

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Tautog Management Board

January 25, 2022

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Webinar

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

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| 1. Welcome/Call to Order (<i>M. Luisi</i>) | 1:00 p.m. |
| 2. Board Consent | 1:00 p.m. |
| • Approval of Agenda | |
| • Approval of Proceedings from October 2021 | |
| 3. Public Comment | 1:05 p.m. |
| 4. Review and Discuss Hypothetical Scenarios from Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool (<i>J. McNamee</i>) | 1:15 p.m. |
| 5. Review Feedback from Law Enforcement Committee on Commercial Tagging Program (<i>J. Snellbaker</i>) | 2:00 p.m. |
| 6. Other Business/Adjourn | 2:30 p.m. |

MEETING OVERVIEW

Tautog Management Board

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Chair: Mike Luisi (MD) Assumed Chairmanship: 11/21	Technical Committee Chair: Craig Weedon (MD)	Law Enforcement Committee Representative: Jason Snellbaker (NJ)
Vice-Chair: Vacant	Advisory Panel Chair: Vacant	Previous Board Meeting: October 18, 2021
Voting Members: MA, RI, CT, NY, NJ, DE, MD, VA, NMFS (9 votes)		

2. Board Consent

- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Proceedings from October 18, 2021

3. Public Comment – At the beginning of the meeting public comment will be taken on items not on the agenda. Individuals that wish to speak at this time should use the webinar raise your hand function and the Board Chair will let you know when to speak. For agenda items that have already gone out for public hearing and/or have had a public comment period that has closed, the Board Chair may determine that additional public comment will not provide additional information. In this circumstance, the Board Chair will not allow additional public comment on an issue. For agenda items that the public has not had a chance to provide input, the Board Chair may allow limited opportunity for comment. The Board Chair has the discretion to limit the number of speakers and/or the length of each comment.

4. Review and Discuss Hypothetical Scenarios from Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool (1:15-2:00 p.m.)

Background

- In October, the Board reviewed a preliminary report of the Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tools for Tautog. The report summarized technical input from the Technical Committee, the Committee on Economics and Social Sciences (CESS) and preliminary weightings for the decision tools' components developed from Board input. The Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tools were developed in conjunction with the 2021 Stock Assessment Update in order to use the most current information to help inform management decisions.
- The 2021 Stock Assessment Update showed improvements in the most regions from the last assessment in 2017. Since the Assessment Update showed no regions are experiencing overfishing, the Board chose to not make any management changes.
- With no management action taken in response to the assessment, the Board requested staff develop hypothetical scenarios to further evaluate the Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tools. (**Briefing Materials**)

Presentations

- Hypothetical Scenarios from the Risk and Uncertainty Decision Tool by J. McNamee

**5. Review Feedback from Law Enforcement Committee on Commercial Tagging Program
(2:00-2:25 p.m.)**

Background

- In October the Board approved questions for the Law Enforcement (LEC) to aid in assessing the impact of the commercial harvest tagging program on the illegal harvest and sale of tautog. The commercial harvest tagging program was fully implemented by all states in 2021.
- The LEC met in December to respond to the questions of the Board and provided considerations in evaluating the effectiveness of the tagging program (**Briefing Materials**)

Presentations

- Feedback from LEC on Commercial Tagging Program by J. Snellbaker

6. Other Business/Adjourn