

# Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel Meeting

## Wednesday, June 28, 2017, 10AM-4:30PM



### MEETING LOCATION

Double Tree by Hilton, BWI Airport  
890 Elkridge Landing Road  
Linthicum, Maryland, 21090  
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### MEETING OBJECTIVES

Advisors will discuss recent performance of the commercial and recreational fisheries for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass, and work with MAFMC and ASMFC staff to develop annual Fishery Performance Reports. These reports will be considered by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Monitoring Committee, and the MAFMC and ASMFC when reviewing previously implemented fishery specifications (catch and landings limits and other management measures) for 2018 for all three species and when recommending 2019 specifications for scup. Advisors will also be asked to provide feedback on draft alternatives for commercial fishery issues under development for the ongoing Summer Flounder Amendment.

### AGENDA

*Please note: times are approximate and may change based on pace of discussion.*

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10:00 am – 10:15 am	Welcome and meeting objectives
10:15 am – 11:30 am	Develop Scup Fishery Performance Report
11:30 am – 12:15 pm	Develop Black Sea Bass Fishery Performance Report
12:15 pm – 1:15 pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:15 pm – 1:45 pm	Develop Black Sea Bass Fishery Performance Report (continued)
1:45 pm – 3:00 pm	Develop Summer Flounder Fishery Performance Report
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm	Review and provide feedback on Summer Flounder Amendment draft commercial range of alternatives
4:30 pm	Adjourn

## **Fishery Performance Report Trigger Questions**

The APs will be asked to consider the following questions during the development of Fishery Performance Reports:

1. What factors have influenced catch in recent years for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass?
  - a. Market or economic issues? (e.g., fish prices, fuel prices, overall economy, etc.)
  - b. Environmental or ecological issues? (e.g., weather, predator/prey issues, etc.)
  - c. Management or regulatory issues? (e.g., management-induced effort shifts, regulatory discards, etc.)
  - d. Other factors?
2. What other issues or concerns does the AP want to highlight?
3. What research recommendations does the AP have for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass?