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Meeting Agenda

Scientific and Statistical Committee October 7, 2026

Fairfield Inn & Suites and via webinar
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Documents and Zoom Registration: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-7-2026-ssc-meeting>

- 9:00 am** **Welcome, introductions, opening remarks and agenda review..**(McManus, Chair)
- 9:10** **Council policy on SSC minority reports**(Feeney, NEFMC)
- 9:15** **Atlantic sea scallop OFLs and ABCs for FY 2027-2028**(McManus)
- Presentation: Projection model methods and results (Hart, NEFSC)
 - SSC questions on presentation
 - Presentation: Scallop PDT work on OFLs and ABCs (Buckley, NEFMC)
 - SSC questions on presentation
- 10:35** Public comment
- 10:45** Develop Atlantic sea scallop OFL and ABC recommendations
- 11:15** Break
- 11:25** **Northern windowpane flounder OFLs and ABCs for FY 2027-2031 ...**(McManus)
- Presentation: 2026 NEFSC data update and Groundfish PDT work on OFLs and ABCs (Frede, NEFMC)
 - SSC questions on presentation
- 12:00 pm** Public comment
- 12:10** Develop Northern windowpane flounder OFL and ABC recommendations
- 12:40** **Lunch**

- 2:00 Southern windowpane flounder OFLs and ABCs for FY 2027-2031 ...**(McManus)
- Presentation: 2026 NEFSC data update and Groundfish PDT work on OFLs and ABCs (Frede, NEFMC)
 - SSC questions on presentation
- 2:35 Public comment
- 2:45 Develop Southern windowpane flounder OFL and ABC recommendations
- 3:15 Break
- 3:25 Witch flounder OFLs and ABCs for FY 2027-2031**(McManus)
- Presentation: 2026 NEFSC data update and Groundfish PDT work on OFLs and ABCs (Frede, NEFMC)
 - SSC questions on presentation
- 4:00 Public comment
- 4:10 Develop witch flounder OFL and ABC recommendations
- 4:40 Other business**(McManus, Feeney)
- Next steps from dynamic reference points workshop
 - SSC workplan and solicitation of members for 2027
- 5:00 Adjourn**

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