



August 2023 Council Meeting

Tuesday, August 8 – Friday, August 11, 2023

Westin Annapolis
(100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, 410-972-4300)
or via Webex webinar

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Tuesday, August 8th

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| 10:00 a.m. | <i>Council Convenes with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board</i> | |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder 2024-2025 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Adopt specifications for 2024-2025– Review and revise 2024-2025 commercial measures if needed | (Tab 1) |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | ----- LUNCH ----- | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Scup 2024-2025 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Adopt specifications for 2024-2025– Review and revise 2024-2025 commercial measures if needed | (Tab 2) |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Scup Commercial Discards Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review commercial scup discards through 2022– Review Scup GRA analysis and discuss next steps | (Tab 3) |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Black Sea Bass 2024 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Adopt specifications for 2024– Review and revise 2024 commercial measures if needed | (Tab 4) |
| 5:00 p.m. | <i>Council Adjourns</i> | |
| 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Only <ul style="list-style-type: none">– ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan Review– Elect Board vice chair | |

Wednesday, August 9th

- 9:00 a.m.** ***Council Convenes with the ASMFC Interstate Fishery Management Program (ISFMP) Policy Board***
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework / Addenda 2.0** (Tab 5)
– Review progress and discuss next steps
- 10:30 a.m.** ***Council and ASMFC ISFMP Adjourns***
- 10:30 a.m.** ***Council Convenes with the ASMFC Bluefish Management Board***
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.** **Bluefish 2024-2025 Specifications** (Tab 6)
– Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff
– Adopt specifications for 2024-2025 including recreational management measures
- 12:15 p.m.** ***Council Adjourns***
- 12:15 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **ASMFC Bluefish Board Only** (Tab 7)
– ASMFC Bluefish Fishery Management Plan Review
– Elect Board vice chair
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** ----- LUNCH -----
- 1:30 p.m.** ***Council Convenes***
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **East Coast Scenario Planning Initiative** (Tab 8)
– Review outcomes and discuss MAFMC next steps
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **NOAA Fisheries Climate Governance Policy** (Tab 9)
– Review NOAA Fisheries draft policy and SSC comments
– Develop Council comments
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Award Presentations**
– Presentation of Award of Excellence, Ricks E Savage Award, and acknowledgement of outgoing Council member

Thursday, August 10th

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| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Atlantic Mackerel 2024-2025 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review results of 2023 Management Track Assessment and rebuilding progress– Review results of 2023 Canadian assessment/management actions– Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Adopt specifications for 2024-2025– Consider emergency action request and/or Framework initiation if appropriate given assessment results | (Tab 10) |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | River Herring and Shad (RH/S) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review RH/S update– Review recommendations from the RH/S Committee, RH/S Advisory Panel, Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee, and staff– Adopt RH/S cap (Atlantic mackerel fishery) for 2024-2025 | (Tab 11) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Electronic Monitoring and Reporting Grant Program – Gray Redding, NFWF <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Update on the NFWF electronic monitoring and reporting grant program | (Tab 12) |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | ----- LUNCH ----- | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Longfin Squid 2024-2026 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review results of 2023 Management Track Assessment– Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Adopt specifications for 2024-2026 | (Tab 13) |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Illex Hold Baseline FW Meeting #1 <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Review and approve range of alternatives | (Tab 14) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Research Set-Aside Program Redevelopment <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Update on the redevelopment of the Research Set-Aside program | (Tab 15) |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR): National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Comments <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review comments developed for NOAA Fisheries related to National Standard 4, 8, and 9 | (Tab 16) |

Friday, August 11th

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Swearing in of New Council Members and Election of Officers

9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session

Committee Reports: (Tab 17)

- Scientific and Statistical Committee
- Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee
- Highly Migratory Species Committee

Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Chris Moore (Tab 18)

Organization Reports:

- NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports: (Tab 19)

- New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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