



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2014

To: Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels
From: Kirby Rootes-Murdy, FMP Coordinator
RE: Upcoming Advisory Panel Meeting to Develop Fishery Performance Reports

The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panels (AP) will be meeting on July 1, 2014 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. Due to this year being an interim year of multi-year specifications, 2015 catch limits and commercial measures have already been implemented.

The AP will also be asked to provide input on the range of issues to be considered in a recently-initiated amendment to the Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. This amendment will relate to summer flounder management goals and strategies. At this stage, the Council is nearing the beginning of the scoping process, which involves a public comment period to gather input on what should be considered in this amendment. More information, including a draft scoping document and action plan, can be found at: <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/summer-flounder-amendment/>.

Listed below is the tentative agenda and questions (page 2) that will be posed to the group. If you have any questions, please contact me at (703) 842-0740 or by email at krootes-murdy@asmfc.org. Thank you, and let me know if you have any questions.

DRAFT AGENDA

July 1, 2014

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

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| 1. Welcome/Introductions | 10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m. |
| 2. Develop Scup Fishery Performance Report | 10:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. |
| 3. Develop Black Sea Bass Fishery Performance Report | 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. |
| 4. Lunch (on your own) | 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. |
| 5. Continue Black Sea Bass Fishery Performance Report (if needed) | 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. |
| 6. Develop Summer Flounder Fishery Performance Report | 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. |
| -Overview of Council amendment scoping document and process | |
| -Advisor input and recommendations on issues to be addressed in Council amendment | |
| 7. Adjourn | 5:00 p.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 wants 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?

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