# FEBRUARY 2016 MEETING AGENDA

**February 9-11, 2016**

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## Tuesday, February 9th

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<td>Executive Committee – CLOSED SESSION (Tab 1)</td>
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<td>- Review and discuss preliminary alternatives for long-term collaborative research</td>
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<td>Unmanaged Forage Fish (Tab 3)</td>
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<td>- Consider comments from the Fishery Management Action Team, Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel, and Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee meetings list of species, management alternatives, and other aspects of the amendment</td>
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<td>- Review and approve public hearing document</td>
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<td>NROC Party/Charter Electronic Reporting Project (Tab 4)</td>
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<td>For Hire Reporting Amendment – SAFMC</td>
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<td>Gregg Waugh</td>
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<td>Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (Tab 5)</td>
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<td>- Review Interactions White Paper</td>
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<td>- Discuss EAFM Guidance Document (First Draft)</td>
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<td>11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</td>
<td>Fisheries Dependent Data Project</td>
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<td>Jen Anderson – GARFO</td>
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<td>Ricks E Savage Award</td>
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12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.  Law Enforcement Report (Tab 6)
  - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
  - U.S. Coast Guard

2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  Scup Gear Restricted Areas – Framework Meeting 2 (Tab 7)
  - Review AP input
  - Review analysis of impacts
  - Select final alternative

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  Omnibus Industry Funded Monitoring Amendment (Tab 8)
  - Select preferred alternatives for standard cost responsibilities, framework provisions for IFM programs, service provider requirements, a prioritization process to allocate federal funding, and monitoring set-asides

Thursday, February 11th

9:00 a.m.  Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.  Marine Recreational Information Program (Tab 9)
  - Update on implementation activities

9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.  Naming the Deep Sea Coral Protection Areas (Tab 10)

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Business Session

  Organization Reports (Tab 11)
  - NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
  - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
    • Stock Assessment improvement strategies
  - NOAA Office of General Counsel
    • Financial disclosures and conflict of interest
  - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

  Liaison Reports (Tab 12)
  - New England Council
  - South Atlantic Council
  - Regional Planning Body

  Executive Director's Report (Tab 13)
  Chris Moore
  - Review and approve proposed changes to SOPPs

  Science Report (Tab 14)
  Rich Seagraves
  - Trawl Advisory Panel December meeting

Committee Reports
  - Collaborative Research Committee
Continuing and New Business

December 2015 motions

Monday, December 7, 2015

Comprehensive 5-year Research Priority Plan
Move to approve the Comprehensive 5-year Research Priority Plan.
Heins/deFur
Moved by consent

Non-Fishing Activities that Impact Fish Habitat
Motion to approve Non-Fishing Impact policies.
deFur/Linhard
Moved by consent

Golden Tilefish Framework – Meeting 2
In section 5.1, move alternative 5.1.2 (alternative 2), modification to the GTF catch and landings limits flow chart as the preferred alternative.
Council: Nolan/Linhard (17/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

In section 5.2, move alternative 5.2.2 (alternative 2), eliminate the IVR reporting requirement as the preferred alternative.
Council: Nolan/King (17/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

In section 5.3, move alternative 5.3.2 (alternative 2), prohibit vessels from fishing more than one allocation at a time as the preferred alternative.
Council: O’Reilly/Heins (17/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

In section 5.4, move alternative 5.4.2 (alternative 2), prohibit vessels from landings GTF with the “head –off” as the preferred alternative.
Council: Nolan/DiLernia (17/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

In section 5.5, move to add to section 5.5 the following alternative “that the council restricts the recreational golden tilefish fishery to a rod and reel fishery only (with a five hook limit).”
Council: DiLernia/Nolan (18/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

Move that there is no designated preferred alternative for section 5.6.
King/Elliott (18/0/0/1) - Recusal by Laurie Nolan
Motion carries

Blueline Tilefish Alternatives
Move that the Council select 2a as preferred (NC/VA line).
O’Reilly/Anderson (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to add to objectives:
5. Management would reflect blueline tilefish’s susceptibility of overfishing and the need of an analytical stock assessment.
O’Reilly/deFur (19/0/0)
Motion carries

Move that a 750 pound trip limit be added to the range of alternatives.
Hemilright/Batsavage (19/0/0)
Motion carries
Spiny Dogfish

Batsavage/Hemilright (20/0/0)
Motion carries

Tuesday, December 8, 2015

Unmanaged Forage Fish Amendment
Move to amend the Purpose and Need proposed by the FMAT to: “Use the Council’s discretionary authority to prohibit the expansion of existing or development of new directed fisheries on unmanaged forage species in the Mid-Atlantic until adequate scientific information is available to promote ecosystem sustainability.”

McMurray/Anderson

Move to table motion until Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee meeting.

Kaelin/DiLernia (15/3/0)
Motion carries

Scup GRA Framework – Meeting 1
Move to add to range of alternatives for scup GRAs the Hank Lackner proposal with modifications for the western boundaries of the discrete and broad coral zones where needed on the eastern boundary of the GRA.

Nolan/Kaelin (20/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to remove draft alternatives 4 and 5 from the document.

Heins/DiLernia (18/0/0)
Motion carries

Wednesday, December 9, 2015

Summer flounder, scup, black sea bass commercial measures review
Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for November-April from 500 to 1000 lb and to change May – Oct from 200 to 500 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin
Board: Heins/Baum

Move to divide above motion.

Board: Borden/Simpson (9/0/0/1)
Council: Linhard/DiLernia (17/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for November-April from 500 to 1000 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin (19/0/0)
Board: Heins/Baum (Motion carries with one abstention from PRFC)
Motion carries

Move to change the scup incidental possession limit for May – Oct from 200 to 500 lb.

Council: Nolan/Kaelin (6/13/1)
Board: Heins/Baum
Motion fails

Summer Flounder Recreational Measures
Move to approve the summer flounder portions of the ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment.

Board: Heins/Baum (11/0/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to manage summer flounder under Conservation Equivalency in 2016.

Council: Heins/Batsavage (19/0/1)
Board: Heins/Batsavage (10/0/0/0)
Motion carries

Move that the summer flounder non-preferred coastwide measure in 2016 consist of an 18-inch TL minimum fish size, 4 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30. In addition, the precautionary default would consist of a 20-inch TL minimum fish size, 2 fish possession limit, and an open season from May 1-September 30.

Council: Nowalsky/Kaelin (19/1/0)
Board: Nowalsky/Hasbrouck (11/0/0/0)
Motion carries
Move to approve the black sea bass portion of the ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment.
Board: Simpson/Grout (11/1/0/0)
Motion carries

Move to approve the full Draft ASMFC Addendum XXVII for public comment as modified today.
Board: Simpson/Hasbrouck
Motion carries by consent

Move that black sea bass federal measures in 2016 include a 12.5-inch TL minimum size, a 15 fish possession limit, and an open season May 15-September 21 and Oct 22-December 31, if the ad-hoc regional measures in the northern states address the required reduction. If the northern states’ adjustments do not address the required reduction in state waters, the coastwide measures would include a 14-inch TL minimum size, a 3 fish possession limit, and a season from July 15-September 15 on a coastwide basis.
Council: Heins/King (15/3/2)
Board: Borden/Grout (9/3/0/0)
Motion carries

Move that the Council and ASMFC move forward with an amendment to address accountability and issues highlighted today in the commercial black sea bass fishery as well as investigate the recreational issues brought forward today.
Council: O’Reilly/DiLernia (19/1/0)
Board: O’Reilly/Borden (9/1/0/0)
Motion carries

Scup Recreational Measures
Move that for 2016, federal recreational scup measures remain status quo, including a 9-inch TL minimum size, a 50 fish possession limit, and an open season of January 1-December 31.
Council: Heins/DiLernia (20/0/0)
Board: Heins/Nowalsky (7/0/0/1)
Motion carries

Move that the Commission continue the regional approach to management in state waters, with state measures to be finalized at the February 2016 Board meeting.
Board: Heins/O’Reilly (7/0/0/1)
Motion carries

Thursday, December 10, 2015

Implementation Plan
Move to adopt the 2016 Implementation Plan as amended.
deFur/Elliott (18/0/0)
Motion carries

Executive Director’s Report
Move to approve changes to SOPPs.
deFur/Anderson (17/0/0)

Committee Reports
I move to approve research priority list and publish an RFP.
King/deFur
Moved by consent

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