**ACCSP BIOLOGICAL REVIEW PANEL ANNUAL MEETING 2023**

**Date: Wednesday, February 8th**

**Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

**Location: Westin Crystal City**

**1800 Richmond Hwy, Arlington, VA 22202**

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**DRAFT MEETING MINUTES**

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**Welcome and Introductions**

B. Linton welcomed the group.

**Approval of Agenda**

B. Linton suggested a motion for the approval of the agenda . B, Schondelmeier made a motion to approve the agenda, J. Morgan seconded that motion.

**Public Comment**

No public comment.

**Updates to the Bio Matrix FY2024**

B. Linton went over the changes

**Albacore**

Suggested change by New Jersey for current/next stock assessment to be TBD. Change approved.

**American Eel**

Suggested change by North Carolina in Management within 24 months to be scored at 0. Change was approved.

**American Lobster**

Suggested change by Rhode Island for Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to be scored a 5. The group agreed to this change for both state and federal.

State Priority suggested change by Rhode Island to change score to a 5. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to a score of a 3. This change was disregarded due to change above applies for state and federal.

**American Plaice**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to the Adequacy of Level of Sampling to change to a score of 3. This change was approved.

**American Shad**

Suggested change by New Jersey Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months from a 4 to a 5.New Jersey noted the quota for the American Shad fisheries would be implemented in 2024. H. Power suggested this be approved the next matrix review. The group agreed to disregard this change.

**Atlantic Croaker**

Suggested change by Florida to the significant change in management within 24 months from a score of a 4 to a score of a 2. The group agreed to this change and determined the score was already at a 2.

**Atlantic Cutlassfish**

**Suggested change by North Carolina to add this species to the matrix. J. Rock, E. Simpson and A. Wiley seconded this change as they have seen species in North Carolina, Virginia, Maryland.** The group agreed to this change to make a recommendation to add it to the matrix at the next annual meeting review.

**Atlantic Halibut**

Suggested change by Maine to the current/next stock assessment to 2022. This change was disregarded.

Suggested change by NEFSC to the most recent stock assessment to 2024. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Maine to the most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was disregarded.

Suggested change by NEFSC to the most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was approved.

Suggested change to change the overfished status from “No” to “Yes” suggested by the NEFSC. This change was approved.

Suggested change to by NEFSC to change overfishing status from “Yes” to “No” by NEFSC. This change was approved.

Suggested change by North Carolina to remove state priority from matrix list but also listed as species. H. Power noted the current score in the matrix is 4. The group decided to reject the change and not remove state priority from the matrix list.

**Atlantic Menhaden**

Suggested change by Maine to change the current/Next stock assessment to change to 2025. This change was approved.

Suggested change by New Hampshire to change the current/Next stock assessment to change to 2025. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change the current/Next stock assessment to change to 2025. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Maine to change the most recent stock assessment to change to 2022. This change was approved.

Suggested change by New Hampshire to change the most recent stock assessment to change to 2022. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change the most recent stock assessment to change to 2022. This change was approved.

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change Seasonality of Fishery from a score of a 1 to a score of a 3. This change was disregard.

Suggested change by Maine for state priority to score a 5. This changed was approved

**Atlantic Mackerel**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to the Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to a score of 3. The group agreed to this change.

Suggested change by Massachusetts to the adequacy of level of sampling to a score of a 4 made. H Power noted the next matrix review would include recent changes after Committee reviews. If the Committee is unsure this topic can be highlighted and the Committee can discuss during the next matrix review. The group decide to revisit next matrix review.

**Atlantic Mackerel will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**

**Atlantic Smooth Dogfish**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority to remove from list. This change was rejected.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority to a score of 3. This change was accepted

**Atlantic Smooth Dogfish will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**.

**Atlantic Spadefish**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority requested to add species to matrix and include a score of 2. H. Power noted everyone would need to vote and review priority matrix to determine score. J. Rock noted an increase of Atlantic Spadefish species in North Carolina. E. Simpson noted an increase in the species in Virginia. **The group agreed to this change to make a recommendation to add the Atlantic Spadefish species to the matrix at the next annual meeting review.**

**Atlantic Cutlassfish**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority to score of a 3. This change was approved.

**Bay Scallop**

Suggested change by New York to change state priority to a score of a 5. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change seasonality of fisheries to a score of a 3.This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change significant management within 24 months to a score of a 0. This change was accepted.

**Bigeye Tuna**

Suggested change by New Jersey to change the most recent stock assessment to 2021. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by New Jersey to change the current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

**Black Belly Rose Fish**

ACCSP suggested significant change in landings within 24 months to change to 3. No other suggestions can be accepted. A. Lee noted this species is being considered as addition to the matrix. A. Wiley noted no species present in Maryland. D. Player noted South Carolina would agree with this change as Black Belly is present in South Carolina. J. Curtis noted no current assessments of Black Belly. **The group agreed to this change and recommended Black Belly be added to the matrix. The committee would have to review to score. Black Belly Rose Fish will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26.**

**Black Drum**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority to score of 4.

**Black Sea Bass**

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change Current/ next stock assessment 2023. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change Current/ next stock assessment 2023. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change most recent stock assessment to 2021. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent stock assessment to 2021. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by South Carolina and Maryland to the significant change in management within 24 months to score a 5. J. Curtis noted assessments are currently ongoing for this species. Except management changes after assessment is released. The group agreed to accept this change.

**Blackfin Tuna**

Suggested change by North Carolina to remove this species from state priority list made by NC. The group rejected this change and decided to have Blackfin Tuna remain in the matrix.

**Blacktip Shark**

Suggested change by New Jersey to change most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by New Jersey to change current/next stock assessment to TBD. H. Power noted in the matrix “TBD” will remain blank.

**Blue Catfish**

Suggested request by North Carolina to change state priority to a score of 3. E. Simpson asked if there is a policy for non-marine species. A. Willey asked if there is a policy for invasive species. H. Power confirmed both policies. A.Lee asked if biological sampling was necessary for Blue Catfish as well as funding and tracking. E. Simpson noted electrofishing is the only commercial fisheries with Blue Catfish. Other states use gillnets. The group agreed to this change and review Blue Catfish and evaluate the commercial importance and additional sampling. It will be recommended at the next annual meeting.

**Blue Crab**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change the adequacy of level of sampling to a score of a 5. B. Schondelmeier suggest to disregarded this change as it does not represent the entire coast. This change was rejected.

Suggested change by Maryland to change the most recent stock assessment to 2017. A. Willey suggested to identify by state because it varies in information when listed by state. It was recommended to review in at the next annual meeting when states populate fields in FY26.

Suggested by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. It was recommended to review in at the next annual meeting when states populate fields in FY26.

Suggested by South Carolina to change significant change in management within 24 months to a score of 3.

Suggested change by Maryland to change fishery managed to a score of a 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change fishery managed to 1. This change was rejected.

Suggested change by Florida and Maryland to change overfished status to “no”. It was recommended to list this change by state.

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Suggested change by Maryland to change significant change in management within 24 months to a score of a 4. J. Rock noted North Carolina would recommend a score of 3 rather than 4. H. Power noted this change is related to quota changes. The group reviewed and rejected the suggested change to the significant change in management within 24 months to score as a 4. The group agreed to change the score to a 3.

**BlueFin Tuna**

Suggested change to the current/next stock assessment to 2022, and most recent to 2017 and 2021. The group accepted these changes.

Suggested change by Maine to change overfished status to unknown. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maine to change overfishing status to no. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maine Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to create distinctions of Eastern Atlantic/Mediterranean and Western Atlantic stocks. This will be recommended by committee.

**Bluefish Pomatomus Saltatrix**

Suggested change by New Jersey, Rhode Island, Maryland and SEFSC to change the most recent stock assessment to change to 2021. N. Lengyel Costa noted there is an ongoing stock assessment for the research track. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maryland and Rhode Island to the current/next stock assessment to change to 2022. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by New Jersey and NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. This change was rejected.

**Blueline Tilefish**

Suggested change by Florida to change the adequacy level of sampling from a score of a 2 to a 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by South Carolina to the significant change in management within 24 months from a score of a 2 to a 3. This change was accepted.

**Brown Shrimp**

Suggested change by Florida to change the significant change to management within 24 months to a score of 2. A. Lee noted this species was not originally included in the matrix. A. Willey noted White Shrimp is included in the matrix. H. Power noted Brown Shrimp is not included in the bycatch matrix. H. Power recommend a subsection can be added in the representative list in the matrix to include Brown Shrimp. J. Rock noted Brown Shrimp and White Shrimp should be categorized separately as they are different. E. Leonard noted Brown Shrimp and White Shrimp are assessed differently. **The committee agreed to recommend Brown Shrimp as an addition to the species list within the matrix.**

**Cobia**

Suggested change by North Carolina and Maryland based on the SEDAR schedule to change current/next stock assessment to 2025. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of a 0. E. Simpson noted concerns on changing score to 0. D. Player suggested change score to 1. The suggested change to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of a 0 was rejected. The group decided to change score to 1.

**Cubera Snapper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of a 3. The Committee recommended to bring change to full Committee. **Cubera Snapper will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26.**

**Dog Snapper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of a 3. This change was rejected.

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**Dolphin**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change to state priority score to a 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next to 2026. This change was accepted.

**Finetooth Shark**

Suggested change by North Carolina to the State priority change to score of 3. This change was accepted.

**Gag Grouper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to current/next stock to change to 2025. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Florida to change the Significant change in management within 24 months score change to a score of a 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change the most recent stock assessment to 2021. This change was accepted.

**Gray Snapper**

Adequacy of level of sampling change to score of 3 accepted.

**Gray Triggerfish**

Suggested by Florida to change the Adequacy of level of sampling change to score of 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested by Florida to change most recent stock assessment to 2023 considering the ongoing SEDAR 82. This change was accepted.

Suggested by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. This was change was rejected. The group agreed to change this to 2024.

Suggested change by South Carolina to change the Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to the score of 3. This change was accepted.

**Graysby Grouper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change the Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months score to 5. D. Player noted South Carolina is attempting to get fishers and dealers to separate fish out by species. Historically, shallow water groupers have been labeled under incorrect classification. Asked the group to consider this when adding to biological matrix. The group rejected this change.

**Greater Amberjack**

Suggested change by South Carolina related to amendment 27 to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months score to 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2027. This change was accepted.

Suggested by North Carolina to change most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted.

**Haddock**

Suggested change from Massachusetts related to quota cuts to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 3. H. Power noted Haddock is on the adequately sampled list. Suggested change to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling score to 3. It was recommended to assess the sampling of Haddock and move priority matrix to FY26. **Haddock will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26.**

**Hard Clam**

Suggested change by to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 0. This change was accepted.

**HogFish**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in landings Within 24 Months to score of 3 recommended by ACCSP.

**Horseshoe Crab**

Suggested change by Florida to change Seasonality of Fishery to score from 3 to 1. A. Willey noted Maryland is currently scored at a 3. The committee rejected this change, and decided to let the score remain a 3.

Suggested by Massachusetts to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to a score of 4. Due to new management being implemented in Winter. B. Schondelmeier noted Massachusetts withdraws this change. This change was rejected.

**Jonah Crab**

Massachusetts suggested to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to a score of a 3. B. Schondelmeier agreed to wait on this change. The group rejected this change.

**King Mackerel**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in landings Within 24 Months recommended by ACCSP to change to score of 3.

**Lane Snapper**

Suggested change by Florida to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to score of 3. This change was accepted.

**Little Skate**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change the current/next stock assessment to 2023. This change was accepted.

**Mantis Shrimp**

Suggested change by Rhode Island to add Mantis Shrimp species to sampling priority matrix. N. Lengel Costa noted Rhode Island observes Mantis Shrimp however it is under sampled. **The group agreed to recommend Mantis Shrimp be added to the biological matrix.**

**Marbled Grouper**

ACCSP suggested to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to score of 5. D. Player noted this species is not targeted in South Carolina. The group agreed to reject this change.

**Mutton Snapper**

Suggested by Florida to change the Current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

**Northern Shot Fin Squid**

Suggested by NEFSC to change to the most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

Suggested by NEFSC to change the current/next stock assessment to 2025. This change was accepted.

**Ocean Pout**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2025. This change was accepted.

**Offshore Hake**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. This change was accepted.

**Oyster**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 0. The group accepted this change.

Suggested by North Carolina to change to seasonality of fishery to score of 3. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change overfishing status to unknown. This change was accepted.

**Pink Shrimp**

Suggested change by Florida to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months score to 2. **Adding it to the biological matrix. H. Power noted this species is similar to Brown Shrimp. The group decided to handle this similar to Brown Shrimp.**

**Pollock**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to score of 3. **The group decide to move Pollock to the priority matrix in FY26.**

**Red Grouper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to a score of a 4. D. Player noted Red Grouper landing samplings are low in South Carolina. The group decided to reject this change and remain at a score of 3.

Suggested change by Florida to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to a score of 3. Florida noted Red Grouper has a lot of landings. H. Power noted Red Grouper is currently scored at a 3. The group accepted this change.

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to score of a 3 recommended by ACCSP.

**Red Porgy**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of a 3. D. Player noted in South Carolina the trip requirement was reduced to 12 fish in January. D. Player recommended score be change higher to 4 or 5. H. Power noted current score is 0.

Suggested by Florida to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to a score of 1. The group rejected this change.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2025. This change was accepted.

**Red Snapper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to score of 3 recommended by ACSCP.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2026. This change was accepted.

**River Herring**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to score of 0. The group accepted this change.

**Scup**

Suggested change by Maryland to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to score of a 3. A. Willey noted the initial quota is now 75% after changes implemented last year. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Rhode Island and NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Rhode Island and NEFSC to change the most recent to 2021. This change was accepted .

**Sea Urchin**

Suggested by Massachusetts to change the Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to change to score of 1. This change was rejected.

Suggested by Maine to change the Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to change to score of 2. This change was accepted.

**Sheepshead**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Landings Within 24 Months to change to score of a 0. This change was accepted.

**Shortfin Mako Shark**

Suggested change by New Jersey and Maryland to set current/next stock assessment to 2024. The group accepted this change.

Suggested change by Maryland to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to a score of 4. The group rejected this change.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 5. The group agreed to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to a general score of 5.

**Silk Snapper**

ACCSP recommended Significant Change in landings Within 24 Months to be scored a 5. Suggested change from South Carolina.

**Sliver Hake**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change current/ next stock assessment to 2023. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change the most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted.

**Skipjack Tuna**

Suggested change by New Jersey and Maryland to change current/ next stock assessment to 2022. This change was rejected.

Suggested to change by New Jersey to change most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

**Snowy Grouper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to the Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to score of 3 related to amendment 27. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to change to 2026. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change most recent stock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted.

**Southern Flounder**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change the Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to a score of 4. This change was accepted

Suggested change by North Carolina to change seasonality of fishery to score of 3. This change was accepted.

**Southern Kingfish**

Suggested change by North Carolina to Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to score of 0. This change was accepted.

**Spanish Mackerel**

ACCSP recommended Significant Change in landings Within 24 Months to be scored a 5. Change was accepted**.**

**Spiny Dogfish**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent stock assessment 2022. This change was accepted

Suggested change by NEFSC to change Current/next stock assessment 2026. This change was accepted.

**Spiny Lobster**

All changes rejected. The Spiny Lobster species is on adequately sampled list on the matrix.

**Spot**

Suggested change by Florida to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to score of 1. This change was accepted.

**Spotted Sea Trout**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change overfishing status to “yes”. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to a score of 0. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change the most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

**Stone Crab**

H. Power noted Stone Crab is not scored/ unable to sample. The group agreed to recommend this species score be rereviewed in FY26. **Stone crab will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26.**

**Stripped Mullet**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority score to 5. **The group agreed to recommend Stripped Mullet will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26**

**Summer Flounder**

Suggested change by Maryland to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 3. Quota has now dropped below 75%.

**Swordfish**

Suggested change by New Jersey to change current/next stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

**Tautog**

Suggested change by ASMFC, states and Rhode Island to change current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Rhode Island, AMSFMC and states to change most recent stock assessment changed to 2021. This change was accepted.

Suggested to change overfished status to “No” by Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and Long Island sounds and overfished status to “yes” for New Jersey and New York. Based on the 2021 ASMFC Tautog update assessment. Overfishing is not occurring for anyone. The group accepted this change.

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change overfished status to “No” for Delaware, Long Island Sound, Maryland and Virginia. This change was rejected.

Suggested change by Rhode Island, AMSFC and states to change overfishing status to “No”. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by ASMFC, states to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 0. This change was accepted.

**Tilefish**

Suggested change by NEFSC and North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC and North Carolina to change most recent to 2021. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by South Carolina to the Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to change to score of 3 related to the amendment 28. This change was accepted.

**Vermilion Snapper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 3 related to amendment 27. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2028. This change was accepted.

**Weakfish**

Suggested change by Rhode Island to change the current/next stock assessment to 2025. This change was accepted

**Whelk**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 3. Due to gauge size changes and protected species regulations. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change the seasonality of fishery to score of 3. This change was accepted.

**White Grunt**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change current/next stock assessment to 2028. This change was accepted.

**White Hake**

Suggested by Massachusetts to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to a score of 3. This change would move White Hake to priority sample list. The group recommended White Hake be moved from adequately sampled list to the priority sample list in the matrix. **White Hake will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**

**White Shrimp**

Suggested change by Florida to change overfished status to “no”. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Florida to change overfishing status to “no”. This change was accepted

Suggested change by Maryland to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 5. A. Willey noted this past fishing season was Maryland’s first year getting commercial fishmen permits for fishers with legal gear for White Shrimp. In process of getting experimental shrimp fishery with gear that is not allowed. E. Simpson noted Virginia agrees with score of a 5. Established a commercial fishery in August 2021. H. Power recommended a change to score of 4, due to other states not having sampling issues. The group rejected the suggested change and agreed to score change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 4.

**Windowpane Flounder**

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent tock assessment to 2020. This change was accepted

Suggested change by NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2023. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change the overfishing status to “no” in Gulf of Maine, Southern New England areas. This change was accepted.

**Winter Flounder**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to change Adequacy of Level of Sampling to score of 4. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maine and NEFSC to change current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change most recent stock assessment to 2022. For Gulf of Maine and Southern New England areas. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maine to change most recent stock assessment to 2022 for Southern New England areas, and 2020 for Gulf of Maine. This change was rejected.

Suggested to change by NEFSC and Maine to change overfished status to “yes”. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by Maine to change overfishing status to “No” for Gulf of Maine and Southern New England regions.

**Weakfish**

Suggested change by North Carolina to change state priority to remove from list. The group agreed to accept this change.

**Yellowedge Grouper/YellowFin Grouper**

Suggested change by South Carolina to recommend to the Committee these species be added to the priority matrix. D. Player noted South Carolina suggested to withdraw this recommendation. No current stock assessment for Yellowedge Grouper/YellowFin Grouper. Snowy Grouper can represent Yellowedge Grouper. Gag Grouper can represent the YellowFin Grouper.

**Yellowfin Tuna**

Proposed change is already included in matrix.

**Yellowmouth Grouper**

The group determine Yellowmouth Grouper can be represented by Scup. The suggested change was rejected.

**Yellowtail Flounder**

Suggested change by Massachusetts to Adequacy of Level of Sampling to score of 4. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to current/next stock assessment to 2024. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change the most recent stock assessment to 2022. This change was accepted.

Suggested change by NEFSC to change overfished status to “yes”. This change was accepted

**Yellowtail Snapper**

Suggested change by Florida to change Significant Change in Management Within 24 Months to score of 0. This change was accepted.

**Finalize the Biological Matrix FY2024**

The Biological matrix FY2024 updates and changes were approved by consent.

**Maturity Codes & Biological Attribute Sample Types**

Skipped.

**Biological Inventory Demo**

M. Rinaldi demonstrated Biological/Bycatch Inventory Application. This tool was requested by the Committee previously. Previously a spreadsheet including sampling section, length, weight, unit of effort, what aging structures were collected and additional comments. The ACCSP software team created the application with requirements considered. Biological/Bycatch Inventory Application can be found on the Data Warehouse page. Program level information and fleet specific information can be found on the biological list. M. Rinaldi went over available features. Program headers are available. Programs can also upload PDF’s, list supplier ID, and primary contact information. M. Rinaldi demonstrated completing biological program form.

M. Rinaldi noted as sampling increases metadata will be included in the data warehouse in the future. S. Doctor asked if this inventory would include sampling data. M. Rinaldi noted just meta data will be included in the Data Warehouse. This inventory goal is to collect information from Committee members for fishery dependent inventory data. If additional agency staff is need to fill out data information. ACCSP will assist with on boarding as needed. S. Doctor asked about implementation timeline. M. Rinaldi noted data inventory implementation should be by March 2023. L. Beerkircher noted the workload for gathering data for the inventory should be easier due to pass record references. **Committee requested staff to provide the last available Biological Inventory spreadsheet.** Biological data is due by May 2023 for the inventory.

**Biological Module Update**

Skipped.

**Election**

B. Linton is the current chair. L. Beerkircher will move up from Vice Chair to the Chair position. A. Willey nominated herself as the new Vice Chair. L. Beerkircher made a motion to nominate A. Willey as Vice Chair, D. Player seconded that motion.

**Hot Topics & Other Business**

For other business M. Powell provided an update on the Atlantic Coast Data Standards. M. Powell and J. DeFilippi Simpson are working on creating the website portion of the updated Atlantic Coast Data Standards to make it more dynamic. The timeline for this would be by the end of the 1st quarter.

There were no hot topics.

**Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned by consent.

**Action Items**

1. **Atlantic Mackerel will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**
2. **Atlantic Smooth Dogfish will be reintroduced into the matric for FY26**
3. **Black Belly Rose Fish will be made an action item to add to the matrix  for FY26**
4. **Cubera Snapper will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26**
5. **Haddock will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**
6. **Stone crab will be made an action item to add to the matrix for FY26.**
7. **White Hake will be reintroduced into the matrix for FY26**
8. **Committee requested staff to provide the last available Biological Inventory spreadsheet.**