



## APRIL 2017 MEETING AGENDA

**April 11-13, 2017**

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### Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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**10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**River Herring & Shad Committee (Tab 1)**

*Winslow, Shiels, McMurray, Baum, Michels, Slacum, deFur, Hughes, Nowalsky, Batsavage, King, Nolan, O'Reilly, Bullard (Christopher), Beal; NE Reps: Stockwell, Tooley, Reid [Didden]*

- Review draft metrics for river herring and shad conservation

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:00 p.m.**

**Council Convenes**

**1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**State of the Ecosystem and EAFM (Tab 2)**

- Report on the state of the Mid-Atlantic portion of the Northeast Large Marine Ecosystem  
*Dr. Sarah Gaichas - Ecosystem Dynamic and Assessment Branch, NEFSC*
- Continue discussion and development of EAFM Risk Matrix
- Discuss next steps in EAFM development/implementation

**3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

**Law Enforcement Reports**

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Chub Mackerel Amendment (Tab 3)**

- Review amendment development and scoping plans

### Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Council Convenes**

**9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**

**Ricks E Savage Award**

**9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Golden Tilefish Specifications (Tab 4)**

- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations regarding 2018 – 2020 specifications
- Adopt recommendations for 2018 - 2020

**11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**Blueline Tilefish Specifications (Tab 5)**

- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations regarding 2018 – 2019 specifications
- Adopt recommendations for 2018 - 2019

<b>12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>A Review of Potential Approaches for Managing Marine Fisheries in a Changing Climate – Presentation (Tab 6)</b> <i>NMFS SF representative</i>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Hudson Canyon Sanctuary Proposal (Tab 7)</b> – Presentation, discussion and comment
<b>3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Update on Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (Tab 8)</b> <i>Jon Hare - NEFSC</i> – Challenges faced in 2016-2017 and plans for 2017-2018
<b>3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Industry Funded Monitoring (IFM) Amendment (Tab 9)</b> – Consider previous action on IFM Amendment – Possible adoption of IFM Amendment

## **Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Council Convenes</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Business Session</b>
	<b>Committee Reports (Tab 10)</b> – SSC – River Herring & Shad – Ecosystem & Ocean Planning – Highly Migratory Species/Law Enforcement • Adopt recommendations for HMS permit/reporting issues
	<b>Executive Director's Report (Tab 11)</b> <i>Chris Moore</i>
	<b>Science Report</b> <i>Rich Seagraves</i>
	<b>Organization Reports</b> – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office – NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center – NOAA Office of General Counsel – Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
	<b>Liaison Reports (Tab 12)</b> – New England Council – South Atlantic Council – Regional Planning Body
	<b>Continuing and New Business</b>

### **February 2017 Motions**

#### **River Herring/Shad Committee**

I move that the Committee recommend that the Council task the RH/S Committee, working with Council and NMFS staff to develop measurable criteria by which the Council will be better able to decide on management action.

Bullard/Shiels (15/0/1)

Motion carries

**Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee of the Whole**

I move that Alternatives 2B/6B (longfin swap / *Illex* swap) can only take place within the constraint of the current upgrade restrictions (10% length-20% horsepower).

Hughes/Nolan (20/0/0)

Motion carries

I move to amend to remove 6B (*Illex* Swap limitation) from the motion.

Reid/Nolan (3/17/0)

Motion fails

I move that Alternative Set 6 (*Illex* swap option) be moved to considered but rejected.

Nolan/Hughes (17/3/0)

Motion carries

I move to approve the document as modified today for public hearings.

(Committee of the Whole)

King/deFur (Carried without opposition)

I move to approve the document as modified today for public hearings.

(Council)

Elliott/DiLernia (Carried without opposition)

**Black Sea Bass 2017-2018 Specifications with ASMFC Board**

Move for 2017, the recreational ACL = ACT = 5.38 mil lb and commercial ACL = ACT = 5.09 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 4.29 mil lb and commercial quota of 4.12 mil lb. For 2018, the recreational ACL = ACT = 4.59 mil lb and commercial ACL = ACT = 4.35 mil lb. This results in a recreational harvest limit of 3.66 mil lb and commercial quota of 3.52 mil lb.

Council: O'Reilly/Heins (19/0/0/1) – Recusal by Wes Townsend

Board: O'Reilly/Heins (12/0/0/0)

Motion carries

**Black Sea Bass 2017 Recreational Measures with ASMFC Board**

Move that the 2017 recreational black sea bass measures in federal waters remain status quo with a 12.5 inch TL minimum size, 15 fish possession and a season from May 15 – Sept 21, Oct 22 – Dec 31 and the Northern Region states, under ad-hoc regional management, implement measures that do not increase recreational harvest from 2016.

Council: DiLernia/Heins (13/7/0)

Board: Heins/Ballou (10/2/0/0)

Motion carries

I move to allow an experimental 2018 January/February (wave one), recreational, federally permitted for-hire fishery for black sea bass with a 15 fish per person possession limit, a suspended minimum size limit, and a zero discard policy to allow for barotrauma, and a mandatory trip reporting requirement.

Council: DiLernia/King

Board: Heins/Reid

Move to postpone until the joint Council/ASMFC meeting in May 2017.

Council: Nowalsky/DiLernia (21/0/0)

Board: Nowalsky/O'Reilly (11/0/0/0)

Motion carries

**Summer Flounder Amendment with ASMFC Board**

Move to remove from table the motion from Dec. 2016.

Council: Nowalsky/Mann (13/5/1)

Motion carries

Tabled Dec. 2016 motion:

Move to initiate a framework/addendum to the summer flounder FMP to look at recreational specifications setting, alternative recreational strategies, and other issues as identified by the FMAT.

Council: Nowalsky/Baum (5/14/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Pierce

Motion fails for lack of Council majority

**River Herring/Shad Committee Report**

I move that the Council task the RH/S Committee, working with Council and NMFS staff to develop measurable criteria by which the Council will be better able to decide on management action.

Winslow for Committee (20/0/0)

Motion carries

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