



Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee Meeting
Wednesday, October 26, 2022, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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Meeting Objectives

The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee (MC) will meet to discuss considerations for developing 2023 recreational bag, size, and season limits (i.e., management measures) for all three species. The MC will review the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Percent Change Approach approved by the Council and Policy Board for use in setting 2023 recreational bag, size, and season limits for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The MC will also review the results of the recently completed Summer Flounder Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) which explored strategies to reduce recreational discards. The MC will discuss how the MSE can inform setting 2023 recreational summer flounder measures. The MC will also review two recreational fishery statistical models which can inform the development of 2023 recreational measures for all three species. These discussions will inform additional analysis which will be conducted prior to a second MC meeting in November when the MC will develop recommendations for 2023 recreational management measures.

Draft Agenda

Times are approximate and may change based on pace of discussion. Public comment will be allowed at the end of the meeting if time allows.

9:00 am - 9:10 am	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review meeting objectives. • Agenda overview.
9:10 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	<p>Recreational Harvest Control Rule Percent Change Approach</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review management process to be used for setting 2023 recreational measures for all three species. • Initial discussion of accountability measures triggered for scup and black sea bass.

9:30 a.m. –10:20 a.m.	Summer Flounder MSE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review outcomes of summer flounder MSE. • Discuss how MSE can inform 2023 measures for summer flounder.
10:20 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.	Recreational Demand Model (<i>Lou Carr-Harris</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of model and data inputs. • Discuss assumptions informing harvest and discard estimates and which, if any, of these assumptions may warrant modification.
11:10 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.	Break
11:20 a.m. – 12:10 p.m.	Recreational Fleet Dynamics Model (<i>Jason McNamee and Corinne Truesdale</i>) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of model and data inputs. • Discuss assumptions informing harvest and discard estimates and which, if any, of these assumptions may warrant modification.
12:10 p.m. – 12:40 p.m.	Monitoring Committee discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued MC discussion regarding use of Recreational Demand Model and Recreational Fleet Dynamics Model for setting 2023 recreational measures. • Discuss additional analysis needed before November 15, 2022 MC meeting.
12:40 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	Next steps
12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Public comment if time allows
1:00 p.m.	Adjourn