



JUNE 2018 MEETING AGENDA

June 5-7, 2018

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Tuesday, June 5th

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Executive Committee (Closed Session)**
Luisi, Elliott, Batsavage, deFur, DiLernia, Heins, Hemilright, Hughes, Michels, Nolan, Nowalsky, O'Reilly, Winslow, Pentony, Moore
- Advisory Panel Appointments
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Committee – Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Excessive Shares Amendment**
deFur, Hughes, Gwin, Heins, Mann, Michels, Pentony, Stutt, Coakley, Montanez
- Committee review and approve a range of alternatives for consideration by the Council
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Report**
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - US Coast Guard
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Specifications**
- Review Advisory Panel, SSC, and staff recommendations for 2019 specifications
 - Recommend any changes if necessary
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Mackerel Framework – Meeting 2**
- Take final action on modifications to mackerel closure provisions
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Atlantic Herring Amendment 8 Public Hearing**
Peter Kendall, Herring Committee Chair
- Public hearing on Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring FMP with proposed alternatives to; (1) establish an acceptable biological catch control rule for Atlantic herring; and (2) address potential localized depletion and user conflicts in the fishery

Wednesday, June 6th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Chub Mackerel**
- Update on progress (FMAT, AP, and Committee meetings)
 - Approve draft goals and objectives for inclusion in a public hearing document
 - Consider management unit alternatives for consideration by the SSC
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment**
- Review and approve Draft EIS
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.- 1:30 p.m.** **Estimating and Reducing the Discard Mortality Rate of Black Sea Bass in Offshore Recreational Rod-and-Reel Fisheries**
Douglas Zemeckis
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Northeast Observer Program**
NEFSC
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Update on NMFS Climate Strategy and Overview of Recent Research**
Vince Saba, NMFS
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Mid-Atlantic Coastal Acidification Network Monitoring Plan**
Sherilyn Lau, EPA
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Regulatory Review Results**
- Discuss and approve recommendations for regulatory streamlining

Thursday, June 7th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Aquaculture in the Northeast**
GARFO Staff
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports**
- Executive Committee
 - Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Committee
- Executive Director's Report**
Chris Moore

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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