



February 2022 Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 8 – Wednesday, February 9, 2022

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Agenda

Tuesday, February 8th

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Working Group (Tab 1)**
(Spencer Talmage; Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office)
- Presentation on the formation and planned activities of the Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch Working Group and request for public input
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Recusal Briefing (Tab 2)** (John Almeida; NOAA General Counsel)
- Lunch 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. -----
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**
- Consider harvest reduction target for the black sea bass recreational fishery
- 1:45 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. 2022 Recreational Management Measures for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (Tab 3)**
- Review action taken by ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board regarding 2022 recreational management measures
 - Consider revising Council recommendation for 2022 recreational management measures if needed in response to Board action

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- 2:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework / Addenda for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish (Tab 4)**
- Review draft range of alternatives
 - Consider splitting range of alternatives into multiple actions
 - Approve final range of alternatives for framework/addenda
 - Approve draft addenda for public hearings
- 5:00 p.m. Council and ASMFC ISFMP Policy Board Adjourn**

Wednesday, February 9th

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Committee Reports (Tab 5) – SSC, RSC**
- Executive Director's Report (Tab 6)** (Dr. Chris Moore)
- Review and reappoint SSC membership
 - 2022 Planned Meeting Topics

Organization Reports – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports (Tab 7) – New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

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