Tuesday, August 13

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Research Set-Aside Committee (Tab 1)
(Pate, Gilmore, Batsavage, Beal, Deem, DiLernia, Himchak, Michels, Nolan, Young, Zeman [Seagraves/Collins]
- Develop research recommendations for 2015
- Discuss Council policy for future RSA research prioritization and RFP development

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee with Advisors (Tab 2)
(Elliott, McMurray, Anderson, Beal, Deem, DiLernia, Linhard, Luisi, Nolan, O'Reilly, Saunders, Young, Zeman [Dancy]
- Review and approve Deep Sea Coral alternatives for Public Hearing

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  Listening Session - Dr. Jeremy Firestone, University of Delaware (Tab 3)
- Mid-Atlantic ocean wind power and fisheries

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m.  Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.  Swearing in of New / Reappointed Council Members and Election of Council Officers

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.  Strategic Plan (Tab 4)
- Review public comments and approve
- Discuss development of an implementation plan

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  Deep Sea Coral Amendment (Tab 2)
- Review Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee actions
- Approval of alternatives for public hearings

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  Omnibus Baseline Amendment (Tab 5)
- Update on NMFS actions on NE vessel replacement restrictions

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Surfclam and Ocean Quahog (Tab 6)
- Discuss possible approaches to update Biological Reference Point's and Optimum Yield range

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.  Butterfish Research (Tab 7)
- Results of butterfish and longfin squid bio-economic research from recent Duke and University of Delaware graduate students

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  SAFMC Public Hearing - Generic Dealer Amendment, Amendment 5 to Dolphin/Wahoo, Amendment 19 and 20 Joint Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP), Framework to CMP (Tab 8)
Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Business Session

- Approve June 2013 minutes

**Omnibus Recreational Amendment**

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 1A as the preferred alternative.
Himchak/DiLernia (17/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 2A (no action, status quo) as the preferred alternative.
Himchak/Pate

Move to substitute that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 2C as the preferred alternative.
O’Reilly/DiLernia (14/3/1)
Motion carries

Substitute motion becomes main motion; Move to recommend to NMFS alternative 2C as the preferred alternative.
(15/2/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 3C modified to apply a phased in three-year average of the time series of lower confidence limits for the point estimates (LCL defined as point estimate minus one standard error) as a preferred alternative
DiLernia/Linhard (17/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 4C as the preferred alternative with a payback provision added to the center cell (when ABC is exceeded and B/Bmsy<1).
Linhard/DiLernia (15/1/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 5D as the preferred alternative (payback scaled to B/Bmsy).
Batsavage/DiLernia (16/1/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council recommend to NMFS alternative 6A No Action / No ACL/ACT Post hoc Evaluation as the preferred alternative.
O’Reilly/Anderson (17/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council submit the suite of management measures to the Secretary for implementation.
DiLernia/Linhard (17/0/1) Roll-call vote
Motion carries

**Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish**

Move to request that the Council take action via a letter to NMFS to establish a new control date for Illex squid.
King for Committee
Moved by consent

Move that the Council establish greater than 20,000 pounds to ID a directed mackerel fishing trip and 20,000 pounds as a post-cap closure trip limit.
King for Committee
Approved by consent

Move that the Council send a letter to NMFS that RH/S estimation methodology be included in the upcoming review of bycatch methodology.
Tooley/King
Moved by consent

Move the Council for the 2014 specifications set the RH/S catch cap for mackerel fishery be 456 MT.
King for Committee

Substitute motion: Move that the Council, for the 2014 specifications, set the RH/S catch cap for mackerel fishery as 119 MT based on median catch based on similar methods for butterfish and other caps (per column G).
McMurray/Anderson (3/15/2)
Motion fails

Substitute motion: Move that the Council, for the 2014 specifications, set the RH/S catch cap for mackerel fishery as 236 MT.
Anderson/Pate (12/7)
Motion carries

Substitute motion is now main motion.
(13/6)
Motion carries
Move that the Council set the 2014 Butterfish specs at OFL = 18,200, ABC = 9,100 mt, ACT = 8,190 mt, DAH = 3,200 mt, cap = 3,884 mt. Implied other disc = 1,106 mt.

King/Berg (18/0/1)
Motion carries

Move to change the phase 3 trip limit from 500 to 600 lbs.
King/Berg (18/0/1)
Motion carries

Move to set a 15,000 pounds longfin squid trip limit for Illex moratorium vessels that also have longfin moratorium permits if they are fishing seaward of the Illex mesh exemption line and have more than 10,000 pounds of Illex. These vessels would have to stow gear inside mesh line if they have more than 2,500 pounds of longfin squid, effective during longfin closures in T2.

King/Berg (18/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the closure be based on 95% projection of catch. [river herring cap]

Tooley/King
Approved by consent

Move to submit specifications package to NMFS for approval.

King/Linhard (17/0/1)
Motion carries

**Surfclam / Ocean Quahog**

Move that the Council set the ACL=ABC for 2014-2016, and the commercial quota for surfclam be set as 3.4 million bushels (26,218 mt) for 2014, 2015, and 2016, which includes an ACT=29,364 mt (3.8 million bushels)

Anderson for Committee (16/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Regional Administrator suspend the minimum size (shell length) for surfclams for 2014.

Anderson for Committee (16/0/1)
Motion carries

Move the NMFS conduct an analysis of small clam areas prior to specifications every 3 years.

Anderson for Committee (16/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the ABC=ACL=TAC is 26,100 mt (5.7 million bushels) for 2014-2016. The Maine ACT = 524 mt, Non-Maine ACT = 25,511 mt. The Maine quota = 499 mt (100,000 ME bushels) and the Non-Maine quota = 24,296 mt (5.3 million bushels).

Anderson for Committee (17/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Council request the NRCC coordinate with the Science Center and conduct a benchmark assessment on ocean quahogs.

Anderson for Committee (17/0/1)
Motion carries

**Data Collection Motion [Data Collection Motion on Surfclam & Ocean Quahog Allocations Ownership]**

Move the Council approve the data collection protocol as prepared by the FMAT, with the understanding the NMFS will initiate a regulatory Amendment to implement a data collection protocol.

Anderson/McMurray (13/1/1)
Motion carries

**Business Session**

Move to approve December 2012 and February 2013 minutes.
Approved by consent

**Organizational Reports**

Move to include modified options for the Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Public Hearing Draft as presented at the June 2013 Council meeting.

Nolan/Anderson
Approved by consent

**Executive Director's Report**

Move to approve the final Deep Sea Corals Memorandum of Understanding between the MAFMC, NEFMC, and SAFMC.
Approved by consent

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**Organizational Reports (Tab 9)**

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
  - Presentation on Enforceability Precepts for Northeast Regional Fishery Management Councils
- ASMFC Executive Director
Liaison Reports (Tab 10)
- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report - Chris Moore (Tab 11)

Science Report - Rich Seagraves (Tab 12)

Committee Reports

Continuing and New Business (Tab 13)
- SSC Nominations

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