Tuesday, February 8

1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee with Advisors (Tab 1)

Berg, King, Anderson, deFur, Gilmore, Himchak, Linhard, McMurray, Pate, Shafer, Wheatly, Zeman, O'Shea, NE Reps: Pierce, Tooley

- Review FMAT/Staff work to date on Amendment 14
  - Provide feedback to FMAT/Staff for continued development of alternatives
- Consider fall 2010 NEFSC butterfish trawl data

Wednesday, February 9

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Surfclam/Ocean Quahog/Tilefish Committee (Tab 2)

Anderson, Himchak, Berg, Gilmore, King, Schafer, [Hoff]

- Review development of Amendment 15
- Discuss PSP monitoring for opening Georges Bank

9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Ecosystem/Ocean Planning Committee (Tab 3)

Kray, McMurray, Augustine, Berg, deFur, Luisi, Miko, Munden, O'Shea, Pate, Saunders, Schafer, Travelstead, Zeman [Hoff]

- Review recommendations from December Habitat-Ecosystem Workshop
- Develop recommendations for project priorities

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Research Set-Aside Committee (Tab 4)

Pate, deFur, Cole, Gilmore, Himchak, King, Kray, Linhard, Miko, O'Shea, Zeman [Seagraves]

- Discuss RSA program review

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch

1:00 p.m.  Council convenes

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Lessons Learned from the Transition to Sectors - Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Tab 5)

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  Shad/River Herring Committee meeting as a Committee of the Whole (Tab 6)

Zeman, Augustine, deFur, King, Kray, Kurkul, McMurray, Miko, O'Shea, Schafer [Didden]

- Review progress to date and provide direction to Committee/Staff as necessary
3:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  51st Stock Assessment Review (Tab 7)
  • Receive report on Loligo and Hakes

4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  Framework Adjustment 7 to Monkfish FMP (Tab 8)
  • Approve final action on Framework 7 to the Monkfish FMP which includes revised biomass reference points and a Northern Management Area Annual Catch Target (ACT), as well as days-at-sea and trip limits for the 2011-2013 fishing years

4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Monkfish Scoping Meeting (Tab 9)
  • Scoping Hearing for Amendment 6 regarding catch shares

Thursday, February 10

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Executive Committee (Tab 10)
  Robins, Anderson, Augustine, Berg, Kray, Kurkul, McMurray, Munden, Pate, Travelstead [Moore]
  • AP Fishery performance report development update
  • MREP update
  • Visioning update
  • Communications update
  • Ricks E Savage Award selection

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Business Session
  • Approval of December 2010 minutes
  • Actions from December 2010 meeting

Summer Flounder Recreational Management Measures for 2011
Move conservation equivalency for 2011 summer flounder fishery with a non-preferred coastwide measure consisting of an 18.5 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011. In addition, the precautionary default measure consisting of a 20.0 inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1 through September 30, 2011.
Council: Munden/deFar (14/4/1)
Board: Munden/Augustine (8/0/1/1) passed by show of hands
Motion carries

Scup recreational Management Measures
Move NOAA and the MRFSS program provide a wave data report that explains the assumptions, extrapolations, and methodologies regarding the final catch data.
Zeman/no second
Motion fails
Move that states MA through NJ adopt a 9” minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit, and a 30 day bonus season with 30 fish bag limit for all anglers with no closed season. For all other states an 8” minimum TL, 10 fish possession limit with no closed season.
Board: Simpson/Augustine
Council: Augustine/Zeman
Motion

Substitute motion to reconsider 2011 Scup TAL.
Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)
Council: Pate/Munden (18/0/1)
Motion carries

Substitute becomes main motion.
Board: 9/0/1
Council: 18/0/1
Motion carries
Move to increase 2011 TAL to a level associated with a 5.74 million pound recreational harvest limit, and maintain status quo recreational management measures in federal and state waters.
Council: Pate/Anderson (17/0/1)
Board: Augustine/Munden (9/0/1/0)
Motion carries

**Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures for 2011**

Move to recommend status quo for the 2011 recreational black sea bass fishery in the waters of the EEZ and to direct ASMFC staff to initiate an addendum to the Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Fishery Management Plan that will address the regional imbalance in the recreational black sea bass fishery and will provide regional and/or state specific allocation scenarios that include season, size limits, and possession limits by area for 2011.
Board: Luisi/Augustine
Council: Luisi/Augustine

Move to table above motion.
C King/Anderson (18/0)
B Augustine/Munden 10/0/0
Motion carries

Move to recommend status quo for the 2011 recreational black sea bass fishery in the waters of the EEZ. Direct ASMFC staff to initiate an addendum to the Summer Flounder, Black Sea Bass, and Scup Fishery Management Plan that will address the regional imbalance in the recreational black sea bass fishery and will provide regional and/or state specific allocation scenarios that include season, size limits, and possession limits by area for 2011.
Augustine
No second
Motion fails

Move to adopt a 13” minimum fish size, 25 fish possession limit, open season from 7/1 to 10/1 and 11/1 - 12/31.
Council: Augustine/Kray
Board: Augustine/Cole

Substitute above motion to adopt a 13” minimum fish size, 10 fish possession limit, and an open season of 5/30 - 9/5 and 11/1 - 12/31.
Board: Pierce/Luisi (5/13/1)
Council: King/Schafer
Motion fails

Amend to adopt the following coastwide measures for black sea bass; 13” minimum fish size, 25 fish possession limit, open season from 7/1 to 10/1 and 11/1 - 12/31. These measures will remain in effect until such time that the ASMFC approves an addendum to the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass plan that evaluates and approves regional specifications for black sea bass that achieve the necessary reduction in fishing mortality for 2011, at which time management measures in Federal waters will revert to status quo.
Board: Augustine/Luisi (5/4/0/1)
Council: Pate/Kray (16/1/1)
Motion carries

Amended motion becomes main motion.
Council: 17/2/1
Board: motion carries by show of hands.
Motion carries

**Executive**

Move to adopt revised travel and compensation section of the SOPPSs.
Robins for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move to amend the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass plan to allow for spatial or regional management of the black sea bass recreational fishery.
Robins for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Agreed by Consent:

Agreed by consent to move forward with a Statement of Work to initiate a roadmap process regarding strategic planning and visioning.

Agreed by consent that scup allocation becomes a priority in 2011 with a January 31, 2011 deadline for Statement of Work. We will look for a contractor to facilitate this process for a bio-economic analysis for recreational/commercial allocation and move fish from the winter period to the summer period to improve the economic performance of the fishery.

Agreed by consent that the MAEMC should have a well-developed communication program that is strategic and integrated with the communication programs of the other Councils, NOAA Fisheries, ASMFC, and our member states. We will initiate action to recruit a dedicated Communications Specialist to manage the program. As we search for the right person to manage the program, we can begin working with contractors to develop a strategic communications plan and begin several projects to enhance our image and communication activities. An update will be provided to the Executive Committee at the February 2011 meeting.

**Dogfish Motions**

Move that the Research Set-Aside (RSA) provision be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move that the Commercial allocation alternatives consisting of options for:
A. Seasonal Quota Allocation (Status Quo)
B. Regional Quota Allocations
be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries
Move that specifying the spiny dogfish quota and/or trip limits by sex not be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move that the limited access spiny dogfish permit be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move that the recreational spiny dogfish fishery not be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move that essential fish habitat designations be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

Move that the rollover of annual management measures be included in Amendment 3.
Munden for Committee - no objection
Motion carries

**Business Session**
Move to approve June 2010 and October 2010 minutes
Moved with no objection

**Organizational Reports**
- NMFS NERO Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

**Liaison Report (Tab 11)**

**Executive Director's Report - Dr. Moore (Tab 12)**

**Status of MAFMC FMPs - Mr. Seagraves (Tab 13)**

**Committee Reports (Tab 14)**
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee
- Surfclam/Ocean Quahog/Tiliefish Committee
- Ecosystem Committee
- SSC Committee
- Research Set-Aside Committee (RSA)
- Shad/River Herring Committee
- Executive Committee
- HMS

**Continuing and New Business (Tab 15)**
- MRIP Update
- SSC nomination
- NEFSC SBRM Report

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