



DECEMBER 2015 MEETING AGENDA

December 7-10, 2015

Monday, December 7th – O’Callaghan Annapolis Hotel, 174 West St.
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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, December 8-10 - Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle
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Monday, December 7th (O’Callaghan Annapolis Hotel)

- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Executive Committee (CLOSED)**
– Ricks E Savage Award nominees and other awards
- 10:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Comprehensive 5-year Research Priority Plan**
– Review and approve plan
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Non-Fishing Activities that Impact Fish Habitat**
– Review and approve policies
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Framework 2 – Meeting 1**
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Blueline Tilefish Alternatives**
– Review public hearing document
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Spiny Dogfish Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole**
– Review findings from SSC meeting
– Adjust specification recommendations as appropriate

Tuesday, December 8th (Westin Annapolis)

- 8:30 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Unmanaged Forage – The Pacific Council Experience**
Rich Lincoln
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Unmanaged Forage Species Amendment**
– Review and approve list of species for inclusion in the public hearing document
– Review and approve management alternatives for NEPA analysis and public hearing document

11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Scup GRA Framework – Meeting 1

- Discuss and adopt alternatives

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Summer Flounder Goals and Objectives Workshop

Fisheries Forum

- Review feedback from Fisheries Forum project
- Discuss priorities for revised FMP goals and objectives
- Identify draft goals and objectives for Summer Flounder Amendment

Wednesday, December 9th (Westin Annapolis)

9:00 a.m.

Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

2016 Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Commercial Management Measures

- Review recommendations from the Monitoring and Technical Committees
- Recommend changes to commercial management measures if appropriate

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Summer Flounder 2016 Recreational Management Measures

- ASMFC Addendum for summer flounder (Board Action)
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2016
- Adopt recommendations for 2016 management measures

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Summer Flounder Recreational Management Measures (continued)

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Summer Flounder Amendment

- Discuss timeline and update on progress

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Black Sea Bass 2016 Recreational Management Measures

- ASMFC Addendum for black sea bass (Board Action)
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2016
- Adopt recommendations for 2016 management measures

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Scup 2016 Recreational Management Measures

- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2016
- Adopt recommendations for 2016 management measures

Thursday, December 10th (Westin Annapolis)

- 8:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.** **GARFO Recreational Implementation Plan**
Mike Pentony
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.** **NEFSC Strategic Plan**
Bill Karp
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **2016 Implementation Plan**
 - Review and approve Implementation Plan
- 10:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Organization Reports**
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Liaison Reports**
- New England Council
 - South Atlantic Council
 - Regional Planning Body
- Executive Director's Report**
Chris Moore
- Review and approve change to SOPPs
- Science Report**
Rich Seagraves
- Committee Reports**
- Executive Committee
 - Collaborative Research Committee
 - River Herring/Shad Committee
- Continuing and New Business**

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