



## August 2021 Council Meeting Webinar

Monday, August 9 – Thursday, August 12, 2021

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### Agenda

#### Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:30 a.m.** *Council Convenes with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Management Board*
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Bluefish 2022-2023 Specifications (Tab 1)**
- Review recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
  - Adopt specifications for 2022-2023
  - ASMFC Bluefish Fishery Management Plan Review
- 11:00 a.m.** *Council and Bluefish Board Adjourn / Council Convenes with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board*
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Summer Flounder 2022-2023 Specifications (Tab 2)**
- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
  - Adopt specifications for 2022-2023
- **Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** -----
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Scup 2022-2023 Specifications (Tab 3)**
- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
  - Adopt specifications for 2022-2023
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Black Sea Bass 2022-2023 Specifications (Tab 4)**
- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
  - Adopt specifications for 2022-2023

## Tuesday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00 a.m.** *Council Convenes with the ASMFC Interstate Fisheries Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board*
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addendum (Framework Meeting #1) (Tab 5)**
- Review and approve initial range of alternatives
  - Discuss next steps
- 11:00 a.m.** *Council and ISFMP Policy Board Adjourn / Council Convenes with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board*
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 a.m.** **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) (Tab 6)**
- Review core group recommendations
  - Determine MSE objectives and alternatives
- Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. -----
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment (Tab 7)**
- Consider approval of any Council/Board proposals for additional alternatives
- 2:30 p.m.** *Council and Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board Adjourn / Council Convenes*
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **North Atlantic Right Whales (Tab 8)**
- Presentation on Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Scoping for Risk Reduction Measures for Atlantic Trap/Pot and Gillnet Fisheries
- 3:30 – 4:00 p.m.** **Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful (Tab 9)**  
*Sam Rauch, NOAA Fisheries*
- NOAA Fisheries briefing on draft White House report, “Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful,” with discussion on how it applies to fisheries
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Council Awards and Acknowledgements**

## Wednesday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.** **Swearing in of New and Reappointed Council Members (Tab 10)**
- 9:15 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Election of Officers**
- 9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish - Multi-year Specifications Framework – Meeting #2 (Tab 11)**
- Review recommendations for golden tilefish specifications from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff
  - Recommend any changes to (previously set) 2022 golden tilefish specifications if necessary

- Approve 2023-2024 golden tilefish specifications
- Review alternatives and approve Framework document for submission (final action)

----- Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. -----

**1:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Atlantic Mackerel Issues (Tab 12)**

- Atlantic Mackerel Specifications and/or Emergency Action
  - Review assessment results
  - Consider specifications and/or requesting emergency action pending rebuilding plan modification
- Atlantic Mackerel Rebuilding Modifications Framework – Meeting #1
  - Review options for revised rebuilding plan and set range of alternatives
  - Request additional options and analysis if needed

**3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Joint Council-SSC meeting (Tab 13)**

**Thursday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**

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**9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session**

**Committee Reports (Tab 14)**

- SSC

**Executive Director's Report (Dr. Chris Moore) (Tab 15)**

- Approve revised charter for Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP)

**Organization Reports**

- NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office
  - Update on commercial eVTR outreach
- NOAA Fisheries 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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