

2020 Proposed Actions and Deliverables

DRAFT for Executive Committee Review – October 2019 Council Meeting

SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP, BLACK SEA BASS

1. Review 2021 specifications for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass
2. Develop and approve 2021 recreational management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass
3. Develop advisory panel fishery performance reports
4. Initiate action to revise recreational management system for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass to allow for greater stability and flexibility
5. Evaluate commercial scup discards and gear restricted areas
6. Conduct scoping and develop alternatives for Recreational/Commercial Allocation Amendment
7. Continue development of Black Sea Bass Commercial Amendment

BLUEFISH

8. Review 2021 bluefish specifications
9. Develop and approve 2021 bluefish recreational measures
10. Develop advisory panel fishery performance report
11. Continue development of Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment

GOLDEN AND BLUELINE TILEFISH

12. Develop and approve 2021-2022 golden tilefish specifications
13. Review 2021 blueline tilefish specifications
14. Develop advisory panel fishery performance reports
15. Support efforts to address private recreational permitting and reporting issues (GARFO lead)
16. Tilefish survey (ongoing)

MACKEREL, SQUID, BUTTERFISH

17. Develop and approve 2021-2023 specifications for Atlantic mackerel, squids, and butterfish
18. Develop advisory panel fishery performance reports
19. Review butterfish cap performance report
20. Take final action on *Illex* Permit and MSB Goals and Objectives Amendment
21. Review recommendations of working group for real time *Illex* management
22. *Illex* growth and maturity data project
23. Review 2020-2021 chub mackerel specifications
24. HMS/chub mackerel diet study (final report)

RIVER HERRING AND SHAD

25. Develop and approve RH/S cap for Atlantic mackerel fishery for 2021-2023
26. Review RH/S annual progress update

SPINY DOGFISH

27. Review 2021 spiny dogfish specifications
28. Develop advisory panel fishery performance report

SURFLAMS AND OCEAN QUAHOGS

29. Develop and approve 2021-2024 surfclam specifications and 2021-2026 ocean quahog specifications
30. Develop advisory panel fishery performance reports
31. Initiate Commingling/Discarding Issues Amendment¹
32. Surfclam genetic study (contract; ongoing)

SCIENCE AND RESEARCH

33. Initiate a workshop to review and consider redevelopment of the RSA program
34. Continue to support the Fishery Dependent Data Initiative (GARFO lead)
35. Initiate climate change and distribution shift scenario planning
36. Identify new SSC membership
37. Convene joint Council-SSC meeting

ECOSYSTEM AND OCEAN PLANNING/HABITAT

38. Coordinate Northeast Regional Habitat Assessment (NRHA)
39. Continue work on EFH Redo
40. Initiate EAFM management strategy evaluation for summer flounder
41. Update the EAFM risk assessment
42. Develop habitat- and fishery-related comments on offshore energy development

GENERAL

43. Complete the Commercial Fisheries eVTR Framework
44. Track relevant MSA/fisheries legislation and develop comments as requested

COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

45. Continue to implement Council communication and outreach plan
46. Develop and maintain Council action web pages
47. Develop fact sheets and outreach materials as needed
48. Complete website update and improvement project

POSSIBLE ADDITIONS

49. Expand summer flounder recreational management strategy evaluation to cover scup and black sea bass (contract)
50. Develop RH/S discussion papers (biological caps, New England alignment, hotspots)
51. Review red crab and lobster fishery exemptions for discrete deep sea coral protected zones
52. Initiate Fixed/Variable Costs Surveys and Employment Amendment (all Northeast fisheries)¹
53. Initiate action to address right whale issues
54. Modify list of ecosystem component species from Unmanaged Forage Amendment (e.g., addition of cancer crabs)
55. Maryland Recreational Ocean Effort Video Estimation project (contract)

¹ Additional details and background on these proposed deliverables:
http://www.mafmc.org/s/NextStepsITQReview_Input_2019-10-02.pdf