



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting

May 10 – 11, 2022

UPDATE: Due to recent Covid developments, the meeting will now be 100% virtual with no in-person participation

Hybrid Meeting:

Royal Sonesta Harbor Court Baltimore (550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202)
or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be conducted as a hybrid meeting. SSC members, other invited meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Royal Sonesta Baltimore or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at Council's website: <https://www.mafmc.org/council-events/2022/may-2022-ssc-meeting>

AGENDA

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

- 12:30 Welcome/Overview of meeting agenda (P. Rago)
- 12:35 SSC guidance on the Recreational Harvest Control Rule Framework/Addenda
 - Review draft response document developed by SSC HCR sub-group (T. Miller)
 - SSC feedback and input on document for consideration by Council
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Introductory overview of *IIIex* Research Track stock assessment information
 - Age, length, intra-annual cohort identification and preliminary trace elemental analysis results (L. Hendrickson)
 - Oceanographic indicators for *IIIex* in Northwest Atlantic (S. Salois)
 - Generalized depletion modeling of *IIIex* fishery (J. Manderson)

- 3:15 Introductory overview of Butterfish Research Track assessment information
- Butterfish condition, environmental drivers, and consumptive removals (L. Smith)
 - Introduction to WHAM – application to Butterfish, comparison to ASAP, and other considerations (C. Adams)
- 4:15 Break
- 4:30 Ecosystem and Socio-Economic Profiles (ESP) for stock assessments (S. Large)
- Overview of ESPs – process, content, application
 - Draft examples for bluefish and black sea bass
- 5:30 Adjourn

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

- 8:30 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog data and fishery update: review of previously recommended 2023 ABC (J. Coakley)
- 9:30 Longfin squid data and fishery update: review of previously recommended 2023 ABC (J. Didden)
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Chub Mackerel ABC specifications for 2023-2025 fishing years
- Review of staff memo and 2023-2025 ABC recommendations (J. Beaty)
 - 2023-2025 SSC ABC recommendations (G. Fay)
- 12:00 Guidance and approaches for constant/average ABC calculations
- Review draft approach developed by SSC sub-group
 - SSC input and feedback for Council consideration
- 12:45 Other Business
- 1:00 Adjourn

Note: agenda topic times are approximate and subject to change