



# Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

## ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board & MAFMC

*Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries*

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Bass Management Board & MAFMC  
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**ASMFC SUMMER FLOUNDER, SCUP AND BLACK SEA BASS MANAGEMENT BOARD & MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL (APRIL 10, 2024)**

***Meeting Summary***

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board (Board) met jointly with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) to review draft alternatives for a joint framework action/addendum to modify two summer flounder commercial minimum mesh size exemptions. This action considers changes to the exempted area associated with the Small Mesh Exemption Program, as well as updates to the gear definition associated with the flynet exemption to the minimum mesh size requirements. The Council approved a modified range of alternatives, removing one alternative from the draft range for each issue in order to simplify the options under consideration. A revised document with additional analysis will be reviewed by the Board and Council via a webinar meeting in late spring/early summer 2024. As part of this meeting, the Board will approve a draft addendum for public comment, given that the Commission’s addendum process requires a minimum 30-day public comment period with optional public hearings. This public comment period will take place this summer, with final action expected in August 2024.

For more information, please contact Chelsea Tuohy, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at [ctuohy@asmfc.org](mailto:ctuohy@asmfc.org).

***Motions***

**Move alternative 1B to “considered but rejected” in the document.**

Board: Motion made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Hasbrouck.

Motion carries (10 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention).

Council: Motion made by Mr. Farnham and seconded by Mr. Hughes.

Motion carries by consent.

**Move alternative 2C to “considered but rejected” in the document.**

Board: Motion made by Mr. Reid and seconded by Mr. Hasbrouck.

Motion carries by consent.

Council: Motion made by Mr. Luisi and seconded by Mr. Grist.

Motion carries by consent.

***Council-only motion:***

**I move to adopt the draft range of alternatives for the summer flounder mesh exemptions framework, as modified today.**

Motion made by Mr. Luisi and seconded by Mr. Farnham.

Motion carries by consent.