



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Research Steering Committee Meeting

April 27, 2022

Hybrid Meeting:

Sheraton BWI (1100 Old Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090) or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. Committee members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Sheraton BWI or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at Council's website: www.mafmc.org

Meeting Topic(s): to review all the input received from the four Research Set-Aside (RSA) workshops and make recommendations regarding the potential redevelopment of the RSA program for Council consideration at its June meeting.

AGENDA

- 8:45 Welcome/Overview of meeting agenda (M. Duval)
- 8:55 Draft RSA program goals and objectives
- Review and make any refinements and prioritization changes to goals and objectives
 - SSC Economic Work Group (EWG) and state partner feedback
 - Public input
 - Committee recommendations and guidance
- 9:35 Comparison between previous program and potential revised RSA program
- Review draft table outlining differences between old and potential new program given draft Committee decisions and identify how decision address prior concerns
 - Identify remaining issues to address
 - SSC EWG and state partner feedback
 - Public input
 - Committee recommendations and guidance
- 10:35 Break

10:45 Decision tree alternatives and initial Committee selections

- Review decisions, feedback, and issues raised from January 18th RSC meeting and February 16th RSA Workshop #4
- Discuss secondary tier priority decisions and determine which need to be addressed

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Revisit and update RSA program comparison table based on RSC input

- Revise comparison table, if necessary, based on Committee input and decisions made during meeting
- SSC EWG and state partner feedback
- Public input
- Committee recommendations and guidance

1:45 Process for ASMFC/state engagement and cooperation

- Identifying program issues that need state coordination
- Potential approaches for continued cooperation with Committee

2:15 RSC recommendations for Council consideration

- Given the general vision identified by the Committee, is there a viable path forward to redevelop the RSA program to appropriately address concerns of the prior program?
- What would be the value of moving forward with a redeveloped RSA program vs. maintaining status quo?

3:45 Adjourn

Note: agenda topic times are approximate and subject to change