

New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Agenda
Tuesday - Thursday, June 11-13, 2019
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Tuesday, June 11, 2019

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Chairman Dr. John Quinn)
- 9:05 Reports on Recent Activities**
Council Chairman, Council Executive Director, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Enforcement
- 10:45 Habitat Committee Report** (Doug Grout)
Great South Channel Habitat Management Area: update on research planning efforts; Fishing Effects Model: PDT report; Offshore Energy: update
- 12:15 p.m. Open Period for Public Comment**
Opportunity for the public to provide brief comments on issues relevant to Council business but not listed on this agenda (please limit remarks to 3-5 minutes)
- 12:30 Lunch Break**
- 1:45 Atlantic Herring** (Peter Kendall)
Framework Adjustment 6: final action on 2019-2021 specifications and overfishing definition
- 3:00 Scallop Committee Report** (Vincent Balzano)
Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2020-2021 RSA priorities; Framework 32: initiate action containing 2020 fishery specifications, 2021 defaults, and other measures; Amendment 21: review scoping comments, develop goals and objectives
- 5:00 Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review** (Dr. Mike Sissenwine)
Herring and Scallop Committee input on program review findings and recommendations

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division** (Amanda McCarty, Anna Mercer, Amy Martins, NEFSC)
Overview of division's role and responsibilities, overview of cooperative research, observer program update
- 9:30 Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting)** (Terry Alexander)
Presentation on analysis of sea sampling data on bycatch in the small-mesh multispecies fishery
- 10:30 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)** (Dr. Jason McNamee)
Report on SSC Sub-Panel's review of groundfish monitoring analysis for Amendment 23
- 11:00 Groundfish Committee Report** (Terry Stockwell)
Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternatives for further analysis; Framework 59: initiate action to include (1) 2020 total allowable catches for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, (2) 2020-2022 specifications for all stocks, and (3) other measures
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:45 Groundfish Committee Report Continued**

- 3:30 Addressing Recreational Fishing Issues** (Executive Director Tom Nies)
Update on Council priority to address recreational fishing issues more effectively
- 4:00 Modern Fish Act** (Sarah Heil, GARFO)
Briefing on “Modernizing Recreational Fisheries Management Act of 2018 – the Modern Fish Act”
- 4:30 South Atlantic Electronic Vessel Reporting Requirements** (George Lapointe, NOAA Fisheries contractor)
Presentation on new and revised electronic vessel reporting requirements for charter/headboat (for-hire) vessels with South Atlantic permits
- 4:45 NOAA Fisheries Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Actions** (Tom Warren, NOAA Fisheries)
Presentation on NOAA Fisheries HMS Division’s scoping meetings and public hearings on four proposed management actions covering bluefin tuna, shark, gear, quota system, and research issues
- 5:15 Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel, ICCAT** (Rick Bellavance)
Report on HMS Advisory Panel’s May 21-23, 2019 meeting; discussion on bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna management under the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)

Thursday, June 13, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) Committee Report** (John Pappalardo)
Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on eFEP components, including data and monitoring, incentive-based measures, and draft ecosystem forage fish management strategies; Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update on initial planning
- 10:30 Monkfish Report** (Libby Etrie)
Framework 12: initiate action for 2020-2022 specifications and other measures if needed; Monkfish RSA Program: approve 2020-2021 priorities
- 11:00 Commercial Electronic Vessel Trip Reports (eVTRs)** (Staff)
Discussion on Mid-Atlantic Council’s Omnibus Framework to implement eVTRs for all vessels with commercial permits for MAFMC-managed species with focus on two jointly managed species – monkfish and spiny dogfish; determine path forward for New England Council
- 11:30 Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team (ALWTRT)** (Mike Asaro, GARFO)
Presentation on outcome of ALWTRT’s April 23-26, 2019 meeting; next steps for rulemaking
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 Skate Committee Report** (Dr. Matt McKenzie)
Framework Adjustment 8: initiate action for 2020-2021 specifications and other measures if needed; Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program
- 2:45 GARFO/NEFSC Joint Strategic Plan** (Kim Damon-Randall, GARFO)
Presentation on NEFSC and GARFO’s Regional Strategic Plan for 2020-2023 to highlight collective priorities
- 3:30 Other Business**

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