

# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

June 6-8, 2023  
Virginia Beach, VA

## MOTIONS

### Tuesday, June 6, 2023

#### **Blueline Tilefish**

Move to revise the recreational blueline tilefish season from May 1-Oct. 31 to May 15-Nov. 14 starting in 2024.

Feller/Neil  
Motion carries (16/0/1)

#### **SOPP/Harassment Policies**

Move to adopt the draft harassment policies and approve the proposed revisions to the SOPP.

Duval/Winslow  
Motion carries by consent

### Wednesday, June 7, 2023

#### **Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications and Advisory Panel Request**

Move to request that the regional administrator suspend the Atlantic surfclam minimum size for 2024.

Hughes/Feller  
Motion carries by consent with one abstention from NMFS.

Move that the Council request the Food and Drug Administration, Division of Seafood Safety (DCEDC), Shellfish and Aquaculture Policy Branch (DCEDC1) advise us (the Council) and the NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, what specifically is necessary to return the Georges Bank PSP Closed Area to an Open, Controlled Status/Access Area, in accordance with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Guidelines.

Hughes/Duval  
Motion carries by consent

#### **Sturgeon Bycatch Framework**

Move that we task the dogfish committee and recommend the NEFMC task the monkfish committee with reviewing NOAA and Law Enforcement input on the 10-minute square and soak time limits and discuss the increase in sturgeon bycatch takes and recommend revisions to the alternatives in light of the new information.

Nowalsky/Cimino  
Motion carries by consent