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## Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Workshop

June 2<sup>nd</sup> –5<sup>th</sup>, 2014

SEFSC Beaufort - General Auditorium  
101 Pivers Island Road,  
Beaufort, North Carolina

### DRAFT AGENDA

*The order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.*

**Please note: This workshop is open to the public, with the exception of discussions of confidential data, when the public will be asked to leave the room.**

#### GOALS:

- **Finalize treatment and vetting of all available data sources for inclusion in model(s).**
- **Review model development and preliminary model results.**
- **Formulate plan for finalizing assessment results in preparation for December Peer Review Workshop (SEDAR 40)**

#### **Monday, June 2, 2014 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

1. Call to order/introductions/meeting procedures (*Schueller*)
2. Review and approve agenda (*Schueller*)
3. Brief review data TORs and goals of the Assessment Workshop (*Schueller*)
4. Review regional index development results (*Schueller/Dean*)
  - a. Review methodology/approach
  - b. Review results - composite/regional indices
  - c. Finalize any outstanding data source inclusion/exclusion decisions
5. Tagging analysis update (*Smith*) 1:30 pm
6. Natural mortality (*Cieri*)
  - a. BERP – update on final, revised M matrix
  - b. Alternative/sensitivity approaches
7. Review report on sensitivity of AM fishery selectivity patterns to annual movement patterns (*O'Boyle*)
8. Briefing on recent research on menhaden otolith microchemistry and larval transport (*Miller*)
9. Public comment

#### **Tuesday, June 3, 2014 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

10. Review any modifications to analyses and/or model(s) discussed on previous day, if necessary
11. Review preliminary results from BAM model configurations
  - a. BAM: traditional, coastwide model
  - b. BAM: fleets-as-areas model (*Schueller*)
  - c. BAM: fleets-as-areas model with seasonal/spatial resolution (*Schueller*)
  - d. Review/approve configuration
  - e. Review and prioritize list of model configuration changes and desired sensitivities

12. Review preliminary results from BAM model configurations
  - a. Stock Synthesis: traditional, coastwide model (*Nesslage*)
  - b. Stock Synthesis: fleets-as-areas model (*Nesslage*)
13. Public comment

**Wednesday, June 4, 2014 8:30 am – 5:30 pm**

14. Review any modifications to analyses and/or model(s) discussed on previous day, if necessary
15. Discuss/review single-species reference point options
16. Public comment

**Thursday, June 5, 2014 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

1. Review any modifications to analyses and/or model(s) discussed on previous day, if necessary
2. Wrap up outstanding data review and decisions
3. Prioritize model configuration and sensitivity run list
4. Review assignments, report-writing tasks, and timeline
5. Public comment
6. Adjourn