



APRIL 2016 MEETING AGENDA

April 11-14, 2016

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Monday, April 11th

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Tilefish Committee

- Review blueline tilefish alternatives, Advisory Panel recommendations and public comments
- Consider SSC ABC recommendations
- Develop recommendations to Council for final action on amendment

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee and River Herring & Shad Committee

- Review Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) mackerel coverage alternatives and Advisory Panel comments
- Make recommendations to Council for preferred IFM alternatives for public hearings

2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee and River Herring & Shad Committee Joint with River Herring and Shad Advisory Panel

- Review 2013 Stocks in the Fishery (River Herring and Shad) White Paper
- Develop recommendations to the Council regarding terms of reference for reconsideration of River Herring and Shad as stocks in the fishery

4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

- Review MAFMC and other Council ABC Control Rules and Risk Policies
- Discuss framework to modify existing MAFMC Risk Policy

Tuesday, April 12th

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)

- Review and discuss draft EAFM Guidance Document

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

Lunch

- 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Unmanaged Forage Fish Amendment**
- Review Fishery Management Action Team, Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel, and Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee comments
 - Review and approve public hearing document
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **European Union Pelagic Advisory Council and EAFM**
Dr. Verena Ohms, Pelagic Advisory Council
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **November 2016 Discard Methods Workshop**
Michael Lanning - NMFS

Wednesday, April 13th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Golden Tilefish – 2017 Specifications**
- Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, and staff recommendations for 2017 specifications
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Framework 2 – Meeting 2**
- Review and adopt Framework
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Blueline Tilefish Amendment**
- Review Tilefish Committee recommendations
 - Approve Blueline Tilefish Amendment
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Report**
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Scup Gear Restricted Areas Framework**
- Review alternatives and adopt framework
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Omnibus Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment**
- Review Committee recommendations
 - Select preferred alternatives for public hearings

Thursday, April 14th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Spiny Dogfish Trip Limits**
- Review ASMFC Spiny Dogfish Trip Limit modification request
 - Consider changes to the trip limit
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **National Bycatch Reduction Strategy**
NMFS Representative
- 11:00 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
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council
- Regional Planning Body

Executive Director's Report

Chris Moore

Science Report

Rich Seagraves

Committee Reports

- Collaborative Research Committee
- Executive Committee

Continuing and New Business

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