Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

September 12 – 13, 2023

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore (550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD)
or via Webex webinar

This will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. SSC members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at Council’s website: https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2023/september-2023-ssc-meeting.

AGENDA

**Tuesday, September 12, 2023**

10:00 Welcome/Overview of meeting agenda (P. Rago)

10:05 Offshore Wind Session

- New tools for tracking recreational effort within wind projects (G. DePiper)
- Offshore wind development and climate impacts on mid-Atlantic commercial shellfish fisheries (A. Scheld)
- Team for Assessing Impacts to Living resources from offshore WIND turbineS (TailWinds): study on the impact of the US Wind MarWin project on Black Sea Bass fisheries, migratory fishes, and marine mammals (D. Secor)

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Update on the Development of the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework/Addenda

- Overview of framework/addenda development, timelines, and potential SSC engagement (J. Beaty)
- Overview of proposed Recreational Demand Model and Management Strategy Evaluation analysis to support action (G. DePiper, S. Gaichas)

3:00 Break
3:15  SSC Work Group Updates
   • Ecosystem Work Group (S. Gaichas)
     o EAFM risk assessment review (B. Muffley)
   • Overfishing Limit (OFL) Coefficient of Variation (CV) Sub-Group (P. Rago)
   • Alternative Stock Performance Metrics Sub-Group (P. Rago, B. Rothschild)

5:15  Adjourn

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**

8:30  Northeast Commercial Port Sampling Overview (V. Vecchio, B. Linton)
   • Administration, sampling design and targets, recent/future status

9:45  Scup Discards and Gear Restricted Area (GRA) Review
   • Overview of new commercial Scup discards and GRA analysis (J. Didden)
   • SSC discussion and address Terms of Reference

11:15 Break

11:30 Mackerel Stock Assessment and Projection Update
   • Overview of recent and updated analysis for September Management Track peer review (K. Curti, J. Didden)

12:30 Other Business
   • Remaining 2023 SSC schedule
   • Update on 2024 Scientific Coordination Subcommittee workshop

1:00  Adjourn

Note: agenda topic times are approximate and subject to change