



AUGUST 2019 MEETING AGENDA

August 13-15, 2019

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Tuesday, August 13th

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Research Steering Committee Meeting (Tab 1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Address the November Committee meeting requests– Discuss role of the Research Steering Committee– Discuss the NEFMC Research Set-Aside (RSA) review– Discuss next steps for RSA
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.	Joint Meeting of the Council and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) (Tab 3)
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	2020-2024 Strategic Plan (Tab 4) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review draft framework
4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Council Policies (Tab 5) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review Council policies on public comments, webinars, and Fishery Management Action Teams
5:00 p.m.	Council Adjourns

Wednesday, August 14th

9:00 a.m.	Council Convenes
9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	Hab in the Mab: Characterizing Black Sea Bass Habitat in the Mid-Atlantic Bight (Tab 6) <i>Bradley Stevens, University of Maryland Eastern Shore</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation on final report

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.	Offshore Wind Update (Tab 7) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Update on recent activities and developments regarding offshore wind in the mid-Atlantic
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Summer Flounder Recreational MSE Project (Tab 8) <i>Dr. Gavin Fay and Dr. Jason McNamee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presentation on final report
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Council Risk Policy - Framework Meeting 1 (Tab 9) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review and approve draft alternatives
2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.	Black Sea Bass Commercial and Recreational Issues (Tab 10) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Update on ASMFC discussions regarding state-by-state commercial quota allocations – Update on and discussion of recreational management reform initiative – Discuss next steps
2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	River Herring & Shad Update and Cap Review (Tab 11) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review and discuss potential action for 2020 River Herring/Shad Cap
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Allocation Review Criteria for All FMPs (Tab 12) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Review NMFS Policy Directive for allocation review criteria – Adopt allocation review criteria for MAFMC FMPs
5:30 p.m.	Council Adjourns

Thursday, August 15th

9:00 a.m.	Council Convenes
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Business Session Committee Reports (Tab 13) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Scientific and Statistical Committee Report – Research Steering Committee Report – Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership MOU Executive Director's Report (Tab 14) <i>Chris Moore</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Initiation of a Monkfish Framework Organization Reports <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office – NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center – NOAA Office of General Counsel – NOAA Office of Law Enforcement – US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports (Tab 15)

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Continuing and New Business

June 2019 Council Motions

Yotel New York
New York, New York

2020 Surfclam-Ocean Quahog Specification Review

Move that the Council recommend the status quo for the 2020 surfclam specifications and suspend the minimum size for the 2020 fishing year.

Hughes/deFur

Motion carries by consent with 1 abstention

Surfclam-Ocean Quahog Catch Share Review

Move to submit the SCOQ ITQ Program Review package to NMFS.

DeFur/Michels

Motion carries by consent with no abstentions

Surfclam-Ocean Quahog Excessive Amendment

Move that the SCOQ Committee recommends to the Council that the Excessive Shares Amendment be approved for public hearings.

deFur on behalf of the Committee (15/3/0)

Motion carries

Move to substitute, the Council approve the draft excessive shares public hearing document for public hearings with the removal of alternatives 5 and 6.

Hughes/Mann (6/11/0)

Motion fails

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish 2020 Specifications

I move that the Council recommend a 29,184 MT 2020 mackerel ABC and the other resulting specifications in table 1 of the mackerel briefing materials.

Hughes/Nolan (19/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to amend to in place of table 1, use table 1 with a modified Canadian deduction of 9,000 MT, and resulting calculations.

Nowalsky/Cimino (9/10)

Motion fails

Move that no action be taken on the 2019 RH/S cap until the August 2019 meeting and request that the MSB Monitoring Committee evaluate possible modifications to the 2020 RH/S Cap given the results of the annual RH/S Progress Update and Cap Review.

Winslow/Hughes

Motion to divide the question to consider the 2019 and 2020 caps separately.

Nowalsky/Nolan (12/6/0)

Motion carries

Move that the MSB Monitoring Committee evaluate possible modifications to the 2020 RH/S Cap given the results of the annual RH/S Progress Update and Cap Review at the August 2019 Council meeting.

Winslow/Hughes (18/0/0)

Motion carries

Move that no action be taken on the 2019 RH/S cap.

Winslow/Hughes (10/8/1)

Motion carries

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