

NRCC Spring Meeting 2013 Action Items

May 1 and 2, 2013—Hotel Providence, Providence, RI

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1. NRCC Public Participation: Draft NRCC public participation guidance
 - Meeting announcements
 - Documents
 - Public comment and participation guidelines
 - Executive session
 - Locations and DatesResponsible parties: NERO, General Counsel
Due Date: Mid-term with a potential conference call, implement by Fall 2013

2. SAW Participation Working Group:
 - Develop alternatives of membership and structural options
 - Review the ASMFC model
 - Pursue development of conflict of interest standards with GC inputResponsible parties: NEFSC (lead), MAFMC, NEFMC, and ASMFC
Due Date: Membership by June 1, 2013, recommendations due August 1, 2013

3. SARC Public Comment Draft Policy
 - Revise preferred alternative based on Spring 2013 meeting discussionResponsible parties: NEFSC
Due Date: June 1, 2013

4. Review Operational and Research Track Assessments
 - Review recent operational assessments, and look for streamlining processes
 - Develop time and cost analysis (capacity) of benchmark vs operational/research or updates
 - Distinguish characteristics of update assessments in comparison to operational assessments
 - Examine if the current SAW/SARC process is sufficient to meet the research track requirements
 - Examine how the research priorities are properly linked and developed to Councils and Center and assessment research recommendations
 - Examine the interaction between single species assessments and ecosystem based assessmentsResponsible parties: NEFSC, MAFMC, and NEFMC
Due Date: Mid-term update, final report at Fall 2013

5. Governance of Fishery Stocks: 1) Discuss sub-ACL allocations of fishery stocks that are distributed across Council boundaries. 2) Examine the process of setting sub-ACLs and AMs for FMPs managed by one Council, yet impact FMPs in multiple Councils.
Responsible parties: NEFMC and MAFMC Executive Directors
Due Date: Report at Fall 2013 Meeting

6. Black Sea Bass: Coordination call on interim research priorities and overall research plan
Responsible parties: NEFSC (lead), MAFMC, ASMFC
Due Date: Mid-term update

7. 2014 Stock Assessment Deliverables and Timing:
 - streamlining report and delivery process
 - examine the use of recent/latent data from previous fishing years
 - need to deliver for the SSCs use prior to Sept. Council meetingResponsible parties: NEFSC, NEFMC, MAFMC, ASMFC, and NERO
Due Date: Membership by June 1, 2013, mid-term update

8. Review cod stock structure: Report on next steps on cod stock structure based on a revisit of the cod stock structure workshop recommendations
Responsible parties: NEFSC
Due Date: June 1, 2013

Upcoming Meeting Dates

Spring 2013 (NEFSC Host), May 1 and 2

Fall 2013 (NEFMC), October 16 and 17