Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee Meeting Thursday, January 26, 2017, 10:00 AM-5:00 PM



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MEETING MATERIALS

To be posted at: http://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2017/jan-bsb-monitoring-committee.

MEETING OBJECTIVES

The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet to review updated black sea bass stock information and consider the Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The Monitoring Committee will recommend commercial and recreational Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) and Annual Catch Targets (ACTs) for black sea bass for 2017-2019. The Monitoring Committee will also recommend federal or coastwide black sea bass recreational management measures (possession limits, size limits, and seasons) for 2017.

AGENDA

Please note: <u>times are approximate</u> and may change based on pace of discussion. Public comment will be allowed during the meeting at designated times, at the discretion of Council and Commission staff.

10:00 a.m. Black Sea Bass 2017-2019 ACLs and ACTs

Review stock status, staff recommendations, and SSC recommendations. Recommend annual ACLs, ACTs, and resulting commercial quotas and recreational harvest limits for 2017-2019.

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures

Review recent recreational data for black sea bass, and recommend recreational measures for 2017 that would achieve the Monitoring Committee-recommended recreational harvest limit (RHL).

5:00 p.m. Adjourn