**ACCSP BIOLOGICAL REVIEW PANEL**

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**DRAFT MEETING Minutes**

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**Welcome/Introduction**

C. Bradshaw welcomed the group.

**Approval of Agenda**

C. Bradshaw moved to approve agenda. He asked if anyone disapproved. There were no disapprovals.

**Approval of October 2020 Meeting Minutes**

C. Bradshaw moved to approve the meeting minutes. He asked if anyone disapproved. There were no disapprovals.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Biological Module Data Feeds and Inventory Application Update**

L. Aubart gave presentation on the Biological module and Biological inventory. L. Aubart gave an introduction on new table structures that have been created and implemented in the data warehouse, ACCSP has begun the process of creating the biological module. Since L. Aubart joined they have created new structures, they have finalized the code to move historical data into new structures, constructed new transfer files and established new data feeds. The updating of structures allows for the transfer of data from old to new structures. They added codes to accommodate historical data. For example Lobster maturity = EX (external exam, eggs present), crab maturity = CX (eggs present). The working group consisted of members from Recreational Technical Committee, Biological Review Panel, Biological Bycatch Prioritization Committee, HMS, and ACCSP staff. The goal was to create a biological sample type standard that included the unit of measurement. The first of the new data streams that have come in are the Jonah Crab TC. Initial overview of the transfer file they did mention it was difficult to adapt to the changes. Jonah crab partner data has begun being added to the new structures. L. Aubart stated outreach will be continuous.

Biological Inventory

L. Aubart noted the biological inventory will be an important feature for metadata. An important future as an application that captures real time change on biological and bycatch sampling programs. Information is entered by partners. L. Aubart stated the application is currently under development at the data warehouse. L. Aubart noted looking forward they will integrate module data. L. Aubart asked for questions. N. Lengyel Costa noted the original intent is to have all partners upload their biological data, and asked will that still happen? L. Aubart noted as they are working through the biological transfer file and module working through one species at a time right now which will help them improve slowly.

**Update Biological Priority Sampling Matrix for FY 2022**

H. Konell noted the recreational changes do not apply to the suggested changes. It is commercial changes only. H. Konell noted they will also not review the state priorities which is consistent with previous methodology. H. Konell noted the resilience scores were already addressed and changed when people reviewed the resilience factor spreadsheet. H. Konell mentioned the matrix is considering coast wide consensus. H. Konell noted the scores that are to be accepted is for the last two years of management changes. H. Konell asked if there were any questions. There were no questions.

C. Bradshaw went over the suggested changes.

Albacore

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment 2020, accepted

American Eel

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment 2022, accepted

American Lobster

Suggested change: current assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: next stock assessment 2025, accepted

American Lobster

Overfished: N: GOM/GB D: SNE, accepted

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Overfished: N: GOM/GB N: SNE, accepted

B. Linton noted he was checking the wrong report. S. Murray noted after checking the shock assessment there was no change submitted.

American Shad

Suggested change: Most recent: 2020, and not accept 2019

C. Bradshaw noted to leave current stock assessment date: blank.

S. Murray noted it was completed in 2020. Consistency wise it makes sense to have 2020 the most recent stock assessment.

Suggested change: Overfishing: Unknown, accepted

Suggested change: Significant change in management within 24 months: 1

C. Bradshaw noted 0= none, 1= minor, 2= between minor and moderate, 3= moderate, 4= between moderate and significant, 5= significant.

The group agreed to change it to 1 by consensus because there were some changes coastwide.

Atlantic croaker

Suggested change: next stock assessment 2024, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Suggested change: MD had significant change to management past 24 months. : 3 rejected; changed to 2 by consensus.

C. Bradshaw noted it has currently been at 3 = moderate. S. Murray noted the Atlantic croaker and FMP coordinator did not submit a score. So they thought the score of a 3 would be appropriate. A. Willey noted in Maryland they did not need to make changes for Atlantic croaker because they have changes in place. Virginia noted they will have some changes to reflect Maryland’s. J. Rock in North Carolina noted they are similar to Virginia looking to make some changes. C. Bradshaw asked is everyone okay with scoring it at a 2= between minor and moderate.

Atlantic Halibut

Suggested change: next stock assessment 2020, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: Will be blank until the next one.

B. Linton noted this is based on where and when the stock assessment was created.

Suggested change: Overfished: Unknown, accepted

Atlantic Menhaden

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: Going from 3 = Needs work, to 1= adequate, rejected group agreed to leave score at a 3 by consensus.

S. Murray noted from the ASMFC perspective she would feel inclined to keep it at a 3. There are some portions they have had issues of not enough sampling. C. Bradshaw asked New Jersey if they were okay with the score. New Jersey noted they would have to check with their biologist. N. Lengyel Costa noted she would agree with S. Murray to keep it at a 3. Rhode Island is struggling to get sampling especially around the coast of Maine. They are not adequately fished in the North. S. Murray noted at the last Menhaden stock assessment the lack of data on the older fish was of some concern. B. Schondelmeier from Massachusetts agreed with N. Lengyel Costa. C. Uraneck from Maine suggested to think about it. Maine is sampling and has received a lot of bio mass. C. Bradshaw noted it seems the consensus would be to hold it at a 3, and keep it in mind for next time if trends continue it may move towards a 4 coast wide even though some states are getting inadequate sampling.

C. Bradshaw proposed no change. Leave score Adequacy of sampling: 3 = Needs work

Suggested change: next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2020, accepted

S. Murray noted the stock assessment was completed in 2019, but accepted for management use in 2020.

Suggested change: Significant change in management: 5 Significant to 3 moderate, accepted

S. Murray noted the adoption of ERP is a big change in management, but the result was not a major change as expected. The group agreed to change it to 3= moderate.

Atlantic Sharpnose Shark

Suggested change: Significant Change to management FL: 1, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management MD: 1, accepted

C. Bradshaw stated this is coast wide so a minor change in Florida should not affect anything. It previously was at a 3. Maryland is at a 0. C. Bradshaw suggested to change it to a 1= minor for Florida and Maryland.

Atlantic Smooth Dogfish

Suggested change: Significant Change to management FL: 1, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management MD: 1, accepted

C. Bradshaw suggested for consistency to maintain the significant change to management to 1 for both Maryland and Florida. A. Willey agreed.

Bay Scallop

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 4, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1, accepted

Virginia stated they do not sample any. C. Bradshaw asked does anyone sample them. N. Lengyel Costa noted she thinks Rhode Island samples Bay Scallops to some degree. C. Bradshaw noted it is currently at a 4 = some sampling. C. Bradshaw asked the group would they like to keep it at that instead of changing it to a 5. A. Willey agreed. C. Bradshaw asked has anyone had significant change in management within 24 months. It was noted it has never been fully changed to a zero due to events that can occur.

Bigeye Tuna

Suggested change: current /next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Black Drum

Suggested change: current stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

S. Murray noted from the ASMFC side there has been no management changes for Black Drum. C. Bradshaw noted that makes sense to keep it at a 0. The change was accepted.

**BREAK**

**Update Biological Priority Sampling Matrix for FY 2022 Continued**

Black Grouper

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2025

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0

C. Bradshaw noted the stock assessment was decided by the CEDAR workshops. C. Bradshaw noted ASMFC noted the proposed change is going from 1= minor to no change= 0. M. Errigo noted there has not been any management changes in the past few years.

Black Sea Bass

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 4, accepted

Suggested change: Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021 (MA), 2023 (SA), accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 2, accepted

C. Bradshaw noted the proposed change for adequacy of sampling is to go from a 3= needs change, to a 4= inadequacy. N. Lengyel Costa noted Rhode Island had decreased their coverage due to the Science Center. B. Linton noted he will talk with the Science Center. There is a discussion on the sampling between the Northeast and the Science Center. No one wants to pay for sampling. C. Bradshaw noted it seems like moving from 3 to 4 is appropriate. B. Linton noted this is for the Northeast sampling program. D. Player from South Carolina reviewed samples over the past couple of years. He noted sampling as decreased due to lack of fishing availability, and lack of fishers. L. Beerkircher from the Southeast noted he does not see any issues. Most of the lack of sampling is due to COVID. C. Bradshaw noted increasing it to a 3 or 4 would be more conservative.

C. Bradshaw asked about the next stock assessment. The suggested change was 2023. S. Murray noted the SE and NE stock assessments are done separately. M. Errigo asked does the stock assessment effect the quota mechanism for the significant change in management. C. Bradshaw noted it was already previously at a 1= minor change. Leaving it at a 1 would be no change. N. Lengyel Costa noted this is also based off of the past two calendar years 2019 and 2020. There was also a Black Sea Bass Board meeting this year that changed commercial allocations. H. Konell noted those changed are not published and apply next year. C. Bradshaw noted he is leaning towards a 2 versus 3. M. Errgio agrees with a 2.

Blacktip Shark

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

Blue Crab

Suggested Change: Fishery Managed: 1, change to a 5, accepted

Suggested change: Overfishing: N, rejected to Y

Suggested change: Overfished: N, rejected to Y

For Blue Crab Fishery Managed changed to 5, because it is managed coastwide by state. C. Bradshaw stated previous it was stated yes for overfished, and yes for overfishing. J. Rock noted in North Carolina Blue Crab is yes for overfishing, and yes for overfished. C. Bradshaw rejected the change from N to Y.

Bluefin Tuna

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Suggested change: Overfishing: Unknown, accepted

C. Uraneck from Maine noted they are still reviewing Bluefin Tuna. The group agreed the current/next stock assessment would be 2021, and the most recent stock assessment to be 2017.

Bluefish

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

ASMFC Priority: 4, accepted

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: Overfished: Y, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 3, accepted

C. Bradshaw noted the adequacy of sampling is suggested to move from 2= almost adequate to 3 = needs work. This is one of the primary samplings of the Science Center for age determination. E. Simpson noted it sounded reasonable. B. Linton noted when he was scoring this he kept the Science Center in mind. C. Bradshaw noted everyone suggests to change the significant changes in management from 1 to 3. A. Willey noted they can compromise with a 3.

Blueline Tilefish

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected; changed to a 4

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: 2024, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1, rejected; changed to a 2

C. Bradshaw noted Florida proposed to move from 4 to 3 for sampling adequacy. M. Errigo noted there is still a lot of age difference missing in the samples. C. Bradshaw rejected the change. The group felt the significant change in management should be a 2, because of changes in Southeast where bulk of fishery occurs.

Brown Shrimp

**Brown shrimp were not added to the matrix, because scores would be identical to white shrimp.**

It was asked are White Shrimp a represented of all Shrimp species? H. Konell noted it is up to the committee. H. Konell noted they can add other Shrimp species if they feel White Shrimp is not inclusive enough. C. Bradshaw noted it is not beneficial to add other Shrimp species if it will be represented the same way as White Shrimp. It was rejected to add Brown Shrimp.

Cobia

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: blank, accepted

Suggested change: Most recent stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 2 rejected; changed to a 3

E. Simpson from Virginia noted there has been increased changes, but they are moderate. The change was rejected to change to a 2. Instead it will change to a 3.

Dolphin

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 4, accepted

Suggested change: Seasonality of Fishery: 1, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

For adequacy of sampling M. Errgio noted it is difficult to get samples. L. Beerkircher asked what defines seasonality. M. Errigo noted if it reflects the length of the fishing seasoning. The fishing season is all year around, but the fishing landings are seasonal. M. Errigo noted if you review it coast wide it may actually be a 1. M. Errigo noted the SAFMC manages Dolphin up and down the east coast so the score is accurate.

FineTooth Shark

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1, accepted

Gag

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

The group agreed to change Significant Change to Management to 0, because changes will not be made until after the current assessment.

Golden Crab

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Seasonality of Fishery: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

M. Errigo noted he did not note any biological sampling. L. Beerkircher will do a query to double check. L. Beerkircher noted in the mid 2000’s there was over 1,000 + sampling done in Florida. Now it is less. C. Bradshaw noted previously it was at a 3 for adequacy of sampling. This is because the fishery is small and sporadic, but is sampled well when it is active. The group agreed to keep it a 3. M. Errigo noted Golden Crab is not a yearlong fishery. However, it does operate 1-9 months so 3 would be a proper score.

Gray Snapper

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: leave blank, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected; change to a 4

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

The group agreed Gray Snapper are not seen as much, because only Florida is seeing more of them. The score of a 3 was rejected.

Gray Triggerfish

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: leave blank

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected, changed to a 4

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1

C. Bradshaw noted significant changes in management was scored a 1 for minor changes. The group did not agree with the suggested change of 3 for sampling adequacy. The group decided to leave Adequacy of Sampling at 4, because dealers are reluctant to allow spines to be taken.

Greater Amberjack

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: leave blank, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Hogfish

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2023, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

Horseshoe Crab

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2024, rejected

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2019 (RI, MA, MD, NH, ASMFC)

Suggested change: next stock assessment: 2021

Suggested change: Seasonality of Fishery: 1, rejected, changed to 3

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1 (FL), rejected; changed to 0

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1

S. Murray noted according to ASMFC next stock assessment is 2024. Due to the ARM model. H. Konell noted whatever comes out of the ARM model update can be reasoning behind the stock assessment change. A. Willey noted including the ARM update would be help because it impacts sampling. The grouped agreed to reject the proposed change of seasonality of fishery to 3 instead recommended 1. C. Bradshaw agreed on the Significant Change to management being a 0, because only Florida would be at a 1.

Jonah Crab

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2023, accepted

King Mackerel

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 2, rejected. Changed to 1

C. Bradshaw noted the Suggested change for significant change to management was a 1 before and only applies to one state which is Florida. C. Bradshaw suggests to reject the suggested change for significant change to management from 2, to 1. M. Errgio agreed.

Lane Snapper

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, reject changed to 1

The group decided to leave adequacy of sampling at previous score, because only Florida had a change. The group agreed to reject the significant Change to management past 24 months suggestion and change from 0, to 1.

Little Skate

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested Change Most Recent Assessment: 2019, accepted

C. Bradshaw and B. Linton the suggested change of Adequacy of sampling going from 2 to a 3 is accurate.

Lobster

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Menhaden

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Mutton Snapper

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

The group agreed the significant change to management in the past 24 months is 0, because they do not expect changes until after next assessment. The group agreed to leave adequacy of sampling at previous level, because only Florida has a change.

Northern Short-Fin Squid

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

B. Linton noted the process was delayed.

Northern Puffer

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

C. Bradshaw asked did anyone have significant Change to management past 24 months for Northern Puffer. The group had none.

Ocean Pout

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: Next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Offshore Hake

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Oyster

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2021, rejected; changed to blank

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2019, rejected; changed to blank

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, rejected

Overfishing: Blank, accepted

N. Lengyel Costa noted it looks like this is managed state by state. So the stock assessments dates were rejected. The group decided to leave Overfishing blank, because it is managed state by state. C. Bradshaw asked the group for coast wide adequacy of sampling inadequate or needs work. The group decided to leave it at 4 and reject the suggested change to bring it to a 3, because individual states vary between 3 and 4.

Pink Shrimp

Pink shrimp was not added to the matrix, because white shrimp can be used as representative species.

Red Drum

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2024

Suggested change: next stock assessment: 2022, rejected

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 0, accepted

S. Murray noted the benchmark is drawn out. There will be a simulation then the benchmark will created off of that. This could affect management. The group agreed 2024 is good for the next stock assessment. The group noted no significant change to management. S. Murray noted on the ASMFC level there is no significant change. Change Significant Change to Management to 0, because Red Drum is managed by ASMFC, and they have made no changes.

Red Grouper

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 4, accepted

C. Bradshaw noted the suggested change of adequacy of sampling will change from 4 to 3.

Red Porgy

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

Suggested change: Overfishing: Y, accepted

M. Errgio noted significant change will be coming up next time.

Red Snapper

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: next stock assessment: 2023, accepted

Suggested change: Seasonality of Fishery: 3, accepted

M. Errgio noted the seasonality of fishery would be accurate at a 3.

River Herring

Suggested change: change Next Assessment to 2023, accepted

Suggested change: Seasonality of Fishery: 5 rejected; changed to 3

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 5, rejected; change to 1

C. Bradshaw noted it was a 3 for seasonality of Fishery. New Hampshire noted it is always open all year, but this will change soon. C. Bradshaw noted a 3 instead of a 5 would best represent the seasonality of fishery coast wide, because some states still have seasons running longer than a month. New Hampshire noted that they reached a trigger so they will be closing in 2021. S. Murray noted the FMP coordinator noted this will noted effect coast wide.

Sandbar Shark

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1, accepted

Suggested change: Most Recent Assessment to 2017, accepted

Scamp

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, accepted

Scup

Suggested change: most current/next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Council Priority: 1, accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

The group agreed the suggested change to the significant Change to management in the past 24 months should be 1 to account any minor changes by states.

Sea Cucumber

Stock Resilience: 4

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 5, accepted

Suggested change: Overfished: D, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, rejected

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1 (FL), accepted

The group agreed to change Overfished to depleted, Maine has data that shows Sea Cucumbers have depleted. Florida only has a feeling it is not depleted. C. Bradshaw noted to reject the suggested change of significant Change to management in the past 24 months of 0. To put 1 due to Florida having a change. Stock Resilience score was carried over from stock resilience spreadsheet.

Sea Urchins

Stock Resilience: 4, accepted

Suggested change: Overfished: Y, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 5, accepted

Stock Resilience score was carried over from stock resilience spreadsheet.

Sharpnose Shark

State Priority: 1, accepted

Sheepshead

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

**LUNCH 12:30pm-1pm**

**Update Biological Priority Sampling Matrix for FY 2022 Continued**

Shortfin Mako Shark

Suggested change: current/next stock assessment: blank

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2019

Suggested change: last stock assessment: 2019

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 2, changed to 1 by consensus

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 2, changed to 1 by consensus

C. Bradshaw noted the suggested change for the significant change to management in the past 24 months was suggested to be a 2. The group agreed to make it a 1 to be consistent with other sharks.

Silk Snapper

Council Priority: 1

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 0, changed to 1 by consensus

Silver Hake

Suggested change: most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Skipjack Tuna

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Fishery Managed: 5, accepted

C. Bradshaw noted the proposed change for fishery managed is to go from a 0 to a 5. It went from no to Coastwide for fishery managed by consensus.

Smooth Dogfish

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Most Recent Stock Assessment: 2018, accepted

State Priority: 2

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

Snowy Grouper

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

Spanish Mackerel

Council Priority: 5

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, rejected changed to 2022.

Seasonality of fishery: 3, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 2, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 2, accepted

S. Murray noted the current / next stock assessment has been pushed back to 2022. M. Errgio agreed. The 2021 stock assessment suggestion was rejected. C. Bradshaw noted seasonality of fishery is at a 3 between 1-9 months. The group agreed to change seasonality to 3, due to closure of northern fishery after 5-6 months. C. Bradshaw asked if there was change in management for Spanish Mackerel. R. Hudson noted they are catching them a lot in Florida which helps out.

Spiny Dogfish

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 0, changed to 1

The group agreed there was a minor change to management.

Spiny Lobster

Suggested change: Fishery Managed:

Suggested change: overfished

Suggested change: overfishing

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling:

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months:

C. Bradshaw suggested rejecting the sampling adequacy for Spiny Lobster. H. Konell noted if we reject the sampling adequacy it would change the species resiliency scores. They need to have a score finalized before the Coordinating Council meeting to present to the Coordinating Council. C. Bradshaw noted this section will be rejected, as an action item to add this species. **Spiny lobster will be made an action item to add to the matrix next time.**

Spot

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2024, accepted

Suggested change: Most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1 rejected; changed to 2

C. Bradshaw noted the suggested change for significant Change to management past 24 months

was at 3. It is now suggested to change to a 1. The group agreed to change it to a 2 by consensus to be in the middle.

Stone Crab

C. Bradshaw noted this section will be rejected, as an action item to add this species. **Stone Crab will be made an action item to add to the matrix next time.**

Swordfish

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2017, accepted

Tautog

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Next Assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Overfished: N, (MA, RI) Y, (DE, MD, VA) (LIS, NY-NJ), accepted

Suggested change: Overfishing: N, (MA, RI) Y, (DE, MD, VA) (LIS, NY-NJ), accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management past 24 months: 1, accepted

S. Murray noted Tautog is not overfished in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. N. Lengyel Costa asked was management change assessed last year. H. Konell reviewed the previous matrix. H. Konell noted there was no significant change within the last year for Tautog.

Tilefish

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2021, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Most Recent stock assessment: MA: 2017 SA: 2016, accepted

Weakfish

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: blank, accepted

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 0, accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Stock Assessment: 4

Whelk

Fishery Managed: 1, rejected; change to 5

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 1, accepted

N. Lengyel Costa noted they have might have been scoring the fishery manage incorrectly. The group decided to leave Fishery Managed at 5, because it is managed coastwide by state. **The group noted they should reword or go over the KEY for fishery managed.**

The group agreed to change significant change to management to 1, because a couple states had minor changes.

White Grunt

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: blank, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 4

Suggested change: Significant Change to management in past 24 months: 0

Overfishing: Unknown

M. Errgio noted there is not enough samples to review to make it an adequate stock. More sampling needs to be done. The group agreed to change adequacy of sampling to 4, because more samples are needed to evaluate the existence of multiple stocks. The group decided to leave Overfishing at unknown, because only Florida has known status.

White Shrimp

Suggested change: Significant Change to management: 2

Suggested change: Significant Change to management in past 24 months: 2

Suggested change: Overfished: N, rejected changed to Unknown

Suggested change: Overfishing: N, rejected changed to Unknown

Stock Resilience: 3

Virginia now samples a lot of them as a test fishery will probably transfer to a full blown fishery in the future. C. Bradshaw noted this a change in management. The group agreed by consensus to change it to a 2 for significant change in management, due to emergence of experimental fishery in North Carolina. The group decided to leave overfished and overfishing at unknown, because only Florida has known status.

Windowpane Flounder

Suggested change: Overfished: GOM/GB: Y, accepted

Next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Winter Flounder

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

Next stock assessment: 2022, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Overfished: Y, (GB, SNE/MA), N: U: GOM

Stock Resilience: 4 ( BRP Comm), 5 (ASMFC)

S. Murray will look up the stock assessment in terms of management. S. Murray confirmed the most recent stock assessment is 2020 and the next stock assessment is 2022.

Winter Skate

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2023, accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 4, accepted

The group agreed by consensus that 2023 is the next/ current stock assessment.

Yellowfin Tuna

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: 2023, accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Yellowtail Flounder

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: (2020 SNE/MA), 2021 (CC/GOM), accepted

Most recent stock assessment: 2019, accepted

Suggested change: Adequacy of sampling: 3, accepted

Overfished: N: (CC/GOM), accepted

Yellowtail Snapper

Suggested change: current/ next stock assessment: blank, accepted

Next stock assessment: 2020, accepted

C. Bradshaw concluded the matrix discussion. C. Bradshaw noted he will send the spreadsheet to H. Konell. C. Bradshaw noted the color codes used within the spreadsheet. The green for group consensus, yellow for accepted with changes, red is rejected by group.

**Hot Topic Item**

There were no hot topic items.

**Elections**

H. Konell noted C. Bradshaw was Chair and will now be moving out for Chair. H. Konell stated B. Linton who is Vice Chair will be moving to Chair. H. Konell asked the group for any Vice Chair nominations. H. Konell stated B. Linton is from the North, and usually they have representation from both the North and South. L. Beerkicher nominated himself for the Vice Chair position. There were no objections.

**Other Business**

H. Konell reminded the group to start to think of potential ideas and commitments for committee proposals due in June. H. Konell noted to email L. Aubart with any questions and proposals.

**Adjourn**

2:05PM

**Action Items**

1. **Spiny lobster will be made an action item to add to the matrix next time.**
2. **Stone Crab will be made an action item to add to the matrix next time.**
3. **The group noted they should reword or go over the KEY for fishery managed.**