



APRIL 2018 MEETING AGENDA

April 10-12, 2018

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Tuesday, April 10th

- 1:00 p.m. Council Convenes**
- 1:00 p.m. Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole**
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Summary of SAW/SARC 64 (Tab 1)**
Jim Weinberg - NEFSC
- 1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Atlantic Mackerel and Squid Issues (Tab 2)**
- Approve range of rebuilding alternatives and identify preliminary preferred alternative (Framework Meeting 1)
 - Consider mackerel closure impacts on Atlantic herring fishery
 - Approve range of 2019-2021 mackerel specifications and identify preliminary preferred alternatives
 - Approve range of 2019-2021 river herring/shad cap measures and identify preliminary preferred alternatives
 - Possible emergency action regarding squid trimester 2 closure
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Shortfin Mako Shark (Tab 3)**
Guy DuBeck – NMFS, Highly Migratory Species Management Division
- Emergency Interim Final Rule Measures
 - Management options for upcoming amendment

Wednesday, April 11th

- 9:00 a.m. Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Status of the Ecosystem Report (Tab 4)**
Sarah Gaichas - NEFSC
- 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Blueline Tilefish Specifications (Tab 5)**
- Develop and approve 2019-2021 blueline tilefish specifications
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lunch**

- 1:30 p.m.- 2:00 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Report**
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard

- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Specifications (Tab 6)**
 - Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, and staff recommendations for 2019 specifications

- 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Permit Issue (Tab 7)**
 - Discuss permit data and next steps

- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Mesh Selectivity Study (Tab 8)**
Emerson Hasbrouck - Cornell

Thursday, April 12th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**

- 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
 - Committee Reports (Tab 9)**
 - Scientific and Statistical Committee

 - Executive Director's Report (Tab 10)**
Chris Moore
 - Develop Comments for South-Atlantic For-Hire Electronic Reporting Amendment

 - Organization Reports (Tab 11)**
 - NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

 - Liaison Reports (Tab 12)**
 - New England Council
 - South Atlantic Council
 - Regional Planning Body

 - Continuing and New Business**

Recreational Black Sea Bass

Motion to bring back tabled motion – deFur/Batsavage (motion carries by consent)

Tabled from December Council Meeting: Move that the 2018 federal waters black sea bass measures include a 15-fish possession limit, 12.5-inch minimum size and season from May 15 – December 31. These measures assume the Commission process will develop measures to constrain harvest to the 2018 RHL. A backstop measure of 14 inches, 5 fish possession limit and a season from May 15 – September 15 would go into effect should the Commission not implement measures to constrain harvest to the 2018 RHL.

Nowalsky/DiLernia (21/0/0)

Council as whole: passes unanimously

Move that the Council continue the development of an LOA program for implementation of a 2019 Wave 1 fishery.
DiLernia/Heins

Move to substitute to 1) refer the black sea bass Wave 1 LOA implementation provisions to Committee; 2) provide for a 2019 Wave 1 fishery under the specifications process as implemented in 2018; and 3) prioritize Council staff time to work with the ASMFC on Addendum XXX provisions ahead of the Wave 1 LOA framework.
Nowalsky/Hughes

Motion to amend to strike the word “process” under item #2
Alexander/Reid (16/3/3)
Motion carries

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Nowalsky/Hughes (20/1/1)
Motion carries

Main motion: move to 1) refer the black sea bass 2020 Wave 1 LOA implementation provisions to Committee; 2) provide for a 2019 Wave 1 fishery under the specifications as implemented in 2018; and 3) prioritize Council staff time to work with the ASMFC on Addendum XXX provisions ahead of the Wave 1 LOA framework. Committee (21/0/1)
Council: Motion passes unanimously

Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Commercial Accountability Measure Framework

Move to accept the staff recommendations of Alternative 1A – status quo, ACL evaluation and Alternative 2B – scaled payback of the discard overage.
Nolan/Heins (21/0/1)
Council: Motion passes unanimously

Habitat

Move to support the continued collaborative approach analyzing the social, economic, and ecological impacts and the cumulative impacts of wind energy facilities to the Northeast US continental shelf.
Hughes/Elliott (no opposition, carries by consent)

Move to submit a letter to the Secretaries of Interior and Commerce requesting that: (1) no new wind energy areas be sited, nor project designs finalized, until the study is complete and fisheries impacts can be properly evaluated and (2) request that NOAA adopt a more active role in working with BOEM to effectively site future wind energy projects.
Hughes/Mann (no opposition, motion carries by consent with 1 abstention)

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