



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

July 30, 2013

TO: Summer Flounder, Scup, and Back Sea Bass Advisory Panels
FROM: Kirby Rootes-Murdy, FMP Coordinator
RE: Upcoming Advisory Panel Meeting to Develop FPRs

The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels will be meeting on **Sept, 10, 2013** to develop Fisheries Performance Reports (FPRs) with the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels from the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (Council). FPRs will be developed for use by the SSC, Council, and Commission when developing quotas and specifications for the 2014 fishing year. The FPRs will provide input on factors that have influenced catch levels over time and could include the following topics: market issues, environment issues, management issues, management induced effort shifts, fishing behavior issues, or general fishing trends. Prior to creating the FPR the staff will present a fisheries information document that summarizes the assessment, basic biology, and catch, landings, and other fishery and market info to the AP (this document will be sent to the AP a week prior to the meeting). Listed below is the tentative agenda and questions (page 2) that will be posed to the group.

If you have any other questions, please contact me at (703) 842-0740 or krootes-murdy@asmfc.org.

AGENDA

September 10, 2013

Double Tree Hilton, BWI Airport
(410) 859-8400
890 Elkridge Landing Road
Linthicum, Maryland 21090

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| 1. Welcome and Introductions | 10:30-10:40a.m. |
| 2. Scup Fishery Performance Report Development | 10:40a.m.-12:00p.m. |
| 3. Lunch (on your own) | 12:00-1:00p.m. |
| 4. Summer Flounder Fishery Performance Report Development | 1:00-2:30p.m. |
| 5. Break | 2:30-2:45p.m. |
| 6. Black Sea Bass Fishery Performance Report Development | 2:45-4:00p.m. |
| 7. Adjourn | 4:00p.m. |

Fishery Performance Report Trigger Questions

1. Are you aware of market issues that influenced catches? For example: Fish prices, fuel prices, overall economy, etc.
2. Are you aware of environmental issues that influenced catches? For example: Weather, sea temperature, etc.
3. Are you aware of management issues that influenced catches? For example: management-induced effort shifts, management prohibiting directed fishing, etc.
4. What other issues/concerns does the AP want to highlight? For example: fishery conflicts, regulatory concerns, etc.
5. Are there any comments on the Council's list of research recommendations for fluke, scup, and black sea bass?