



OCTOBER 2017 MEETING AGENDA

October 10-12, 2017

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Tuesday, October 10th

- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Executive Committee Meeting (Tab 1)**
(Luisi, Elliott, deFur, Baum, Batsavage, Hemilright, Michels, Nolan, Nowalsky, O'Reilly, Winslow)
- Review 2017 and proposed 2018 implementation plans
 - Develop recommendations for 2018 priorities
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **Swearing In of New and Reappointed Council Members and Election of Officers (Tab 2)**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Goals and Objectives Workshop (Tab 3)**
- Review results from Fisheries Forum project
 - Review Fishery Management Action Team recommendations
 - Identify and approve revised goals and objectives for public hearing document
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Individual Transferable Quota Program Review (Tab 4)**
- Review and approve final report
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Regional Planning Body - Draft Vessel Monitoring System, Communities at Sea, and Ecologically Rich Areas Data Presentation (Tab 5)**
Nick Napoli - MARCO

Wednesday, October 11th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**

- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Lobster Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Framework – Meeting 2 (Tab 6)**
GARFO
- Final action on preferred alternatives
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Spiny Dogfish Specifications (Tab 7)**
- Review previously set specifications for 2018 and consider any modifications
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Risk Assessment (Tab 8)**
- Finalize and adopt EAFM Based Risk Assessment
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial Accountability Measure Framework – Meeting 1 (Tab 9)**
- Review background, issues, and draft alternatives
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery (Tab 10)**
- Consider a potential February 2018 opening of the recreational Wave 1 fishery
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Report**
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan (Tab 11)**
- Review plan for the development of the Strategic Plan

Thursday, October 12th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports (Tab 12)**
- Executive Director's Report (Tab 13)**
Chris Moore
- Science Report**
Rich Seagraves
- Organization Reports (Tab 14)**
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports (Tab 15)

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

Continuing and New Business

August 2017 Council Motions
Philadelphia, PA

Bluefish Specifications with Board

Move to approve the 2017 Fishery Management Plan Review for bluefish and state compliance, and de minimis status for South Carolina and Georgia for 2017 commercial fisheries.

Board motion: Grout/Hasbrouck

Motion carries unanimously

Scup Specifications with Board

Move to set 2018 and 2019 ACTs equal to the calculated 2019 ACTs using the standard approach described in the staff memo (ACL=ACT for 2019). This results in a 2018 and 2019 commercial ACT=28.42 mil lb and a 2018 and 2019 recreational ACT=8.01 mil lb.

Committee: Nowalsky/Hughes (19/0/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Gates

Motion carries unanimously

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Council: O'Reilly for the Committee (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Summer Flounder Amendment with Board

Move to accept staff recommendation for single tier requalification timeframes, and add third timeframe of August 1, 2009-July 31, 2014.

Council: O'Reilly for Committee (20/0/0)

Board: Reid/Batsavage (9/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to include analysis of requalification timeframe of August 1, 1994 through the control date of July 31, 2014.

Council: O'Reilly for Committee (19/1/0)

Board: Reid/Bush (9/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to analyze threshold criteria of 1 lb in any one year, in 20% of the years, in 40% of the years, and in 60% of the years in the applicable time series.

Council: O'Reilly for Committee (15/4/1)

Board: Reid/Meserve (9/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to ask staff to analyze threshold criteria of 1,000 pounds, cumulative over the various timeframes.

Council: DiLernia/Nolan (18/1/1)

Board: Gilmore/Clark (9/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to considered but rejected alternatives 1C and 1D in the document.

Council: O'Reilly for Committee (19/0/0)

Board: Bush/Meserve

Motion carries unanimously

Move to recommend that the Council remove landings flexibility as an option but include landings flexibility as a frameworkable option in the FMP, and send a letter to the states encouraging further development of landings flexibility policies and agreements at the state level including allowing multiple state possession limits with appropriate permits.

Council: O'Reilly for Committee (16/4/0)

Board: Batsavage/Reid (9/1/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to postpone indefinitely all further action on commercial allocation issues within this amendment.

O'Reilly for Committee (11/9/0)

Board: Reid/Fote (5/5/0/0)

Motion fails

Move to rescind the above motion.
Committee: DiLernia/Gilmore (10/10/0)
Board: Meserve/Gilmore
Motion fails

BSB Recreational Issues and Amendment Consideration

Move to recommend a Wave 1 fishery in 2018 with an opening on Saturdays and Sundays only with a minimum size of 12.5 inches and 15 fish possession limit and directly account for the respective Wave 1 catch at the December Council/Board meeting by taking projected catch off the top of the 2018 RHL when developing management measures in proportion to expected benefit for the rest of 2018.

Council: DiLernia/Gilmore (8/11/2)
Board: Gilmore/Clark
Motion fails

Move to substitute to open the entire Wave 1 fishery with a minimum size of 12.5 inches and a possession limit of 15 fish.
Council: Nowalsky/Hughes (6/13/2)
Board: Nowalsky/Reid
Motion fails

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