



Summer Flounder Amendment Update & Goals and Objectives Discussion



New York, NY

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Comprehensive Summer Flounder Amendment Purpose

- Perform a comprehensive review of all aspects of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP related to summer flounder
- Update FMP goals and objectives for summer flounder management
- Modify management strategies and measures as necessary to achieve those goals and objectives

Progress to Date

December
2013

- Amendment initiated

April 2014

- Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) formed

Sept./Oct.
2014

- Scoping hearings and comment period

December
2014

- Joint review of scoping comments
- ID issues to be addressed

April 2015

- Initial FMAT call

FMAT Call 4/16/15

Discussed:

- Implications of changes in MRIP estimation methodology
- Issue-specific working groups and relationship to Council, Board, and FMAT
- Commission summer intern work on amendment research

Next Steps

- Update action plan and timeline
- Second FMAT meeting
 - Develop recommendations on working group structure, membership, and relationship to Council/Board and FMAT
- Exploration of goals and objectives with Fisheries Forum

Planned Timeline

Fall 2015

- Fisheries Forum project: goals and objectives
- FMAT meetings; identify working groups & structure; draft goals and objectives developed

December
2015

- Joint goals and objectives workshop

2016

- FMAT/working groups develop range of alternatives with input from Council/Board, AP

Late 2016/
Early 2017

- Range of options refined and approved; analysis and DEIS development begins

Winter/
Spring 2017

- Selection of preferred alternatives; public hearings

Fall 2017

- Consideration of public comments; final action