



## Joint MAFMC/ASMFC Webinar

Thursday, October 21, 2021

*12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.*

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) will meet jointly by webinar with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) ISFMP Policy Board on Thursday, October 21, 2021. This meeting will be hosted by the ASMFC. Register for the webinar [here](#).

MAFMC materials for the joint portion of the meeting are available on the MAFMC meeting page at <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/oct-21-2021-joint-meeting>.

### Agenda

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**12:45 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.**

**Update on Draft Addendum/Framework on Harvest Control Rule for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass**

- Review progress on the Draft Amendment/Framework
- Provide feedback to the FMAT/PDT regarding recommendations outlined in the memo to the Board and Council

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. Other items may be added, but the Council cannot take action on such items even if the item requires emergency action without additional public notice. Non-emergency matters not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and / or its Committees for discussion, but these matters may not be the subject of formal Council or Committee action during this meeting. Council and Committee actions will be restricted to the issues specifically listed in this agenda. Any issues requiring emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that arise after publication of the Federal Register Notice for this meeting may be acted upon provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The meeting may be closed to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

# MEETING OVERVIEW

ISFMP Policy Board  
Thursday October 21, 2021  
12:45 – 4:35 p.m.  
Webinar

A portion of this meeting will be held with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC).

Chair: Pat Keliher (ME) Assumed Chairmanship: 10/19	Vice Chair: Spud Woodward (GA)	Previous Board Meetings: August 5, 2021
Voting Members: ME, NH, MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, PA, DE, MD, DC, PRFC, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, NMFS, USFWS (19 votes)		

## 2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from August 6, 2021

**3. Public Comment** – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time must sign-in at the beginning of the meeting. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance the Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

**The below agenda item (4) will be considered with the MAFMC.**

## 4. Update on Draft Addendum/Framework on Harvest Control Rule for Bluefish, Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass (1:00- 3:00 p.m.)

### Background

- After reviewing nine topics that were either recommended by the Recreational Management Reform Initiative Steering Committee or by stakeholders through scoping for two separate ongoing amendments, the Council and Board agreed to initiate a joint framework/addendum and a joint amendment to address several recreational issues. During the February 2021 meeting, the Council and Policy Board prioritized development of the harvest control Rule as the first step in addressing recreational reform.
- A joint Plan Development Team (PDT) and Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) has been developing the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addendum as part of the Recreational Reform Initiative. The PDT/FMAT recommendations for the management options have been incorporated into the Draft Addendum document

(**Briefing Materials**) but have identified additional recommendations for the Board and Council's review in a memo to the Board and Council (**Briefing Materials**). Lastly, the PDT/FMAT requests additional time to fully develop the options and to further develop two statistical models which can be used to inform the recreational measure setting process for the framework/addendum (**Briefing Materials**).

**Presentations**

- Staff will present progress on the Draft Amendment/Framework

**Board/Council discussion at this meeting**

- Provide feedback to the PDT regarding recommendations outline in the memo to the Board and Council

**5. Executive Committee Report (3:00-3:15 p.m.)**

**Background**

- The Executive Committee will meet on October 20, 2021

**Presentations**

- P. Keliher will provide an update of the Executive Committee's work

**Board action for consideration at this meeting**

- none

**6. Review Management and Science Committee Tasks to address Conservation Equivalency Concerns (3:15-3:45 p.m.)**

**Background**

- The Executive Committee raised questions and concerns regarding the use of conservation equivalency in Commission FMPs. The Committee tasked a subgroup to create a list of tasks for the Management and Science Committee to address general concerns that have been raised either through the Executive Committee or species management boards, e.g. Atlantic striped bass. The subgroup develop a list of tasks for the MSC to consider (**Supplemental Materials**).

**Presentations**

- T. Kerns will present the list of tasks for the MSC

**Board discussion at this meeting**

- Provide feedback on MSC tasks

**7. Presentation of NOAA Fisheries Efforts and Next Steps to Reduce Sea Turtle Bycatch in Several Trawl Fisheries in the Greater Atlantic Region, including Summer Flounder, Atlantic Croakers and Longfin Squid (3:45-4:15 p.m.)**

**Background**

- NOAA Fisheries has been considering ways to reduce sea turtle bycatch in several trawl fisheries in the Greater Atlantic Region, including summer flounder, longfin squid, and Atlantic croaker. Research with the industry on various gear modifications that could reduce turtle mortality has been ongoing for several years.

**Presentations**

- M. Pentony will present NOAA Fisheries efforts and next steps to reduce sea turtle bycatch in the Greater Atlantic Region

**Board action for consideration at this meeting**

- None

**8. Update on East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative (4:15-4:20 p.m.)****Background**

- In November 2020, the Northeast Region Coordinating Council (NRCC) initiated a region-wide scenario planning initiative. Through this East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative, fishery managers and scientists are working collaboratively to explore jurisdictional and governance issues related to climate change and shifting fishery stocks.
- The specific focus of this scenario project is (i) to assess how climate change might affect stock distribution, availability and other aspects of east coast marine fisheries over the next 20 years, and (ii) to identify what this means for effective future governance and fisheries management.
- The Core Team conducted a series of webinars that introduced the East Coast Fisheries Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative.

**Presentations**

- T. Kerns will provide an update of the initiative

**Board action for consideration at this meeting**

- None

**9. Review Non-Compliance Findings, if Necessary Action****10. Other Business****11. Adjourn**