Reviewed in 2019. No changes from prevous year's measures.
Scup recreational measures	2020	12/10/14	3/20/15		5/5/15	6/19/15		Reviewed in 2019. No changes from prevous year's measures.
Bluefish recreational measures	2020	12/10/19	1/23/20	3/19/20	5/25/20	6/29/20	6/29/20	Recreational management measures were set through the 2020-2021 specifications process.



# MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2020

To: Council

From: Kiley Dancy, Staff

Subject: Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative

### **Previous Council Discussion**

At the <u>April 2020 Council meeting</u>, the MAFMC discussed a plan for a climate change scenario planning process. Scenario planning is a structured process that can be used to strategize in the context of uncontrollable and uncertain environmental and sociopolitical factors. The Council received a presentation on the basics of scenario planning from Diane Borggaard of GARFO's Protected Resources Division, including examples of its marine resource management applications. The Council then discussed a planned coordinated East Coast climate change scenario planning initiative as a way to explore jurisdictional and governance issues related to shifting stock distributions and changes in productivity. The Council was made aware that the Northeast Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC) had formed a working group to plan for this initiative. No specific recommendations or decisions were made at this meeting, pending further NRCC and NRCC working group discussions.

#### NRCC Working Group

In the Spring of 2020, the NRCC formed a Scenario Planning Working Group (SPWG) to further explore the feasibility, logistics, and costs of an East Coast climate change scenario planning initiative. SPWG membership included staff from the Mid-Atlantic, New England, and South Atlantic Councils, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NMFS Headquarters.

The SPWG met several times to develop recommendations to the NRCC ahead of their intercessional meeting on July 30, 2020. The working group recommendations are available in the briefing materials for this meeting at:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/2020-Summer-NRCC-Intercessional-Briefing-Book.pdf.

In summary, the SPWG recommended:

- Moving forward with an East Coast scenario planning initiative.
- Appointing a core team of NRCC membership technical staff; appoint chair or chairs; determine if additional participants are desired in core team and, if so, identify process for selection.
- Contracting a facilitator for full facilitation and process support.

- Creating and ad hoc committee of Council/Commission members, technical staff, and scientific and industry advisors (as needed); discuss and agree on governance structure for committee.
- Conducting scoping or outreach effort to increase potential public engagement.
- Use a "two workshop model" over an 18-36 month time frame, with the first workshop consisting of scenario building and the second focused on implications and management applications.

### NRCC Updates

The NRCC held an intercessional meeting on July 30, 2020 to review SPWG recommendations. In general, many NRCC members were supportive of the scenario planning process and noted that it could help with climate change related governance discussions. Some members were supportive of moving ahead right away, and others needed to discuss more fully with their membership organization as part of priority setting before committing resources to this initiative. It was noted that states are going to realize funding impacts from COVID, and some organizations were concerned about staff and time commitments in relation to ongoing or emerging priorities.

The NRCC ultimately agreed to postpone additional discussion until their Fall 2020 meeting, to allow NRCC member organizations to discuss scenario planning in fall priority setting discussions, and for additional discussions of available resources to support the process.

#### **Recent Discussions and Next Steps**

Recently, the Nature Conservancy (TNC) applied for a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to support East Coast scenario planning efforts in partnership with the Council and other participating organizations. If the grant is awarded, it is possible that the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission could administer these funds, which could cover some of the costs of this initiative such as process facilitation, meeting facilities and/or technology contracts for remote meeting platforms, potentially public invitational travel, and other miscellaneous expenditures such as printing, outreach, or scoping surveys. It is expected that the Councils, Commission, and agency personnel would have their respective participation costs paid by their organization.

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council briefly discussed scenario planning at their September Council meeting. The SAFMC was supportive of the initiative and interested in participating, but also noted that they had not yet received much of an introduction to the concept of scenario planning and requested a more detailed overview at a future meeting.

The New England Fishery Management Council discussed scenario planning with their Executive Committee the week of September 14, and will discuss it again in the context of 2021 priorities during their meeting on October 1.

The NRCC will meet in November to revisit a plan for moving forward with a scenario planning process.

A general stepwise approach to a scenario planning process is outlined in the SPWG recommendation summary linked above. A more detailed plan and timeline can be developed once it is clear which organizations are participating, and once the NRCC has formed the core team for the process. At this stage, a very tentative timeline could be considered as follows:

• Late 2020/Early 2021: Core team formed, facilitator secured. Scenario planning process designed by core team and participating organizations.

- Winter/Spring 2021: Structured public input or "scoping" process to gather stakeholder input on driving forces in the fisheries and to introduce stakeholders to scenario planning.
- **Summer 2021:** Identification and description of major "driving forces" in the fisheries and preparation of materials and logistics for scenario building workshop.
- Fall 2021: Scenario building workshop.
- Late 2021/Early 2022: Refinement and ground-truthing of draft scenarios; preparation for second workshop.
- **Spring 2022:** Second workshop to identify implications and identify potential management response recommendations.
- Fall 2022: Reports and products from scenario planning process finalized and distributed.

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Data and Management Strategies for Recreational Fisheries with Annual Catch Limits

Committee Meeting 4 September 22-23, 2020 VIRTUAL MEETING

#### Meeting objectives:

- Focus the meeting on recreational fisheries data and management strategies in the Mid-Atlantic Region.
- Hear from a variety of perspectives on what management techniques are employed in the Mid-Atlantic region (if not in-season) and the extent to which data (types, quality, availability) have influenced the selection of those techniques.
- Learn about what supplemental or substitute surveys, if any, are employed in the region and why.
- Learn about any alternative management approaches that have been tried or considered in the region, including potential approaches considered by the Recreational Reform Initiative.

September 22, 2020						
	OPEN SESSION					
11:00 AM	Introductions	Luiz Barbieri, Committee Chair				
11:15 AM	Fisheries Management Council Perspective					
11.15 AW		sheries Management Council (MAFMC) Staff Julia Beaty, MAFCM Staff				
		Mike Luisi, MAFMC Chair				
12:15 PM	Scientific and Statistical Committee Perspec	ctive				
	Paul Rago, MA	FMC Science and Statistical Committee Chair				
12:45 PM	Lunch					
1:15 PM	State Representatives Panel					
	Jeffrey B	, Maryland Department of Nature Resources rust, New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife anden, Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife				
	Shanna Madsen and Lewis Gillingham, Virgin	ia Marine Resources Commission (tentative)				
3:00 PM	Break					
3:15 PM	American Sportfishing Association Perspect	ive				
	Mi	ke Waine, American Sportfishing Association				
3:45 PM	Private Angler Perspective	Charles Witek, Private Angler (New Jersey)				
4:00 PM	Open Discussion / Additional Q & A					
4:30 PM	Adjourn Open Session					

September 23, 2020

#### **CLOSED SESSION FOR COMMITTEE ONLY**



# MEMORANDUM

Date: September 23, 2020

To: Chris Moore, Executive Director

From: José Montañez, Staff

Subject: Pre-application meeting for Manna Fish Farms proposal

On September 21, 2020, Manna Fish Farms Inc (Manna).<sup>1</sup> held a pre-application meeting via webinar with staff from various agencies (e.g., NOAA Fisheries, Coast Guard, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, BOEM, NY Port Authority, MAFMC, NEFMC, ASMFC) to update interested parties on the pre-application status of a commercial finfish farm for commercial sale and research in the U.S. EEZ about 9 miles off the shore of Long Island, NY (port of Shinnecock). This aquaculture project intends to raise steelhead trout and possibly black sea bass in submerged net pens secured at 40-50 feet below the ocean's surface in water depths of approximately 145 feet. The project proposes a phased approach with approximately 100,000 pounds of steelhead in two pens in phase 1 (proof-of-concept) to a total of 18 pens in phase 5. The offshore marine aquaculture farm will occupy a total area of approximately 4 km<sup>2</sup> (1.5 mi<sup>2</sup>).

The first pre-application meeting for this project was held 5 years ago on November 16, 2015 and Manna has reported much progress since to address stakeholder's concerns. In addition, Manna has also been working with regulators to implement similar activities off Pensacola Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico. The main purpose of this webinar was to update agencies on the status of the pre-application proposal and solicit any objections to the preferred alternative site, and other issues that are under consideration.

In addition, at this meeting, NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) provided background information and results for a Site Suitability Analysis (Siting Analysis) conducted for this proposed aquaculture operation in New York (see NCCOS' July 2020 report). Taking into account Manna's technical production requirements, NCCOS identified four potential sites suitable for this operation (see Figure 1 below).<sup>2</sup> These potential sites were identified taking into consideration national security concerns, transportation infrastructure, fishing industry activity, recreation and cultural considerations, energy infrastructure, protected species, and EFH amongst others. One specific site with consistent depth and low slope and relatively low vessel traffic was determined to be the overall preferred site choice (Site A).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://mannafishfarms.com/</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Detailed background information (presentations, reports) distributed for the September 21 meeting can be found at the Council's website page for the October 5-8, 2020 Council Meeting (under Executive Committee Report; <u>https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/october-2020</u>).

The next step for this project is to conduct a Baseline Environmental Survey of the preferred site choice (Site A) in the spring of next year. The primary purpose of the survey is to collect unbiased baseline environmental data prior to implementation of the offshore marine aquaculture project (see document Baseline Environmental Survey Plan for Manna Fish Farm dated September 2020). This will allow for robust comparison of before, during, and after fish farm establishment. Once the survey is concluded, the Baseline Environmental Survey will be used to support the permitting application<sup>3</sup> for offshore marine aquaculture permits that will be submitted to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Environmental Protection Agency. Manna also indicated that they would continue to engage stakeholders on the development of this project. Public input can also be provided during the permit application rulemaking process.

During the webinar, Manna staff asked for initial input from webinar participants regarding the feasibility of the preferred site choice (Site A). Manna's staff indicated that getting early input on the preferred site would be beneficial as the pre-application process moves forward. This input solicitation was an important emphasis for this meeting. Any red flag type, "No not that location" objections would be valuable early rather than after the survey work has occurred. Input gathering on the preferred site did not fully materialize at this meeting and further effort will be placed on seeking additional input in the near future. Manna did not provide a specific timeline for receiving this input, but they are looking to begin baseline surveys soon. However, attendees were encouraged to reach out directly to Donna Lanzetta of Manna to indicate whether they planned to provide pre-application input, and the timeframe they required.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Manna has removed striped bass from the proposal and only plans to include sterile steelhead trout and black sea bass as culture species in the applications.

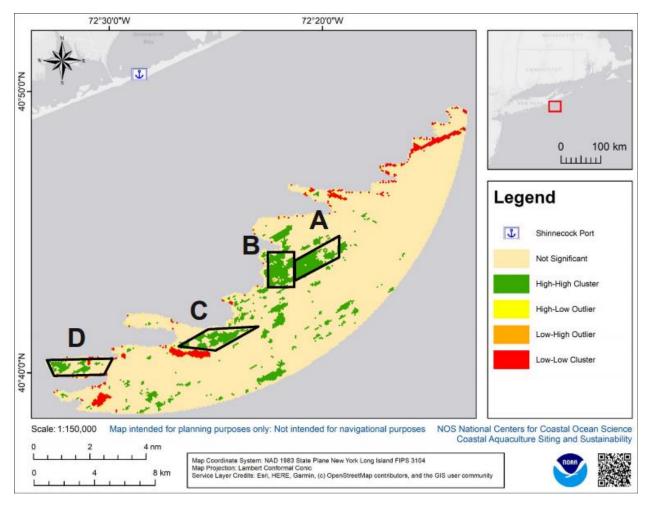


Figure 1. Map of final suitability cluster analysis of the four site locations for the proposed Manna fish farm. Source: See footnote #2.



## MEMORANDUM

Date: September 25, 2020

To: Chris Moore, Executive Director

From: Julia Beaty, staff

**Subject:** South Atlantic Council Action on Bullet and Frigate Mackerel and Potential Next Steps for the Mid-Atlantic Council

Through the <u>Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment</u>, the Mid-Atlantic Council adopted a 1,700 pound commercial possession limit which applies to aggregate harvest of over 50 previously unmanaged forage species. These species are now designated as "ecosystem components" in all the Council's Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). The Council sought to include bullet mackerel (*Auxis rochei*) and frigate mackerel (*Auxis thazard*) on this list of ecosystem components in recognition of their role as prey for a variety of predators. However, NMFS disapproved inclusion of these two species in the amendment, citing an insufficient connection to the Mid-Atlantic Council's FMPs.

In March 2018, the Mid-Atlantic Council sent a letter to the South Atlantic Council requesting that they consider managing bullet and frigate mackerel as ecosystem components in their Dolphin Wahoo FMP in recognition of their role as forage for wahoo and other predators.

In September 2020, the South Atlantic Council took final action on Amendment 12 to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP. If approved by the Secretary of Commerce, this amendment would add bullet and frigate mackerel to the Dolphin Wahoo FMP as ecosystem components with no associated management measures. The South Atlantic Council initially considered implementing management measures such as a commercial possession limit but did not further pursue this option based on guidance from NMFS and consideration of the potential implications of such measures. The ecosystem component designation emphasizes the importance of these species as prey for a variety of predators in the South Atlantic Council agreed to send a follow-up letter to the Mid-Atlantic Council upon submission of Amendment 12 for Secretarial review. More information on Amendment 12 is available here: <a href="https://safmc.net/amendments-under-development/dolphin-wahoo-amendment-10/">https://safmc.net/amendments-under-development/dolphin-wahoo-amendment-10/</a>.

During their October 2020 meeting, the Mid-Atlantic Council will consider including "initiation of a framework action to implement a possession limit for frigate and bullet mackerel in the Mid-Atlantic" on their list of deliverables for 2021. This action could build off the Unmanaged Forage Amendment; however, the justification for the action would need to differ from the justification provided in the Unmanaged Forage Amendment to avoid the potential for disapproval on the same grounds as the previous disapproval.

### WEB AGENDA INTERIM COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING VIDEO CONFERENCE CALL September 23 - 24, 2020

Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM EST

Event address for attendees: <u>https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/onstage/g.php?MTID=e2ef28629e30449a50c4e60b30c1d544f</u> Event number: 199 864 3418 Event password: thunnus

1:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Meeting Setup							
1:30 pm to 1:35 pm	Overview of WebEx functions							
1:35 pm to 1:40 pm	Opening of Meeting							
	Welcome and Introduction							
	Approval of Agenda and Minutes							
1:40 pm to 2:00 pm	<ol> <li>NOAA Fisheries Update and FY20/21 Priorities         <ul> <li>MAFAC report on Establishing a National Seafood Council</li> <li>National Standard 1 Working Groups</li> <li>Other</li> </ul> </li> </ol>							
2:00 pm to 3:20 pm	<ol> <li>Recent Issues with Council Operations and Agency Operational, Science, and Regulatory Issues</li> </ol>							
	a. NMFS provides overview of COVID-19 related issues							
	i. Report on NMFS Reintegration Plans, Status of CARES Act Funding							
	ii. Observer Waivers							
	iii. Update on MRIP Status of Data and Monitoring Outlook for 2021, Report on Funding for Basic Surveys							
3:20 pm to 3:35 pm	Break							
3:35 pm to 4:15 pm	3. Rule on Council Member Financial Disclosure and Recusal							
4:15 pm to 5:00 pm	4. CEQ Final NEPA Regulation							
5:00 pm to 5:20 pm	<ol> <li>Legislative Outlook</li> <li>Public Comment</li> </ol>							
5:20 pm to 5:30 pm								
	Adjourn Day 1							

### Thursday, September 24, 2020: 1:30 PM to 5:30 PM EST

Event address for attendees: <u>https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/onstage/g.php?MTID=e242833cd2cb4f853327513ca6441462b</u> Event number: 199 309 6293 Event password: thunnus

1:15 pm to 1:30 pm	Meeting Setup						
1:30 pm to 1:35 pm	Overview of WebEx functions						
1:35 pm to 3:45 pm	<ul> <li>7. Aquaculture and the Executive Order on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth <ul> <li>a. Seafood Trade Task Force</li> <li>b. Other EO issues, Aquaculture Opportunity Areas</li> <li>c. Aquaculture regulatory/statutory issues</li> <li>d. EO Section 4 Prioritized List of Recommended Actions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>						
3:45 pm to 4:00 pm	Break						
4:00 pm to 4:30 pm	<ul> <li>8. CCC Committees</li> <li>a. Electronic Monitoring</li> <li>b. Communications</li> </ul>						
4:30 pm to 4:45 pm	9. Public Comment						
4:45 pm to 5:00 pm	10. CCC Convenes for Recommendations (closed session, NMFS break)						
5:00 pm to 5:30 pm	11. Wrap-up and Other Business						
	a. CCC Outcomes and Recommendations						
	<ul> <li>b. Discussion of Next Chair and Meeting Dates for 2021, Frequency and Schedule of future CCC calls</li> </ul>						
	Adjourn Day 2						