

## **2015 FALL NRCC MEETING AGENDA**

Hotel Providence—Providence, Rhode Island

*All times are approximate*

### **Tuesday, November 17**

*0900*

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

*0905-1045*

2. Priority Discussion  
NEFMC, MAFMC, and ASMFC outline priorities
  - Discuss prioritization and coordination of resources, as needed
  - Consensus from the 2015 Fall NRCC meeting was to bring draft plans, regardless of where each group is in the process, so there can be a more detailed discussion on priorities and potential conflict resolutions
  - Fishery Dependent Data Visioning (FDDV) recommendations may involve additional adjustments to priorities (FDDV presentation on Day 2)

*Break 1045-1100*

*1100-1330*

3. Assessment Process and Improvements  
Discussion leader: Karp
  - Progress on improvements to stock assessment process
    - Efficiency and standardization initiatives
    - Consistency in review membership
    - Operational assessments – successes and lessons learned
  - Incorporating aspects of the Alaska Fishery Science Center model
  - Discuss need to shift workload from assessments to research that will improve assessments

*Working lunch break 1200-1220*

*1330-1500*

4. Planning for Cod Benchmark Assessments  
Discussion leader: Karp
  - Update on cod stock structure working group (NRCC on Action Item #2 from Spring 2015 meeting)
  - Outlining initial process for benchmarks

*Break 1500-1515*

1515-1545

5. Confirm Terms of Reference for Cumulative Discard Methodology Review

Discussion leader: Karp

- Update NRCC on Action Item #1 from Spring 2015 meeting

1545-1700

6. Review Current Assessment Schedule established at Spring 2015 NRCC meeting

- Update, as needed, on previously established 2016 and 2017 schedule
- Draft tentative 2018 schedule
- Briefly discuss planned 2017 review of an ecosystem model – how will that affect setting of ABCs in the fall of 2017?

1700-1715

7. Management Strategy Evaluations

Discussion leader: Karp

- Introduce this process and seek participation from NRCC partners

*1715-Day 1 Wrap Up; Prep for Day 2 Discussions*

*1730-Adjourn Day 1*

*1830: Dinner at Shula's 347 Grill, 21 Atwells Ave*

- Cocktails at 6:30pm, with dinner at 7pm
- The restaurant is located a few blocks from Hotel Providence
- Complimentary parking is available, for those who do not want to walk

**Wednesday, November 18**

0900-0930

8. SAW Working Group Composition

Discussion leader: Karp

- Review how policy worked for the winter SARCs
- Discuss SSC member participation

0930-1015

9. FDDV Discussion

Discussion leader: Pentony

- Inform Councils of FDDV recommendations

1015-1030

10. Update on Implementation of SAFE Report Process

Discussion leader: Pentony

- Update NRCC on Action Item #5 from Spring 2015 meeting

*1030-1045*

11. Update from MSA Section 313 Working Group

Discussion leader: Robins

- Update NRCC on Action Item #3 from Spring 2015 meeting

*Break 1045-1100*

*1100-1130*

12. Observer Coverage in the Lobster Fishery

Discussion leader: ASMFC

- Discuss collaboration between ASMFC, GARFO, and NEFSC on changes to observer sampling framework and data collected for both state and federal programs
- Agree to a timeframe for changes in the observer programs for the 2016 fishery

*1130-1200*

13. Blueline Tilefish Science and Management in the Mid-Atlantic

Discussion leader: Moore

*Working lunch break 1200-1220*

*1220-1305*

14. Update on Progress of Trawl Advisory Panel Charter

Discussion leader: Karp

- Review charter and consider potential changes

*1305-1330*

15. Rebuilding Winter Flounder Stocks

Discussion leader: ASMFC

- Discuss how to collaborate across partners to rebuild the stocks with particular concern for the Southern New England/Mid Atlantic stocks

*1330-1445*

16. NRCC Planning Discussion

- Discuss ideas on how to be more proactive with respect to priority setting and assessment scheduling
  - i. Conference calls prior to NRCC meetings to discuss upcoming priorities and potential assessment change requests?

*1445-1515*

17. Meeting wrap up

- Complete any unfinished discussions or unresolved new business
- Review action items and assignments
- Identify mid-term call date/time (ca. mid-January to early February 2016)

- Confirm May 10-11, 2016 Spring meeting date (NEFSC host) and identify Fall 2016 (ASMFC host) meeting date
- Adjourn meeting

Note: hard stop for all participants at 4:00 pm