

- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Scup 2021 Recreational Specifications (Tab 5)**
- Review recent fishery performance and recommendations from the Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel
 - Adopt recommendations for 2021 federal waters recreational management measures
- 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Black Sea Bass 2021 Recreational Specifications (Tab 6)**
- Review recent fishery performance and recommendations from the Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel
 - Recommend federal waters recreational management measures or Conservation Equivalency and associated measures for 2021
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Summer Flounder 2021 Recreational Specifications (Tab 7)**
- Review recent fishery performance and recommendations from the Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel
 - Recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2021
- 4:00 p.m. Council Meeting with the ASMFC Bluefish Management Board**
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Bluefish 2021 Recreational Specifications (Tab 8)**
- Review recent fishery performance and recommendations from the Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel
 - Adopt recommendations for 2021 federal waters recreational management measures
- 5:00 p.m. Council Adjourns**
- 5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Bluefish Board Only: Technical Committee Report on Biological Monitoring Program (Tab 9)**
- Review effectiveness of the Addendum I sampling design
- 5:45 p.m. Commission Adjourns**

Wednesday, December 16th

- 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting with the ASMFC Interstate Fisheries Management Program Policy Board**
- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. Recreational Reform Initiative (Tab 10)**
- Update and discuss next steps
- 9:30 a.m. Council Meeting with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board**
- 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment (Tab 11)**
- Review and approve joint draft public hearing document for public comment
 - Board only: approve draft Commission amendment document for public comment
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Black Sea Bass Commercial State Allocation Amendment and Draft Addendum XXXIII for Final Action (Tab 12)**

- Review public comment summary and AP input
- Consider for final action

4:30 p.m. Council/Commission Adjourn

Thursday, December 17th

9:00 a.m. Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Update on Atlantic Right Whale Issues

Colleen Coogan (Take Reduction Team Coordinator) – NMFS/GARFO
Sean Hayes (Chief, Protected Species Branch) – NMFS/NEFSC

- Preliminary 2019 population estimate
- Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and proposed rule
- Draft Batched Biological Opinion

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session

Committee Reports

Executive Director's Report (Tab 13)

Chris Moore

Organization Reports

- 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 14)

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Continuing and New Business

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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.

October 2020 Council Motions
Webinar

Monday, October 5th

Executive Committee – 2021 Implementation Plan

Move to relocate item #66 (Initiate an action to implement a possession limit for frigate and bullet mackerel in the Mid-Atlantic) to the main list of draft proposed actions and deliverables.

DiLernia/deFur (6/6/0)

Motion fails due to lack of majority

Tuesday, October 6th

Spiny Dogfish Committee of the Whole

I move to adopt the following for the 2021 and 2022 fishing years' spiny dogfish specifications, from Table 1 in the Monitoring Committee summary memo:

Specifications	2021 Revised/ 2022 (pounds)	2021 Revised/ 2022 (mt)	Basis for Revised 2021 (and 2022) Specifications
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ABC (from SSC)	38,576,487	17,498	SSC, Revised Council Risk Policy
Canadian Landings	99,208	45	= 2018 estimate
Domestic ABC	38,477,279	17,453	= ABC – Canadian Landings
ACL	38,477,279	17,453	= Domestic ABC
Mgmt Uncert Buffer	0	0	Ave pct overage since 2011
ACT	38,477,279	17,453	= ACL - mgmt uncert buffer
U.S. Discards	8,800,854	3,992	= 3-year average 2016-17-18
TAL	29,676,425	13,461	ACT – Discards
U.S. Rec Landings	116,845	53	= 2019 estimate
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Batsavage/Reid

Motion carries Committee of the Whole by consent

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Gwin for Committee of the Whole

Motion carries by consent

Executive Order

Move to approve the draft list of Executive Order 13921 recommendations as modified today for submission to NMFS.

Bolen/Hughes

Motion carries by consent with one abstention by NMFS

Wednesday, October 7th

Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment

Move to accept all FMAT recommendations on issue 3 (keeping 3.1.5) in the range of alternatives for the public hearing document.

Council: Cimino/Hughes

Board: Cimino/Clark

Move to amend to accept all FMAT recommendations on issue 3 (keeping 3.1.5, 3.3.1, 3.4.2) in the range of alternatives for the public hearing document.

Board: Hasbrouck/Meserve (14/2/0/0)

Council: Farnham/Davidson (18/2/0)

Motion carries

Amended motion becomes main motion:

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Council: (20/0/0)

Board: (16/0/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to accept the FMAT recommendation to remove Issue 4 from the public hearing document.

Council: Hemilright/Lenox (20/0/0)

Board: Patterson/Meserve (14/2/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to accept the FMAT recommendation to remove Alternatives 5.1.2 and 5.1.4 from the public hearing document.

Council: Pentony/DiLernia (19/1/0)

Board: Pentony/Clark (13/3/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to amend to remove only 5.1.4 from the public hearing document.

Council: Nowalsky/Cimino (9/11/0)

Board: Nowalsky/Hart

Motion fails due to lack of Council majority

Move to accept the FMAT recommendation to remove Alternatives 6.1.1 and 6.1.3 from the public hearing document.

Council: Pentony/Cimino (Carries by consent)

Board: Pentony/Patterson (16/0/0)

Motion carries

Move to modify by adding subsection 8.1.2 that states that declare de minimis would be required to implement default plan provisions for current recreational daily harvest limits.

Council: Cimino/Nowalsky (19/0/1)

Board: Miller/McNamee (13/2/1/0)

Motion carries

Move to approve the range of alternatives for the draft public hearing document as modified today.

Council: DiLernia/Wilke (Carries by consent)

Board: Hasbrouck/Patterson (Carries by consent)

Motion carries

Recreational Reform Initiative

Move to initiate a joint framework/addendum to address the following topics for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish, as discussed today:

- Better incorporate MRIP uncertainty into management
- Develop guidelines for maintaining status quo measures
- Develop a process for setting multi-year measures
- Consider changes to the timing of federal waters measures recommendations

Council: DiLernia/Davidson

Board: Fote/Clark

Move to amend the main motion to include the harvest control rule option in the joint framework/addendum and to also initiate an amendment to address recreational sector separation and recreational catch accounting such that scoping for the amendment would be conducted during the development of the framework/addendum.

Council: Pentony/DiLernia (18/2/0)

Board: Pentony/Cimino (12/4/1/0)

Motion carries

Move to substitute to initiate management actions through the appropriate mechanisms (technical guidance document, framework/addendum, or amendment) for topics 1-9 presented today.

Board: Reid/Nowalsky (4/12/0/0)

Council: Nowalsky/Townsend

Motion fails for lack of Board majority

Amended motion becomes main motion:

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- Develop a process for setting multi-year measures
- Consider changes to the timing of federal waters measures recommendations
- Harvest control rule

and to also initiate an amendment to address recreational sector separation and recreational catch accounting such that scoping for the amendment would be conducted during the development of the framework/addendum.

Council: (18/0/0)

Board: (15/2/0/0)

Motion carries