

March 19, 2024
Mid-Atlantic SSC Meeting:

OTHER BUSINESS



TOPICS

1. Scientific Coordination Sub-Committee 8th National Workshop
2. Biological Reference Points Workshop
3. Draft 2024 Species/Topic Leads
4. 2024-2025 Stock Assessment Schedule – SSC needs
5. 2024 SSC Meeting Schedule and Anticipated Topics
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SCS 8th National Workshop - Update

- At Seaport Hotel in Boston, MA from August 26-28, 2024
 - Virtual component for plenary sessions
- 4 representatives from each Council (SSC and/or staff)
 - Plus, NMFS, Council members (NEFMC), invited speakers, and public
- Workshop Theme – Applying ABC control rules in a changing environment
 - Topics covered:
 - Overview of the ABC control rules SSCs currently applied now
 - Identify how rules integrate ecosystem and social science considerations and associated challenges
 - What are pathways for revising ABC control rules, and what flexibility is there for modification/change?
 - What is possible under MSA for the inclusion of social science information in defining ABCs and in the tactical application of control rules?

SCS 8th National Workshop - Update

- Sub-Theme 1 - Advances in ecosystem science and assessment to inform ABC control rules in a dynamic environment
 - MAFMC SSC case study - Operationalizing the use of ecosystem information in Mid-Atlantic science and management decisions (Sarah)
- Sub-Theme 2 - Application of social science to achieve management goals under dynamic conditions
 - MAFMC SSC case study - The role of economic modeling and angler behavior in Mid-Atlantic recreational fisheries management (Geret)
- Sub-Theme 3 - Adaptation of reference points, control rules, and rebuilding plans to changing environment
 - MAFMC SSC case study - Decomposing the effects of changes in growth, maturity, selectivity and natural mortality on biological reference points (Paul)

SCS 8th National Workshop - Update

- Finalize speakers, case studies, attendees in March-May
 - Let Paul and/or me know if interested in attending
- Continue to develop and finalize the agenda details and activities
- Discuss workshop and outcomes at September SSC meeting
 - Potentially a joint discussion with NEFMC SSC members

Workshop - Defining Biological Reference Points in a Dynamic Northeast U.S. Marine Environment

- Sponsored by CINAR and coordinated by U. Maine, SMAST, and GMRI
- Several SSC members attended and/or presented
- Workshop report currently being developed
- Background information for workshop included a summary of stock assessment and reference point information for MAFMC and NEFMC stocks
 - [Link to spreadsheet](#)

Draft 2024 Species/Topics Leads

Species/Topic	Biology/Assessment Lead	Socio-Economic Lead
Atlantic Mackerel	Dave Secor	Mark Holliday
Atlantic Surfclam	Wendy Gabriel	Andrew Scheld
Black Sea Bass	Olaf Jensen	Jorge Holzer
Bluefish	Cynthia Jones	Andrew Scheld
Blueline Tilefish	Sarah Gaichas	Jorge Holzer
Butterfish	Rob Latour	Mark Holliday
Chub Mackerel	Gavin Fay	***
Deep Sea Corals	John Boreman	Geret DePiper
Ecosystems	Sarah Gaichas/Rob Latour	Jorge Holzer
Golden Tilefish	Alexei Sharov	Andrew Scheld
Habitat	John Boreman	Geret DePiper
Long-finned Squid	Mike Frisk	Mark Holliday
Ocean Quahog	Ed Houde	Andrew Scheld
Offshore Wind	Dave Secor	Jorge Holzer
Scup	John Boreman	Mark Holliday
Short-finned Squid	Tom Miller	Geret DePiper
Spiny Dogfish	Yan Jiao	Geret DePiper
Summer Flounder	Mike Wilberg	Jorge Holzer

2024 Stock Assessment Schedule – SSC needs

Assessment Type	Stocks/Topic	Dates	SSC Needs
Research Track	Applying State-Space Models	February 12-15, 2024	None
Research Track	Golden Tilefish	March 11-14, 2024	Mike Wilberg
Management Track	Cod (4 stocks), At. Herring	June 18-21, 2024	Alexei Sharov
	Surfclam*, Black Sea Bass, Butterfish, Golden Tilefish#	June 24-28, 2024	Need chair and panelist
TRAC	Cod, Haddock, Yellowtail	July	None
Management Track	Plaice, Halibut, Haddock, Pollock, Witch Flounder	September 16-19, 2024	Panelist
Research Track	Yellowtail Flounder	November 18-22, 2024	None

* Level 1 assessment – direct delivery to Council/SSC and not on peer review agenda

Level of review TBD by AOP in April

2025 Stock Assessment Schedule – SSC needs

Assessment Type	Stocks/Topic	Dates	SSC Needs*
Research Track	At. Herring, Am. Lobster	March 2025	None
Research Track	Scallops	Spring/Summer 2025	None
Management Track#	At. Mackerel, Black Sea Bass, Bluefish, <i>Illex</i> Squid, Scup, Summer Flounder	June 23-27, 2025	Need chair and panelist
TRAC	Cod, Haddock, Yellowtail	July	None
Management Track	Redfish, Wolffish, Monkfish, Ocean Pout, Skates, White Hake, Windowpane, Winter, Yellowtail	September 2025	Panelist

* Don't need commitments now, just flagging

Peer review level will be determined by AOP in February 2025

2024 SSC Meetings – Schedule and Topics

■ Meeting 2: May 14-15, 2024 at the Royal Sonesta, Baltimore, MD

• Anticipated Topics:

2025 ABC reviews: Chub Mackerel, Longfin Squid, Illex Squid

Introductory overview of research track assessment results: Black Sea Bass and Golden Tilefish

Overview of 2023 fishery-independent long-line surveys for Golden and Blueline Tilefish

Recreational Measures Setting Framework/Addenda and MSE work – check in and initial feedback

OFL CV sub-group – review/approve proposed guidance document updates

WHAM overview and outcomes from state-space research track review

■ Meeting 3: July 23-25, 2024 at the Le Méridien, Philadelphia, PA

• Anticipated Topics:

Management track assessment results and OFL/ABC recommendations for: Surfclam, Butterfish, Black Sea Bass, Golden Tilefish

2025 specs for Blueline tilefish

2025 ABC reviews: Summer Flounder, Scup, Bluefish, Ocean Quahog

Recreational Measures Setting Framework – review and approve sub-group recommendations

2024 SSC Meetings – Schedule and Topics

- Meeting 4: September 11-12, 2024 at the Hyatt Place, Baltimore, MD
 - Anticipated Topics:

Offshore wind discussion
Review of 2025-2029 research priorities document
Scientific Coordination Sub-Committee workshop (SCS8): initial overview of meeting outcomes (possible joint discussion with NEFMC SSC)
2025 ABC reviews: Atlantic Mackerel, Spiny Dogfish

- Other SSC activities
 - Offshore Wind Survey Mitigation Plan Review: May 22-24, 2024
 - Recreational Measures Setting Process FW Sub-Group
 - Analyses and tools supporting action
 - Ecosystem Work Group
 - Economic Work Group
 - Needs TBD as year moves along!