



## DECEMBER 2016 MEETING AGENDA

**December 12-15, 2016**

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### Monday, December 12th

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- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**      **Executive Committee Meeting (CLOSED) (Tab 1)**  
– Council awards and process  
– Discussion of MAFMC/NEFMC joint management issue
- 10:00 a.m.**      **Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Meeting as a Committee of the Whole**
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m.**      **Squid Amendment (Tab 2)**  
– Review Committee and Advisory Panel input  
– Adopt alternatives for public hearing document
- 11:30 a.m.**      **Council Convenes**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**      **Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force Report (Tab 3)**  
*Lee Anderson*
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**      **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**      **Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment – Final Action (Tab 4)**  
– Review public comments and select final preferred alternatives
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**      **Law Enforcement Report (Tab 5)**
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Consideration of NJ Request for SMZ Status (Tab 6)**  
– Final action
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**      **BOEM New York Energy Area Presentation**  
*Brian Hooker - BOEM*

### Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00 a.m.**      **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.**      **Council Photo**
- 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.**      **Monkfish Specifications (Tab 7)**  
– Review Committee recommendations and select final preferred alternatives
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**      **HMS Amendment (Tab 8)**  
*Guy DuBeck, NMFS*  
– Receive presentation on Dusky Shark Management Measures and consider developing Council comments

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	<b>Observer Safety Program Review (Tab 9)</b> <i>Jane Dicosimo, NMFS</i>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>National Standard 1 Guidelines (Tab 10)</b> <i>Deb Lambert, NMFS</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 p.m.	<b>Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards</b>
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Scup Commercial Quota Framework / Addendum (Tab 11)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review initial analysis and Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel comments</li> </ul>
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Summer Flounder Allocation Review Study (Tab 12)</b> <i>Rob Hicks</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and discuss commercial/recreational allocation model results and peer review summary</li> </ul>
5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	<b>Sex-Specific Summer Flounder Assessment Model Update (Tab 13)</b> <i>Pat Sullivan- Cornell University</i>

### Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup>

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9:00 a.m.	<b>Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards</b>
9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.	<b>Summer Flounder Amendment (Tab 14)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update progress</li> <li>- Discuss amendment timeline and action plan</li> </ul>
11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	<b>Effects of Ocean Acidification on Summer Flounder Reproduction and Productivity (Tab 15)</b> <i>Chris Chambers - NMFS</i>
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.	<b>Summer Flounder Recreational Specifications (Tab 16)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations</li> <li>- Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures</li> <li>- ASMFC Addendum for summer flounder (Board action)</li> </ul>
3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	<b>Scup Recreational Specifications (Tab 17)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations</li> <li>- Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures</li> </ul>
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	<b>Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications (Tab 18)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations</li> <li>- Discuss state-by-state recreational performance relative to regional targets</li> <li>- Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures</li> </ul>

### Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup>

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9:00 a.m.	<b>Council Convenes</b>
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	<b>2017 Implementation Plan (Tab 19)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review and adopt 2017 Implementation Plan</li> </ul>

**10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.**

## **Business Session**

### **Organization Reports (Tab 20)**

- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
- NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

### **Liaison Reports (Tab 21)**

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council
- Regional Planning Body

### **Executive Director's Report (Tab 22)**

*Chris Moore*

### **Science Report**

*Rich Seagraves*

### **Committee Reports**

### **Continuing and New Business**

#### **October 2016 Council Motions**

##### Blueline Tilefish FW

Move to have staff continue to work on the Framework for blueline tilefish recreational measures.

Nowalsky/deFur (18/1/1)

Motion carries

##### River Herring/Shad

Motion on Behalf of Committee:

Move to recommend that the Council not act to add RH/S as stocks in the MSB FMP and that it shall be the policy of the MAFMC to aggressively protect river herring and shad stocks by proactively using the tools provided in the recently approved EAFM Guidance Document and continuing to use the catch caps to provide strong incentives to harvesters such that they will change the "when where and how" they fish so as to reduce river herring and shad bycatch. (13/6/1)

Motion carries with the RA abstaining

Move to substitute:

Move that the Council initiate an amendment to add American Shad, Hickory Shad, Alewife and Blueback Herring as stocks in the mackerel, squid and butterfish fishery management plan.

Shiels/Michels (6/13/1)

Roll Call Vote

Motion fails

Move that the Council task the RH/S Committee, working with Council and NMFS staff to develop measurable criteria by which the Council will be better able to decide on management action once the ASMFC has completed the stock assessment update.

deFur/Bullard

Move to table

Elliott/King (10/1/0)

Motion carries

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