



DECEMBER 2018 MEETING AGENDA

December 10-13, 2018

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Monday, December 10th

- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **Executive Committee Meeting (CLOSED) (Tab 1)**
- Ricks E Savage Award
- 1:30 p.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.** **Council Photo**
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Risk Policy Framework (Tab 2)**
- Final results of Summer Flounder Economic Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)
Doug Lipton - NMFS
- Discuss next steps
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Workshop Report (Tab 3)**
- Report on Law Enforcement/For-Hire Workshop (November 13-14, 2018)
- Review workshop summary and develop recommendations on further actions

Tuesday, December 11th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Discussion of Potential 2019 Mid-Year Revisions for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (Tab 4)**
- Discuss timeline for revising 2019 summer flounder specifications
- Discuss potential for mid-year revisions to 2019 black sea bass and scup specifications, including timing of 2019 operational assessment

- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Black Sea Bass 2019 Recreational Specifications (Tab 5)**
- Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Adopt recommendations for 2019 federal waters recreational management measures
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Scup 2019 Recreational Specifications (Tab 6)**
- Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Adopt recommendations for 2019 federal waters recreational management measures
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder 2019 Recreational Specifications (Tab 7)**
- Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee recommendations and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Discuss timeline for developing 2019 recreational measures in early 2019 based on benchmark assessment results
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Framework and Addendum XXXI on Conservation Equivalency, Block Island Sound Transit, and Slot Limits (Tab 8)**
- Take final action
- End of Joint Meeting for the Day**
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **Board-Only Meeting on Addendum XXXII for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Management**
- Take final action

Wednesday, December 12th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Summer Flounder Commercial Issues and Goals and Objectives Amendment (Tab 9)**
- Take final action
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Revised Stock Assessment Process (Tab 10)**
NEFSC
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m.** **Presentation on Summer Flounder F-Based Management MSE (Tab 11)**
- Review preliminary results of MSE to explore F-based recreational management
G. Fay and J. McNamee

- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Black Sea Bass Amendment and Review of Progress on Commission’s Strategic Plan for Black Sea Bass (Tab 12)**
- Discuss initiation of an amendment including identification of issues to consider
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Research Steering Committee Report (Tab 13)**
- Report on Research Steering Committee Webinar (November 27, 2018)
 - Discuss recommendations from the meeting
- 5:00 p.m.** **End of Joint Meeting**

Thursday, December 13th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Report (Tab 14)**
Michael Asaro - NMFS
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **2019 Implementation Plan (Tab 15)**
- Review and approve 2019 Implementation Plan
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports**
- Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
 - Executive Committee
- Executive Director's Report (Tab 16)**
Chris Moore
- Organization Reports (Tab 17)**
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - US Coast Guard
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Liaison Reports (Tab 18)**
- New England Council
 - South Atlantic Council
- Continuing and New Business**

**October 2018 Council Motions
Cape May, NJ**

Spiny Dogfish

Move to recommend the ABCs and other specifications associated with the staff/SSC/Monitoring Committee recommendations.

Michels for Committee

Motion carries without opposition

Table 1. SDMC-Recommended Specifications

Specifications	Basis	2019 (pounds)	2019 (mt)	2020 (pounds)	2020 (mt)	2021 (pounds)	2021 (mt)
OFL (from SSC)	Projected Catch at Fmsy	0	0	na	na	na	na
ABC (from SSC)	Council Risk Policy	28,470,497	12,914	31,142,499	14,126	35,368,761	16,043
Canadian Landings	= 2017 estimate	108,027	49	108,027	49	108,027	49
Domestic ABC	= ABC – Canadian Landings	28,362,470	12,865	31,034,473	14,077	35,260,734	15,994
ACL	= Domestic ABC	28,362,470	12,865	31,034,473	14,077	35,260,734	15,994
Mgmt Uncert Buffer	Ave pct overage since 2011	0	0	0	0	0	0
ACT	= ACL - mgmt uncert buffer	28,362,470	12,865	31,034,473	14,077	35,260,734	15,994
U.S. Discards	=3 year average 15-16-17	7,661,064	3,475	7,661,064	3,475	7,661,064	3,475
TAL	ACT – Discards	20,701,406	9,390	23,373,409	10,602	27,599,671	12,519
U.S. Rec Landings	= 2017 estimate	178,574	81	178,574	81	178,574	81
Comm Quota	TAL – Rec Landings	20,522,832	9,309	23,194,835	10,521	27,421,096	12,438

Move that an action be considered as soon as possible regarding trip limits that includes removing the federal trip limit (no changes to the federal trip limit of 6,000 pounds would be made via this specification action).

Michels for Committee

Motion to split the question:

deFur/Mann

1st: Move that an action be considered as soon as possible regarding trip limits that includes removing the federal trip limit, adding this action into the possible additions for 2019 Priorities for further consideration in December 2018.

16/0/0

Motion carries

2nd: Move to not change the current trip limit in the 2019-2021 specifications action.

17/0/0

Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to the NMFS Science Center that a proactive approach for the planned spiny dogfish assessment be taken, similar to the butterfish/mackerel assessments.

Michels for Committee

Passes with no opposition and one abstention

Illex

Move that for 2019-2020 *Illex* specifications, they be set at 26,000 MT for the ABC and use the current other specifications measures as per the staff recommendations.

Nolan/ DiLernia

Motion carries without objection

Illex Scoping

Move to approve the scoping document forward with the addition of Montauk as a scoping hearing location.

Nolan/deFur

Motion carries without objection

Chub Mackerel Amendment

Move to remove all frameworkable items from the document.

Nolan/Mann 17/0/1 motion carries

Move to add an alternative for a control date to the public hearing document.

DiLernia/Hughes

Motion withdrawn

Move to approve the chub mackerel amendment public hearing document as modified today.

deFur/Heins

Motion passes by consent

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