



## OCTOBER 2019 MEETING AGENDA

October 7-10, 2019

Durham Convention Center

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### Monday, October 7th

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9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.	<b>Executive Committee (CLOSED SESSION)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Review and approve changes to SOPP</li></ul>
9:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Executive Committee</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Review Progress on 2019 Implementation Plan</li><li>– Develop recommendations for 2020 priorities</li></ul>
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>Council Convenes</b>
1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.	<b>Monkfish Specifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Summary of Operational Assessment</li><li>– Review SSC, Plan Development Team, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations and adopt specifications for 2020-2022</li></ul>
1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	<b>Spiny Dogfish Specifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Review, SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2020 specifications</li><li>– Recommend any changes if necessary</li></ul>
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	<b><i>Illex</i> Permitting and MSB Goals and Objectives Amendment</b> Review Committee recommendations and provide direction to staff on Amendment development
3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.	<b><i>Illex</i> In-Year Quota Adjustment Working Group</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Review Working Group Terms of Reference</li></ul>
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	<b>2020 - 2024 Comprehensive Research Priorities</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Review and provide feedback on draft research priorities</li></ul>
5:00 p.m.	<b>Council Adjourns</b>

## Tuesday, October 8th

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- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Summary of Operational Assessments for Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish**  
*NEFSC Staff*
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Bluefish Specifications**
- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2020-2021 specifications
  - Adopt revised specifications for 2020 and new specifications for 2021
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Bluefish Allocation Amendment**
- Discuss current status of the Bluefish Allocation Amendment
  - Review the updated action plan
- 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 12:30 p.m. – 12:35 p.m.** **ASMFC Bluefish FMP Review (BOARD ONLY)**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Scup Commercial Discards Report**
- Review commercial scup discards through 2018
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Scup Specifications**
- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2020-2021 specifications
  - Adopt revised specifications for 2020 and new specifications for 2021
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Specifications**
- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2020 specifications
  - Review previously implemented 2020 specifications and recommend changes if necessary
- 5:00 p.m.** **Council Adjourns**
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.** **ASMFC Summer Flounder and Scup FMP Reviews (BOARD ONLY)**

## Wednesday, October 9th

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- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards**

<b>9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Black Sea Bass Specifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2020-2021 specifications</li> <li>- Adopt revised specifications for 2020 and new specifications for 2021</li> </ul>
<b>10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocations</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss implications of revised MRIP data for sector allocations defined in FMP's</li> <li>- Consider initiating an amendment to address commercial and recreational allocations for all three species</li> </ul>
<b>12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.</b>	<b>ASMFC Black Sea Bass FMP Review (BOARD ONLY)</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Potential Black Sea Bass Commercial Amendment</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on ASMFC discussions regarding state-by-state commercial quota allocations</li> <li>- Consider initiating an amendment to address black sea bass commercial state-by state allocations</li> </ul>
<b>2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Recreational Reform Initiative</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Progress update on recreational management reform initiative focused on black sea bass, summer flounder, scup, and bluefish</li> </ul>
<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>ASMFC Board Adjourns / Council Convenes</b>
<b>3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>2020 - 2024 Strategic Plan</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review draft 2020-2024 Strategic Plan</li> </ul>
<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Council Adjourns</b>

**Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>**

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<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Council Convenes</b>
<b>9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Business Session</b>  <b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SSC</li> <li>- Executive Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and approve SOPP recommendations</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<b>Executive Director's Report</b> <i>Chris Moore</i>

## **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**

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

## **Continuing and New Business**

### **August 2019 Motions**

#### **The Notary Hotel - Philadelphia, PA**

#### **Strategic Plan Framework**

Move to accept the vision statement, mission statement, and goals, with the staff recommendations as modified today, except under the Communication Goal, select Alternative 3.3 and replace "promotes" with "fosters."

Nowalsky / Cimino (18/1/0)

Motion carries

#### **River Herring & Shad Update and Cap Review**

Move that the Council set the (2020 RH/S) cap at 129 MT with no trigger.

Motion from Committee

Move to amend, to set the (2020 RH/s) cap at 129 MT with no trigger and initiate a river herring and shad framework action to allow the Council, to establish a long term strategy for biologically-relevant RH/S catch caps in the mackerel fishery.

Hughes/Pentony

Motion carries by consensus.

#### *Amended Motion*

Move that the Council set the (2020 RH/S) cap at 129 MT with no trigger and initiate a river herring and shad framework action to allow the Council, to establish a long-term strategy for biologically-relevant RH/S catch caps in the mackerel fishery.

Motion carries by consensus.

#### **Allocation Review Criteria for All FMPs**

Move that the Council support the staff recommendations regarding the MAFMC allocation review policy as modified today.

DiLernia/Elliott

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention

#### **Executive Director's Report**

Move to initiate a Monkfish Framework Adjustment 12 to the Monkfish FMP, which will include specifications for the 2020-2022 monkfish fishing years and any associated management measures that may be needed.

Hughes/Elliott

Motion carries by consent

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