



DECEMBER 2019 MEETING AGENDA

December 9-12, 2019

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Monday, December 9th

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.** **Executive Committee - (CLOSED) (Tab 1)**
- Ricks E Savage Award
- 9:30 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** **2020-2024 Strategic Plan (Tab 2)**
- Review public comments and approve 2020-2024 Strategic Plan
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **2020-2024 Research Priorities (Tab 3)**
- Review and approve research priorities document
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Risk Policy Framework - Meeting #2 (Tab 4)**
Dr. Wiedenmann, Rutgers University and Dr. Teng, University of Maryland
- Review results of biological and economic management strategy evaluations
- Select preferred alternative(s)
- 3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.** **Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Excessive Share Amendment (Tab 5)**
- Review public hearing comments and Committee recommendations
- Select preferred alternatives and take final action
- 5:30 p.m.** **Council Adjourns**

Tuesday, December 10th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.** **Council Photo**

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| 9:10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Habitat Update (Tab 6) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on NRHA Assessment - Presentation on CCC Habitat Workshop - Update of Projects of Interest in the Region |
| 10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. | EAFM Summer Flounder Conceptual Model (Tab 7) <i>Dr. Gaichas and Dr. DePiper, NEFSC</i> |
| 11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Presentation of Oscar E. Sette Award (American Fisheries Society) (Tab 8) |
| 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | SSC Membership White Paper (Tab 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and determine future SSC membership needs and expertise |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Bluefish 2020 Recreational Specifications (Tab 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations - Adopt recommendations for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment (Tab 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and approve supplemental scoping document for additional scoping hearings |
| 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder 2020 Recreational Specifications (Tab 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations - Recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2020 |
| 5:00 p.m. | Council and Board Adjourn |

Wednesday, December 11th

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| 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Scup 2020 Recreational Specifications (Tab 13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations - Adopt recommendations for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures |

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| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Black Sea Bass 2020 Recreational Specifications (Tab 14) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations - Adopt recommendations for 2020 federal waters recreational management measures |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Seized Commercial Catch and the Quota Monitoring/Accountability Process (Tab 15) <i>Toni Kerns, ASMFC and GARFO Staff</i> |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment (Tab 16) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and approve draft scoping document |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Black Sea Bass Commercial Allocation Addendum/Amendment (Tab 17) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Discuss options for addressing potential impacts of coastwide quota management in federal waters on states |
| 3:30 p.m. | Board Adjourns/Council Convenes |
| 3:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. | Commercial eVTR Omnibus Framework - Meeting #2 (Tab 18) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Select preferred alternatives and take final action |
| 5:30 p.m. | Council Adjourns |

Thursday, December 12th

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| 9:00 a.m. | Council Convenes |
| 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | 2020 Implementation Plan (Tab 19) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review and approve 2020 Implementation Plan |
| 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Business Session Committee Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - SSC - Executive Committee Executive Director's Report (Tab 20) <i>Chris Moore</i> Organization Reports (Tab 21) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - New England Council - South Atlantic Council |

Continuing and New Business

Council Adjourns

MAFMC October 2019 Council Motions

October 7-10, 2019

Durham NC

Monkfish

Move that the Council approve the same FY2020-FY2022 monkfish specifications as the New England Council, Alternatives 2 and 3 in the October 2019 briefing materials.

Nolan/Heins

Motion carries by consent

Illex Permitting and MSB Goals and Objectives Amendment

Move that ITQs not be included in this Amendment.

Hughes for Committee

Motion carries by consent with one abstention

Move to remove all the options that use a 10,000-pound single trip threshold (under any time period).

Hughes for Committee

Motion carries by consent

Move to remove qualification dates that extend through 2019.

Hughes for Committee (2/16/0)

Motion fails

Move to direct the staff and FMAT to develop a tiered approach.

Nolan/DiLernia (17/1/0)

Motion carries

Bluefish Specifications with Board

Move that the average ABC approach, no reduction for management uncertainty, terminal year estimate be used for expected recreational landings, and NEFSC estimated discards be used for 2020 and 2021 specifications. This results in an ABC of 16.2 mil lbs., a recreational harvest limit of 3.62 mil lbs., and a commercial quota of 2.77 mil lbs.

Board: Ballou/Hart

Council:

Motion fails for lack of like motion by the Council

Move that the average ABC approach, no reduction for management uncertainty, terminal year estimate for expected recreational landings, and MRIP terminal year estimated discards be used for 2020 and 2021 specifications. This results in an ABC of 16.28 mil lbs., a recreational harvest limit of 9.48 mil lbs., and a commercial quota of 2.77 mil lbs.

Board: Batsavage/Davis (Roll call vote: 10/1/0/0)

Council: DiLernia/Heins (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Bluefish FMP Review (Board Only)

Move to approve the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan Review of the 2018 fishing year, state compliance reports, and de minimis requests for Maine, South Carolina and Georgia's commercial fisheries.

Board: Ballou/Gary

Motion carries by consent

Scup Specifications with Board

Move that, based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC, in 2020 and 2021 the recreational ACL = ACT = 7.31 M lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 25.91 M lb.

Board: Borden/Meserve

Council: DiLernia/Davidson

Move to substitute that, based on the varying ABCs recommended by the SSC, the 2020 recreational ACL = ACT = 7.87 M lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 27.90 M lb. For 2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.75 M lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 23.92 M lb.

Board: Nowalsky/Davis (7/3/1/0)

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (14/4/1)

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion:

Move that, based on the varying ABCs recommended by the SSC, the 2020 recreational ACL = ACT = 7.87 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 27.90 mil lb. For 2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.75 mil lb. and commercial ACL = ACT = 23.92 mil lb.

Board: (Roll call vote: 8/1/2/0)

Council: (15/1/3)

Motion carries

Move that for 2020, using the 3-year average method for sector discards, the recreational harvest limit is 6.51 mil lb. and commercial quota of 22.23 mil lb. For 2021, the recreational harvest limit is 5.34 mil lb. and commercial quota of 18.06 mil lb.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (17/0/2)

Board: Nowalsky/Davis (Roll call vote: 9/0/2/0)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass Specifications

Move that, based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC and the previous MC methodology for discards, in each year 2020-2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 8.09 mil lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 6.98 mil lb. This results in an RHL of 5.81 mil lb. and a commercial quota of 5.58 mil lb. in each year.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (16/1/1)

Board: Nowalsky/Reid (Roll call vote: 9/1/1/0)

Motion carries

Move to substitute that based on the averaged ABCs recommended by the SSC and the new MC methodology for discards, in each year 2020-2021, the recreational ACL = ACT = 6.85 mil lb. and the commercial ACL = ACT = 8.22 mil lb. This results in an RHL of 5.48 mil lb. and a commercial quota of 5.26 mil lb. in each year.

Council: Batsavage/deFur

Board: Batsavage/

Motion fails for lack of a second by the Board

Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Sector Allocation

Move to initiate an amendment to consider modifications to the commercial/recreational sector allocations for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

Council: deFur/Heins (13/4/0)

Board: Davis/Kane (10/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass Commercial Issues

Board only motion:

Move to initiate an addendum to consider adjustments to the commercial black sea bass allocations consistent with the goal statement and options developed by the Board.

Meserve/Davis (10/0/1/0)

Motion carries

Council only motions:

I move to activate the black sea bass commercial amendment in a joint action with ASMFC.

Nolan/Hughes

Move to postpone motion until December joint meeting.

Nowalsky/DiLernia

Motion carries by consent

Board only motion:

Move to nominate Justin Davis for vice chair of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board.

Cimino/Reid

Motion carries by consent

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