



Summer Flounder Amendment

Scoping Process and Draft Document



June 11, 2014

Freehold, NJ

December 2013 Motion

- I move that the Council, prioritize, pursuant to its strategic plan, the development of an amendment to the FMP for Summer Flounder that will review and update the goals and objectives of the plan and re-examine the fishery management strategies for the commercial and recreational fisheries.
 - Nolan/McMurray (12/0/0); Motion carries

Progress To Date

- Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) formed
- Draft action plan prepared
- Draft scoping document prepared



Today's Objectives

- Briefly review draft action plan
- Review draft scoping document for summer flounder amendment
- Council feedback
 - Approve public scoping document



Scoping Process

- NEPA requirement (for EIS actions)
- "Early and open process for determining scope of issues to be addressed and for identifying the significant issues related to a proposed action"

Scoping Process

- Public input process to inform development of range of alternatives
- Written comment period, scoping hearings

Next Steps

July	First FMAT meeting
	Advisory Panel meeting (Fishery Performance Reports + amendment discussion)
	Scoping hearing schedule finalized
August	Discuss amendment at joint Council/Board meeting
August-September	Scoping hearings and written comment period