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MEMORANDUM

January 8, 2025

Tautog Technical Committee (TC) and Stock Assessment Subcommittee (SAS) Meeting Summary

Attendees: Craig Weedon (MD, Chair), Coly Ares (RI), Sandra Dumais (NY), Dave Ellis (CT), Shakira Goffe (VA), Elise Koob (MA), and Alexei Sharov (MD, SAS)

Staff: Katie Drew, James Boyle, and Skye Thomas

The Commission's Tautog Technical Committee (TC) met via conference call on Wednesday, January 8th to review the timeline, state and regional data needs, and SAS membership for the 2025 stock assessment update.

Call Summary and Recommendations:

Review Stock Assessment Update Schedule

The TC reviewed the previous assessment results and regional structure before discussing the data sources, requirements, and timeline for the 2025 assessment update, which will have a terminal year of 2024 (Table 1). The TC also discussed the potential impacts of the impending MRIP new time-series estimates, which are scheduled for 2026, and whether to recommend delaying the assessment until new MRIP values can be incorporated. **The TC is supportive of maintaining the current timeline to present to the Board in 2025.**

Table 1.

Milestone	Date
✓ TC planning call	January 8, 2025
2021-2023 Data Submitted	March 1, 2025
SAS call to review data submission, assign tasks	Mid-March 2025
2024 data submitted	May 12, 2025
ASAP runs with final data completed	July 14, 2025
Rough draft of assessment report to SAS	August 4, 2025
SAS call to review/approve draft assessment report	Week of August 18, 2025
Draft assessment report distributed to TC	September 7, 2025
TC call to review/approve draft assessment report	Week of September 15, 2025

Final assessment report to Board materials	October 13, 2025
Assessment update presented to Board	Week of October 27, 2025

Review SAS membership

Alexei Sharov and Coly Ares previously served on the SAS and volunteered to be the region leads for Delmarva and MARI, respectively, and Elise Koob volunteered to assist on the MARI region. Staff will identify additional modeling leaders for the LIS and NJ-NYB region and submit SAS nominations to the Board for approval.