



DECEMBER 2014 MEETING AGENDA

December 8-11, 2014

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Mon., December 8th

1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Executive Committee [CLOSED SESSION]

Robins, Anderson, Batsavage, Bullard (Pentony), Elliott, King, Linhard, Luisi, McMurray, Nolan, O'Reilly, Pate [Moore]

- Ricks E Savage Award Nominations

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Executive Committee [OPEN SESSION] [Tab 1]

- Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
 - Forage Fish White Paper (review second draft)
 1. Consider potential action for protection of unmanaged forage species
 - Climate Change and Fisheries White Paper (review first draft)
- 2015 Implementation Plan
 - Discuss and approve

Tues., December 9th

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Ecosystem/Ocean Planning Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole [Tab 2]

- Habitat Project Update
- NEFMC Omnibus Habitat Amendment Public Hearing
- Develop Council comments on NEFMC Amendment

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m.

Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards

- 1:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Comprehensive Summer Flounder Amendment [Tab 3]**
- Review Summer Flounder Scoping comments
 - Approve issues to be addressed in the amendment

Wed., December 10th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Finalize Summer Flounder 2015 Recreational Management Measures [Tab 4]**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2015 management measures
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Finalize Scup 2015 Recreational Management Measures [Tab 5]**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2015 management measures
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.** **Finalize Black Sea Bass 2015 Management Measures [Tab 6]**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2015
 - Adopt recommendations for 2015 management measures
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Strategic Plan [Tab 7]**
Harry Mears - GARFO
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish [Tab 8]**
- Consider changes in possession limit
 - Consider changes to the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) requirements
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.** **Listening Session – Deep Sea Corals [Tab 9]**
Martha Nizinski - NOAA

Thurs., December 11th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Organization Reports [Tab 10]**
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports [Tab 11]

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report [Tab 12]

Chris Moore

Science Report [Tab 13]

Rich Seagraves

Committee Reports [Tab 14]

- Executive Committee
 - Approve 2015 Implementation Plan

Continuing and New Business

October 2014 motions

SC/OQ

Move that the document (Cost Recovery Amendment) be taken out to public hearings, with edits as discussed during meeting.

Nolan/Bullard 19/0/0

Motion carries

Move for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council to provide comments to the National Marine Fisheries Service on the proposed rule, Data Collection Program, requesting that under the proposed rule section, "Application To Transfer Surf Clam/Ocean Quahog ITQ", the NMFS eliminate the proposed requirements for providing total price paid for the transfer, including any fees; broker fees paid, if applicable; whether the transfer is part of a long-term (more than 1 year) contract; if so, the duration of the contract and whether the price is fixed or flexible; and any other conditions of the transfer.

Kaelin/Nolan 11/4/2

Motion carries

Vessel Baseline Amendment

Move to adopt the Vessel Baseline Amendment for Secretarial review with Alternative 4 as the preferred alternative.

Anderson/Heins (Roll call vote 18/0/2/1 absent)

Motion carries

River Herring/Shad

Remove the "highest cost" prioritization alternative and continue with the Observer Omnibus Amendment development.

Moved by consent

Committee Reports

Monkfish

Move that the MAFMC support the recommendation of the Joint Monkfish Committee to initiate Framework Adjustment 9 to the Monkfish FMP, including consideration of a measure to allow gillnets < 10" mesh while fishing on a monkfish Days-At-Sea in order to target spiny dogfish and/or other species.

Nolan/Hemilright (15/0/0)

Motion carries

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