

August 2020 Council motions
Webinar

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish

Move to adopt 2021-2022 mackerel specifications as described in Table 1 of the MSB Monitoring Committee Summary.

Nolan/Heins (19/0/0) Motion carries Committee of the Whole
Motion carries Council by consent.

Move to adopt 2021-2023 longfin squid specifications as described in Table 2 of the MSB Monitoring Committee Summary.

Nolan/Heins (20/0/0) Motion carries Committee of the Whole
Motion carries Council by consent.

Move to adopt 2021-2022 butterfish specifications as described in Table 3 (Option A) of the MSB Monitoring Committee Summary.

Nolan/DiLernia (20/0/0) Motion carries Committee of the Whole
Motion carries Council by consent.

River Herring/Shad

Move to maintain the current 129 MT RH/S Cap for 2021-2022.

deFur/Elliott (19/0/0) Motion carries Committee of the Whole.
Motion carries Council by consent.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2020

Bluefish

Move that the bluefish 2021 ABC=ACL=16.28 M lbs. Using MRIP discards from 2019 (5.17 M lbs.) and including no transfer to the commercial fishery, the RHL=8.34 M lbs. With commercial discards set to 0, the commercial quota=2.77 M lbs.

Board: Meserve/Fote (12/0/0/1)

Council: Clark/DiLernia (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Summer Flounder

Move that, based on the SSC and MC recommendations, the summer flounder 2021 recreational ACL=ACT=12.48 mil lb. and the commercial ACL=ACT=14.63 mil lb. The RHL=8.32 mil lb. and the commercial quota = 12.49 mil lb.

Board: Hasbrouck/Clark (Motion carries by consent)

Council: DiLernia/Cimino (Motion carries by consent)

Motion carries

Scup

Move that, based on the SSC, staff, and MC recommendations, the scup 2021 recreational ACL=ACT=7.66 mil lbs. and the commercial ACL=ACT=27.15 mil lbs. The RHL=6.07 mil lbs. and the commercial quota=20.50 mil lbs.

Board: Hasbrouck/Davis (Motion carries by consent with one abstention)

Council: Davidson/Wilke (Motion carries by consent)

Motion carries

Black Sea Bass

Move that, based on the SSC, staff, and MC recommendations, the black sea bass 2021 recreational ACL=ACT=7.93 mil lb. and the commercial ACL=ACT=9.52 mil lb. The RHL=6.34 mil lb. and the commercial quota=6.09 mil lb.

Board: Batsavage/Clark (10/1/0/0)

Council: Batsavage/Clark (17/3/0)

Motion carries

Move to update the values for initial expected February recreational harvest by state based on the Monitoring Committee recommendation presented today.

Board: Meserve/Miller (10/1/0/0)

Council: Davidson/deFur (14/4/0)

Motion carries

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 2020

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment

Move to remove recreational for-hire sector separation from further development in the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass commercial/recreational allocation amendment. Further development of for-hire sector separations should be considered under comprehensive recreational reform initiatives.

Council: Cimino/DiLernia (18/2/0)

Board: Cimino/Clark (9/1/0/1)

Motion carries

Move to postpone indefinitely further development of this amendment.

Council: Townsend/Gwin (4/15/0)

Board: Reid/Davis

Motion fails for lack of Council majority

Move to task the FMAT to analyze an option for increasing the commercial allocation by 5% in all six categories for comm./rec. allocation.

Council: Farnham/Hughes (1/19/0)

Board: Reid/Hasbrouck

Motion fails for lack of Council majority

Move to remove option 3b-2 from the range of alternatives.

Board: Meserve/Pentony (Motion carries by consent)

Council: Bolen/DiLernia (20/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to amend to add "and limit the alternative set to the scup fishery."

Board: McNamee/Maniscalco (5/4/1/1)

Council: Batsavage/DiLernia (8/12/0)

Motion fails for lack of Council majority

Move to approve the range of alternatives for inclusion in a public hearing document, as modified today, with the exception of the trigger approach as recommended by the FMAT.

Board: Davis/Clark (10/0/0/1)

Council: Clark/deFur (Motion carries by consent)

Motion carries

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog

Move that the Atlantic surfclam 2021-2026 specifications be set as given below in the table. These are consistent with the SSC recommendations for OFL/ABC, and staff recommendations for ACL, ACT=29,363 mt, and commercial quota=26,218 mt.

DeFur/Hughes

Motion carries by consent

Year	OFL	ABC	ACL	ACT	Commercial Quota
2021	51,361 mt	47,919 mt	47,919 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2022	48,202 mt	44,522 mt	44,522 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2023	45,959 mt	42,237 mt	42,237 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2024	44,629 mt	40,946 mt	40,946 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2025	44,048 mt	40,345 mt	40,345 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt
2026	43,886 mt	40,264 mt	40,264 mt	29,363 mt	26,218 mt

Move that the ocean quahog 2021-2026 specifications be set as given here. These are consistent with the SSC recommendations for OFL/ABC, and staff recommendations for ACL, ACT, and commercial quota.

Hughes/Gwin

Motion carries by consent

Year	OFL	ABC	ACL	ACT*	Commercial Quota*
2021	44,960 mt	44,031 mt	44,031 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt
2022	45,001 mt	44,072 mt	44,072 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt
2023	45,012 mt	44,082 mt	44,082 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt
2024	44,994 mt	44,065 mt	44,065 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt
2025	44,948 mt	44,020 mt	44,020 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt
2026	44,875 mt	43,948 mt	43,948 mt	25,924 mt	24,689 mt

* For combined Maine and non-Maine quahog fishery.

Move to request the Regional Administrator suspend the minimum size requirements for surfclam in 2021.

Hughes/deFur

Motion carries with 1 abstention by NMFS

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020

Executive Director's Report

Move to send a letter to GARFO and NEFSC advising that observer coverage be resumed at the time normal operations at the regional office and science center are also resumed.

DiLernia/Hughes

Move to substitute to send a letter to GARFO and NEFSC recommending, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, extending the waiver granted to vessels with Greater Atlantic Region fishing permits to carry human observers or at-sea monitors through December 31, 2020. Council staff should work with GARFO and NEFSC to begin analysis of the science and management impacts of this waiver extension.

Nowalsky/deFur (17/0/3)

Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion:

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(17/1/2)

Motion carries

Move to support sending a letter to NEFMC asking them to prioritize in 2021 an amendment to address leasing in the full-time limited access sea scallop fishery.

Hughes/Bolen (16/1/3)

Motion carries