



MARCH 2019 MEETING AGENDA

March 6-7, 2019

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Wednesday, March 6th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Summary of Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW)/Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC) 66 (Tab 1)**
NEFSC Staff
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder 2019-2021 Specifications (Tab 2)**
- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, staff, and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Adopt revised specifications for 2019 and new specifications for 2020-2021
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder 2019 Recreational Measures (Tab 3)**
- Review Monitoring Committee, staff, and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2019
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Commercial Issues and Goals and Objectives Amendment (Tab 4)**
- Final action
- End of Joint Meeting for the Day**
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **Meeting of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Board**
- Approval of Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Management Board Proceedings from February 2019
 - Consider approval of Massachusetts conservation equivalency proposal for 2019 recreational black sea bass measures (final action)

December 2018 Motions

Westin Annapolis

Black Sea Bass 2019 Recreational Measures with Board

Move to recommend status quo recreational measures for 2019 in federal waters, including a 12.5 inch minimum fish size, a 15 fish bag limit, and a season of May 15 - December 31. If the states do not take appropriate action to ensure harvest does not exceed the RHL, backstop measures of 14 inches, 5 fish, and a May 15 - September 15 season would be implemented in state and federal waters.

Council: O'Reilly/Mann (20/0/0)

Board: O'Reilly/Davis (11/0/0/0)

Motion passes

Scup 2019 Recreational Measures with Board

Move that the Commission continue the regional approach to management in state waters with state measures to be finalized at the February 2019 Board meeting.

Board: Borden/Hasbrouck (10/0/0/1)

Motion passes

Framework/Addendum 31 with Board

Move to approve alternative 1B (black sea bass conservation equivalency using the current summer flounder conservation equivalency process).

Council: O'Reilly/deFur

Board: O'Reilly/Meserve

Move to amend - Move to approve alternative 1B (black sea bass conservation equivalency) and require federal fisheries management during waves 1 and 6.

Council: DiLernia/Nolan

Board: Hasbrouck/

Motion fails for lack of second

Main motion - Move to approve alternative 1B (black sea bass conservation equivalency using the current summer flounder conservation equivalency process).

Council: O'Reilly/deFur (13/4/0)

Board: O'Reilly/Meserve (10/1/0/0)

Motion passes

Move to approve alternatives 3B (Block Island Sound transit) 3B-1 (RI-RI transit area), and 3B-4 (recreational and commercial) for Block Island Sound transit provisions.

Board: Reid/O'Reilly

Council: O'Reilly/Michels

Move to amend to substitute 3B-2 (striped bass transit area) for 3B-1 (RI-RI transit area).

Board: Nowalsky/Davis (10/1/0/0)

Council: Nowalsky/Heins (18/0/0)

Motion passes

Main motion as amended - Move to approve alternatives 3B (Block Island Sound transit), 3B-2 (striped bass transit area), and 3B-4 (recreational and commercial) for Block Island Sound transit provisions.

Board: (11/0/0/0)

Council: Motion passes by consent

Motion passes

Move to amend the Summer Flounder Scup and Black Sea Bass FMP to allow a maximum size limit to be used in the recreational summer flounder fishery.

Council: Elliott/deFur

Move to amend to add black sea bass.

Council: Nowalsky/Michels (12/6/0)

Main motion as amended - Move to amend the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP to allow a maximum size limit to be used in the recreational summer flounder and black sea bass fisheries.

Council: (14/4/0)

Motion passes

Move to submit this framework with preferred alternatives as identified today to NMFS.

Council: O'Reilly/Nowalsky (15/1/1)

Motion passes

Move to adopt Addendum XXXI as modified by the board today.

Board: Clark/Davis

Motion passes unanimously

Summer Flounder Amendment with Board

Move to postpone final action on the Summer Flounder Commercial Issues Amendment and to develop additional options on commercial quota allocations with specific alternatives being submitted by individual states to ASMFC/MAFMC staff no later than January 15, 2019 for discussion at the meeting in February 2019.

Board: Gilmore/Davis (Roll Call: In Favor – MA, RI, CT, NY, MD, NMFS; Opposed – NJ, DE, PRFC, VA, NC; Absent – USFWS).

Council: DiLernia/Nolan (8/10/0)

Motion fails

Move to postpone further discussion of this amendment until the February 2019 joint meeting.

Council: Elliott/Davidson (11/8/0)

Board: Meserve/Davis (7/3/1/0)

Motion passes

2019 Implementation Plan

Move to approve the 2019 Implementation Plan as amended today.

Elliott/deFur

Motion passes by consent

South Atlantic Liaison Report

Move that the MAFMC write a letter to SAFMC to request an exemption from the regulation prohibiting filleting of dolphinfish in the waters north of Cape Hatteras.

DiLernia/Hemilright

Motion passes by consent with one abstention

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