



June 2022 Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 7 – Thursday, June 9, 2022

Hybrid Meeting:

Atlantis Banquets & Events, Hyatt Place Long Island/East End
(431 East Main Street Riverhead, NY 11901, 631-208-0002)
or via Webex webinar

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Agenda

Tuesday, June 7th

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Update on Northeast Regional Habitat Assessment products (Tab 1)

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Aquaculture Update (Tab 2)

- Review the draft MAFMC Aquaculture Policy and Aquaculture in the Mid-Atlantic Region Background Document
- Consider approval of MAFMC Aquaculture Policy

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. New Jersey Ocean Acidification Monitoring Network (Tab 3)
(Dr. Grace Saba, Rutgers University)

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2023 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications (Tab 4)

- Review recommendations for 2023 specifications
- Recommend changes to 2023 specifications if necessary

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Equity and Environmental Justice Strategy Presentation (Tab 5)
(Sharon Benjamin, NOAA Fisheries)

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

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation Update (Tab 6)
(Dr. Gavin Fay, UMass Dartmouth, and Dr. Lou Carr-Harris, NEFSC)

- Review of Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation model development and outputs

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- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework / Addenda for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Final Action (Tab 7)**
- Review public comments
 - Review SSC evaluation
 - Review recommendations from Advisory Panel, FMAT/PDT, and Council staff
 - Consider final action
- 5:00 p.m. Council and ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board Adjourn**

Wednesday, June 8th

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Mackerel Rebuilding 2.0 Amendment Final Action (Tab 8)**
- Review RH/S cap and 2023-2025 Mackerel specifications
 - Recommend changes to 2023-2025 Mackerel specifications if necessary
 - Consider final action
- 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. 2023 Longfin Squid Specifications (Tab 9)**
- Review recommendations for 2023 specifications
 - Recommend changes to 2023 specifications if necessary
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2023 – 2025 Chub Mackerel Specifications (Tab 10)**
- Review recommendations from the SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and Staff
 - Adopt specifications for 2023-2025
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Unmanaged Commercial Landings Report (Tab 11)**
- Review annual report on landings of unmanaged species
- Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. -----**
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. NEFSC Shad and River Herring Update (Tab 12)**
- Review spatial revenue analyses from NEFSC related to River Herring and Shad bycatch
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Phase II (Tab 13)**
- Update on Phase II of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan and request for input
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Draft Action Plan (Tab 14)**
- Update and request for input
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Research Set-Aside Program Redevelopment (Tab 15)**
- Review Committee recommendations
 - Consider Council action

Thursday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Business Session

Committee Reports (Tab 16) – SSC

Executive Director's Report (Tab 17) (Dr. Chris Moore)

Organization Reports – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NMFS 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

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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