

2012 FALL NRCC MEETING AGENDA

Pier V Hotel, 711 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD

All times are approximate

Day 1—Thursday, November 1

13:00-13:10

1. Welcome, introductions, modifications and additions to agenda, announcements
(Bullard, Karp, Ruccio)

13:10-14:10

2. Marine Recreational Information Program
 - a. Presentation: Update on current and future MRIP project development and implementation (Gordon Colvin, ECS, Inc., contractor to NMFS Office of Science and Technology)
 - b. NRCC discussion: MRIP-related cooperative decision-making in the next two years. Key questions to discuss include what parties should be involved in the decision-making and in what formats and timeframes (NRCC)

14:10-16:10 (including 15 minute break around 15:00)

3. Assessment Related Discussions:
 - a. SAW/SARC and other assessment-related activities planning (Weinberg, NEFSC staff)
 - i. Review of existing, NRCC agreed schedule from spring meeting
 - ii. Schedule modification discussion
 - b. Timing of SARC 57 and future spring SARCs (discuss potential move from June to July)
 - c. Update on planned scallop survey methods peer review
 - d. Status of Operational and Research Track stock assessment process
 - e. Upcoming research activities overview; discussion of research needs (Karp, Brown)

Note: If additional discussion time is needed to complete the assessment related agenda items, Item 5 (General Environmental Issues Discussion) can be moved to day 2 discussions.

16:10-16:45

4. U.S./Canada Issues:

Approve terms of reference for:

 - a. TRAC Benchmark Assessment of Eastern GB Cod (Spring 2013)
 - b. TRAC Assessment of EGB Cod, Haddock and GB YTF (June 2013)
 - c. TMGC Draft Intercessional Agenda (February 2013)
 - d. TMGC Draft Annual Meeting Agenda (September 2013)

16:45-17:15

5. General Environmental Issues Discussion (Bullard, Karp, NRCC):
 - a. Brief update on Councils ecosystem management process efforts (activity, if any, since spring meeting NRCC).
 - b. Broadly discuss issues and potential next steps for ecosystem research and incorporating information into fisheries management processes and decision making.

Conclude Day 1

18:00 Evening Event --- Chiapparelli's Restaurant, 237 South High Street, Baltimore, MD 21202
(410) 837-0309

NRCC Fall Meeting: Day 2--Friday, November 2

08:00-09:00

6. Priority Setting:
 - a. Review/establish personnel and priority matrices: Discuss individual group and collective priorities for 2013 (Annual fall item, Darcy lead, overviews from NERO PRD, ASMFC, NEFSC, NEFMC,MAFMC)
 - b. Review actions published by region
 - c. Priorities communication strategy discussion, including Operational Coordination Working Group

09:00-9:45

7. Protected Resource Issues Discussion:
 - a. Atlantic sturgeon update (Damon-Randall)
 - b. Harbor porpoise and Take Reduction Team (Damon-Randall, Bullard)
 - c. Update on river herring listing determination

09:45-11:45 (including 15 minute break around 10:00)

8. Management Program Related Discussions:
 - a. Potential joint-Council management of scup (Howard, Moore)
 - b. Black sea bass issues raised at October Mid-Atlantic Council meeting: Recreational overage repayment and implications for fishing year 2013, current estimated stock size, assessment information, and, ABC control rule level. (Moore, Darcy).
 - c. Southern New England Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures (Howard, Moore)
 - d. Council Governance: Issues discussion on Council role in larger ocean-related governance and planning bodies (Howard, Moore)
 - e. Allocations based on geography and changes in stock distribution; coordination of state and federal requirements (Bullard)
 - f. Potential vessel baseline and upgrade restriction program modifications (Morris, Darcy)

11:45-12:15

9. Next Generation of Fishery-Dependent Data Collection
 - a. Broadly discuss a project or process to increase efficiency within existing data collection systems.
 - b. Broad discussion of process to develop next generation systems for fishery dependent data collection. (Morris, Brown)

12:15-13:00

10. Fishery Reporting and Performance Workgroup

Revisit tasking from spring meeting.

 - a. Discuss goals and objectives
 - b. Discuss re-engaging efforts or restructuring task.

13:00-13:15

11. Meeting Wrap Up
 - a. Conclude any unfinished business, tabled discussions
 - b. Review action items
 - c. Select 2013 meeting dates
 - i. Spring meeting host: Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - ii. Fall meeting host: New England Fishery Management Council
 - d. Adjourn meeting