

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
Spring Technical Committee Meeting Week
Tautog Technical Committee
Friday, March 27, 2015

The Hotel at Arundel Preserve
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Purpose of Meeting

Following up on the acceptance of the 2015 benchmark stock assessment and peer review for management use, the Tautog Technical Committee will meet to complete the task set by the Board and develop a whitepaper to guide the selection of a regional stock unit definition.

Draft Agenda

(Times subject to change)

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome
- 9:10 a.m. Review tasks (J. McNamee)
- (Completed!) Task set by the Board at the February 2015 meeting: provide a complete set of reference points estimated by consistent methods.
 - Develop a white paper providing guidance on selection of a regional stock unit definition.
- 9:20 a.m. Review management concerns on selection of regional definition (J. McNamee)
- 9:30 a.m. Review analysis of MRIP data on tautog fishing surrounding Long Island (G. Wojcik).
- 10:30 a.m. Develop a whitepaper to clearly explain the four regional unit options and justify the strengths and weaknesses of each (K. Drew).
- Review draft of whitepaper.
 - Include the complete set of stock status, overfishing status, and reference points.
 - Include MRIP Long Island Sound analysis and highlight data that supports regional definitions, as applicable
 - Address management concerns about splitting Long Island Sound: biology of the local population; fishing behaviors in CT, NY, and NJ waters; and management programs.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break
- 1:00 p.m. Continue development of whitepaper
- 2:50 p.m. Review next steps to finalize whitepaper for Spring Board Meeting (May 4-7) (K. Rootes-Murdy)
- 3:00 p.m. Other business/Adjourn