

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee Meeting Thursday, July 27, 2023, 9:00 am – 2:30 pm

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MEETING OBJECTIVES

The Monitoring Committee (MC) will review:

- Management track assessment information for summer flounder and scup,
- Updated fishery and survey catch information for black sea bass,
- The Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report for all three species,
- The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations for all three species, and
- Council staff recommendations for all three species.

The MC will recommend commercial and recreational Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Annual Catch Targets (ACTs), commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits (RHLs) for summer flounder and scup for 2024-2025, and for black sea bass for 2024 only. The MC will also review commercial management measures for all three species and recommend changes if needed.

DRAFT AGENDA

<u>Times are approximate</u> and may change based on pace of discussion. Public comment will be allowed at designated times at the discretion of Council and Commission staff.

9:00 – 9:05	Welcome and Review Meeting Objectives
9:05 - 11:00	Summer Flounder 2024-2025 Specifications
	 Review management track assessment, projections, recent fishery information, Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report, SSC recommendations, and staff recommendations. Recommend ACLs, ACTs, commercial quota, and RHL for 2024-2025, as well as any changes to commercial management measures if needed. Update on ongoing evaluation of summer flounder mesh size issues, including minimum mesh size requirements, Small Mesh Exemption Program, and flynet exemption

11:00 – 12:30	Scup 2024-2025 Specifications
	 Review management track assessment, projections, recent fishery information, Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report, SSC recommendations, and staff recommendations. Recommend ACLs, ACTs, commercial quota, and RHL for 2024-2025, as well as any changes to commercial management measures if needed. Review and discuss commercial discards through 2022, GRA evaluation, and recommend potential next steps.
12:30 – 1:30	Break
1:30 - 2:30	Black Sea Bass 2024 Specifications
	 Review recent fishery and survey catch information, Advisory Panel Fishery Performance Report, SSC recommendations, and staff recommendations. Recommend ACLs, ACTs, commercial quota, and RHL for 2024, as well as any changes to commercial management measures if needed.
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