

2017 SPRING NRCC MEETING AGENDA

The Providence Courtyard by Marriott—Providence, RI
Call-in Information: (877) 661-2084, participant code: 613780

All times are approximate

Tuesday, June 13

1000-1010

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

1010-1200

2. Long-term Assessment Goals and Prioritization

Discussion leader: Simpkins

- Review proposed two track (management and research) approach
- Discuss prioritization and scheduling process recommendations
- "Plan B" Working Group update and discussion (Lead: Brown)

1200-1300 Lunch

- *Members of the Working Group for the 2018 Workshop on Climate Change and Species Distribution should plan on eating together for an offsite working lunch.*

1300-1345

3. MRIP FES Transition Update

Discussion leader: NEFSC

1345-1615

4. Review Current Assessment Schedule

Discussion leader: NEFSC

- Update on 2017 Operational Assessments (Simpkins/Weinberg/Brown)
 1. Update on data received for the 20 operational assessments (Brown)
 2. Assessment oversight panel and peer review plans (Simpkins)
 3. Plan B specifically in the context of the 20 operational assessments (Brown)
 4. Timeline from data to peer review to product delivery, including communication and engagement (Weinberg)
- Discuss 2018 assessment schedule, including decision on placeholder "MRIP" benchmark (Hare/Simpkins)
- Discuss 2019 assessment schedule – consider context of long-term assessment scheduling process (Hare/Simpkins)

1615-1700

5. River Herring Topics

Discussion leader: Beal

- Update on the River Herring Stock Assessment

- River Herring Data Portal: Collection and warehousing of river herring river run data
- Update on the status of the River Herring Technical Expert Working Group (Diane Borggaard)

1700-Adjourn Day 1

*1830-Dinner at McCormick & Schmick's Seafood & Steaks, 11 Dorrance St, Providence
(within walking distance of hotel)*

Wednesday, June 14

0900-0915

6. NEFSC Progress Reports on Various Working Groups
Discussion leader: Hare/Simpkins
 - Updates for the 2018 Workshop on Climate Change and Species Distribution
 - Update on the Progress of the Cod Stock Structure Working Group

0915-0930

7. Update on Multispecies/Ecosystem Model Review
Discussion leader: Simpkins

0930-1000

8. Ecosystem Reports to the Councils
Discussion leader: Beal
 - What is the process to add a few Commission managed species into these reports that may have an influence on the systems?
 - Provide feedback to NEFSC on ecosystem reports (NEFSC request)

1000-1045

9. Discussion of Discard Methodologies Produced by the NEFSC and GARFO
Discussion leader: Moore
 - Discuss why methodologies differ and implications for management.

1045-1100 Break

1100-1130

10. Exploring Use of Programmatic EIS for FMPs
Discussion leader: Nies
 - Discuss any interest in GARFO/NEFMC/MAFMC to explore the use of a programmatic EIS for an FMP.
 - The idea behind a programmatic EIS is that it might reduce the length of NEPA documents for specific actions. A few Councils have tried this, with considerable financial support from their NMFS regions.

1130-1145

11. Update on NEFMC/MAFMC Coordination on FMPs
Discussion leader: Quinn

1145-1215

12. Coordinating Atlantic Herring Management between NEFMC and ASMFC
Discussion leader: Nies
- ASMFC is adopting additional measures that affect federally-permitted vessels. How do we coordinate these efforts and make sure ASMFC measures do not conflict with the federal FMP?

1215-1245

13. Meeting wrap up
- Complete any unfinished discussions or unresolved new business
 - Review action items and assignments
 - Identify Fall 2017 (MAFMC host) meeting date
 - Adjourn meeting