

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board

March 5, 2026
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Webinar

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Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

1. Welcome/Call to Order (*J. Maniscalco*) 1:00 p.m.
2. Board Consent 1:00 p.m.
 - Approval of Agenda
3. Public Comment 1:05 p.m.
4. Consider Final Approval of Proposed Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures for the 2026-2027 Fishing Years **Final Action** 1:15 p.m.
 - Review Proposed Regional Measures (*T. Bauer*)
 - Consider Final Approval of Proposed Regional Measures
5. Other Business/Adjourn 2:30 p.m.

MEETING OVERVIEW

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board
March 5, 2026
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Chair: John Maniscalco (NY) Assumed Chairmanship: 12/25	Technical Committee Chair: Rachel Sysak (NY)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Snellbaker (MD)
Vice Chair: Vacant	Advisory Panel Chair: Vacant	Previous Board Meeting: February 4, 2026
Voting Members: NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, PRFC, VA, NC, NMFS, USFWS (13 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance the Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Consider Final Approval of Proposed Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures for the 2026-2027 Fishing Years (1:15-2:30 p.m.) Final Action

Background

- In December 2025, the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board (Board) and the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) jointly approved status quo recreational measures for summer flounder and scup for 2026-2027, as well as a 20% liberalization from status quo recreational harvest for black sea bass. In the event black sea bass recreational measures are to be liberalized, Addendum XXXII to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan directs the Board to determine how the coastwide harvest liberalization will be distributed among the three regions for black sea bass (Massachusetts through New York, New Jersey, and Delaware through North Carolina).
- In February 2026, the Board approved the distribution of the 20% coastwide liberalization as follows: southern region will be allowed a 16.5% liberalization; the northern region shall not exceed a 27% liberalization; and New Jersey will receive the remaining liberalization from the northern and southern regions.
- Following the February meeting, states used the Recreation Demand Model (RDM) to identify sets of measures that meet but do not exceed the allowed coastwide liberalization. Regions submitted their proposed recreational measure options on February 26, 2026 (**Supplemental Materials**).

Presentations

- Proposed Regional Measures by T. Bauer

Board Actions for Consideration

- Consider Final Approval of Proposed Regional Measures

5. Other Business/Adjourn