

MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
October 7-10, 2013
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Monday, October 7

- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Executive Committee [Tab 1]**
Robins, Anderson, Batsavage, Bullard, Elliott, King, Linhard, Luisi, McMurray, Nolan, O'Reilly, Pate [Moore]
- Review and revise Implementation Plan
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** **Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee [Tab 2]**
King, McMurray, Anderson, Beal, DiLernia, Heins, Himchak, Kaelin, Linhard, Michels, Nolan, Pate, Young, Zeman; NE Reps: Pierce, Tooley [Didden]
- Develop Committee recommendations on river herring and/or shad management approach (stock in fishery or other)

Tuesday, October 8

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** **Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee (Committee of the Whole) [Tab 3]**
- Review SSC, Dogfish Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations regarding 2014 harvest levels and associated management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for 2014 harvest levels and associated management measures
- 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** **Framework 8 to the Monkfish FMP [Tab 4]**
- Review the range of alternatives; consider approval of alternatives for further analysis; measures include the specification of an annual catch target, days-at-sea, and trip limits for 2014-2016, and changes to the permit Category H boundary
- 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** **Bluefin Tuna Presentation - Tom Warren, HMS NMFS [Tab 5]**
- Overview of Amendment 7 proposed rule
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.** **Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish [Tab 2]**
- Review Committee recommendations regarding river herring/shad management
 - Adopt a management approach for river herring/shad
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** **SAW/SARC 57 Summary - Jim Weinberg, NEFSC [Tab 6]**
- Benchmark Assessment review of summer flounder and striped bass
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.** **Update on the Atlantic Wind Connection Project - Kris Ohleth, Atlantic Wind Connection**
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **Listening Session - Beth Phelan, NOAA [Tab 7]**
- Presentation on Ocean Acidification

Wednesday, October 9

- 9:00 a.m.** **Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.** **Finalize Summer Flounder Management Measures in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board [Tab 8]**
- Review SSC, Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014-2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2014-2015 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures
 - Update on AFMSC activities regarding summer flounder
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** **Finalize Scup Management Measures in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board [Tab 9]**
- Review SSC, Scup Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014-2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2014-2015 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Finalize Black Sea Bass Management Measures in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board [Tab 10]**
- Review SSC, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014-2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2014-2015 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Finalize Bluefish Management Measure in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board [Tab 11]

- Review SSC, Bluefish Monitoring Committee, and Advisory Panel recommendations regarding 2014 harvest levels and associated management measures
- Adopt recommendations for 2014 harvest levels and associated management measures
- ASMFC approval of the 2013 Fishery Management Plan Review and the Terms of Reference for the Bluefish stock assessment

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Research Set-Aside Research Priorities [Tab 12]

- Establish Research Priorities for 2015 RSA RFP

Thursday, October 10

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Final Rule for National Standard 2 Guidelines Presentation - Jim Weinberg, NEFSC [Tab 13]

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Business Session

- Approve June and August 2013 minutes

Strategic Plan

Move to add 13.5. Seek legislative solutions to expand observer funding options.
McMurray/Anderson (18/0/1)
Motion carries

In section 12.1 add "work with our management partners to secure long term funding for the NEAMAP survey."
Anderson/McMurray
Moved by consent

Move to approve plan Strategic Plan as modified.
Anderson/Linhard (18/0/0)
Motion carries

Deep Sea Corals

Move that the Council approve the range of alternatives with additions for public hearings.
Elliott for Committee

Move to table Committee motion to approve the alternatives with additions until additional options are explored.
Himchak/Linhard
Moved by consent

Move to add 2H to exempt Illex and Loligo from broad zone restrictions.
Nolan/Himchak (20/0)
Motion carries

Move to add alternative 3B-3 adding options for landward boundary lines following the 200m, 300m, 400m and 500m depth contours, and following the original boundaries on the seaward side.
Deem/Kaelin (18/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to add for consideration the potential requirement of gear monitoring electronics as a condition for exemption to fish in either broad or discrete coral zones.
Darcy/McMurray (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to un-table previously tabled motion.
Himchak/Linhard (18/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to approve the range of alternative with additions for public hearings
Elliott for Committee (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Surfclam & Ocean Quahog

Move that Amendment 17, the Cost Recovery Amendment, be changed to include the BRP issue and the OY range issue.
Anderson/Himchak (16/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to re-scope Amendment 17 to make the public aware of any changes and form a new FMAT.
Anderson/Linhard (17/0/0)
Motion carries

RSA

Move in 2015, RFP for RSA will indicate intent to maintain NEAMAP as top priority project. Other projects may be funded depending on available resources.
Heins for Committee (14/2/1)
Motion carries

Continuing & New Business

Move to nominate Olaf Jensen to the SSC.
Anderson/Zeman
Moved by consent

Move to nominate Tom Noji to the SSC.
Bullard/Linhard
Moved by consent

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - Update on forms and process for data collection for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries
 - Industry-funded observer coverage
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Reports

- South Atlantic Council (September 16-20, 2013)
- New England Council

Executive Director's Report - Chris Moore [Tab 14]

Science Report - Rich Seagraves [Tab 15]

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee
- Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish

Continuing and New Business

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