



## **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel Meeting**

### **Thursday, August 29, 2019, 10:00 am - 3:30 pm**

#### **MEETING LOCATION**

Double Tree by Hilton Baltimore - BWI Airport  
890 Elkridge Landing Road  
Linthicum, Maryland, 21090  
(410) 859-8400

#### **MEETING OBJECTIVES**

Advisors will discuss the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass commercial and recreational fisheries and will work with MAFMC and ASMFC staff to develop Fishery Performance Reports summarizing their observations and recommendations. These reports will be considered by the Scientific and Statistical Committee, the Monitoring Committee, and the MAFMC and ASMFC when setting or reviewing catch and landings limits and management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass for upcoming years. Advisors will also receive an update from MAFMC and ASMFC staff on the 2019 operational stock assessments for black sea bass and scup.

#### **DRAFT AGENDA**

*Times are approximate and may change based on pace of discussion.*

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<b>10:00 am – 10:15 am</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions, review meeting objectives</b>
<b>10:15 am – 11:45am</b>	<b>Summer flounder</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review fishery information document</li><li>• Review data update from Northeast Fisheries Science Center</li><li>• Write fishery performance report</li></ul>
<b>11:45 am - 12:15 pm</b>	<b>Scup</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Review fishery information document</li><li>• Review analysis of commercial scup discards</li><li>• Discuss outcome of August 5-7 operational stock assessment peer review</li><li>• Write fishery performance report</li></ul>
<b>12:15 pm – 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Lunch (on your own)</b>

**1:15 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Scup, continued**

**2:00 pm - 3:30 pm**

**Black sea bass**

- Review fishery information document
- Discuss outcome of August 5-7 operational stock assessment peer review
- Write fishery performance report

**3:30 pm**

**Adjourn**

### **Discussion Questions**

1. What factors influenced your catch of summer flounder, scup, and/or black sea bass in recent years?
  - a. Market or economic issues? (e.g., fish prices, fuel prices, overall economy)
  - b. Environmental or ecological issues? (e.g., temperature, weather, abundance of other species)
  - c. Management or regulatory issues? (e.g., management-induced effort shifts, regulatory discards, quotas, or gear restrictions)
  - d. Other fishing behavior or operational issues? (e.g., participation in other fisheries)
  - e. Other factors?
2. What other issues or concerns do you want to highlight?
3. What research recommendations do you have for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass?
4. What recommendations do you have for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass regulations in 2020?