



FEBRUARY 2018 MEETING AGENDA

February 13-15, 2018

Hilton Garden Inn Raleigh/Crabtree Valley
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Tuesday, February 13th

1:00 p.m.

Council Convenes

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Risk Policy Framework and MSE

John Wiedenmann and Doug Lipton

- Council discussion on integration of more comprehensive social and economic analyses into MAFMC MSE model developed to evaluate Council risk policy and ABC Framework

Council Staff

- Risk policy and butterfish specifications

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Climate Change and Fisheries

Bradford Dubik/Elizabeth Clark (Duke University)

- Trends in average commercial fishing locations over time in response to shifts in species distribution

Jim Morely (Rutgers)

- Discuss future direction of Rutgers/MAFMC Climate Velocity COCA project

Wednesday, February 14th

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.

Ricks E Savage Award

9:15 a.m.

Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole

9:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Black Sea Bass Recreational Management Measures

- Adopt 2018 Federal waters management measures (tabled motion from December 2017 meeting)
- Review state proposals for 2018 February fishery
- Discuss progress on LOA Framework

- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial Accountability Measures Framework – Meeting 2**
 – Review and approve preferred alternatives
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Council Habitat Update**
 – Progress towards a Regional Fish Habitat Assessment
 – Council engagement on Offshore Wind Energy Planning
 – Habitat projects of interest (GARFO/Habitat Conservation update)
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **North Atlantic Right Whale 5-Year Review and Reinitiation of Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Fishery Biological Opinions**
Michael Asaro (NMFA PRD)
 – Update on the status of right whales and a summary of recent research
 – Overview of consultation on commercial fisheries under Section 7 of the ESA
 – Update on planned activities of the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team under the Marine Mammal Protection Act in 2018

Thursday, February 15th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports**
- Executive Director's Report**
Chris Moore
- Science Report**
Rich Seagraves
 – Review final draft of EAFM Risk Assessment
- Law Enforcement Reports**
 – NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 – U.S. Coast Guard
- Organization Reports**
 – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 – NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 – NOAA Office of General Counsel
 – Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports

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

Continuing and New Business

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