



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Sciaenids Management Board Meeting Summary

Sustainable and Cooperative Management of Atlantic Coastal Fisheries

Sciaenids Management Board
October 3, 2024

For more information, please
contact Toni Kerns, ISFMP,
Tina Berger, Communications or
the identified individual at
703.842.0740

Meeting Summaries, Press Releases and Motions

TABLE OF CONTENTS:

<i>Meeting Summary</i>	2
<i>Motions</i>	2

SCIAENIDS MANAGEMENT BOARD (OCTOBER 3, 2024)

Meeting Summary

The Sciaenids Management Board (Board) met via webinar to receive an overview of the Commission's Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool (Tool). The Board also had the opportunity to ask questions and discuss considerations related to their role in the application of the Tool.

The Tool uses information on stock status, model uncertainty, management uncertainty, ecosystem considerations, and socioeconomic factors to recommend the probability of success that management actions should strive to achieve. The Risk and Uncertainty Work Group, comprised of a subset of Policy Board and Assessment Science Committee (ASC) members, developed the Tool in collaboration with the Committee on Economics and Social Sciences and the ASC.

After development of the tool, a test run was conducted on striped bass in collaboration with members of the Striped Bass Technical Committee (TC). This example, and the subsequent run that followed for tautog in collaboration with the Tautog TC, was intended to be illustrative and did not follow the full risk and uncertainty process. The striped bass test case did not incorporate Commissioner input on the weightings, and the tautog run did not complete the process due to lack of anticipated management action. As a result, the red drum run of the Tool will be the first full run of this process meant to produce a goal probability of achieving management objectives in light of anticipated management action.

Initially, the Board will provide guidance on how to weight these different factors within the Tool in a survey that will be sent out after the meeting. The recommended probability of success that management measures should achieve for red drum will be determined by the results of the Red Drum Benchmark Stock Assessment, the technical and socioeconomic inputs, and the Board's final decisions on weightings, all of which will be presented and discussed at the Commission's 2024 Annual Meeting.

For more information, please contact Tracey Bauer, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at Tbauer@asmfc.org or 703.842.0723.

Motions

No motions made.