



# MAFMC Update

Council Coordination Committee Meeting

*May 16, 2017*

# Overview

## Recent Actions

- Blueline Tilefish Amendment
- Unmanaged Forage Amendment
- EAFM Guidance Document
- eVTR Framework

## Ongoing and Upcoming Activities

- Chub Mackerel Amendment
- EAFM Risk Assessment
- Squid Amendment
- Summer Flounder Amendment
- 2019-2023 Strategic Plan

# Blueline Tilefish Amendment

- Addressed rapid increase in Mid-Atlantic landings of blueline tilefish
- Adds blueline tilefish to Tilefish FMP
- Commercial trip limit and permit requirement
- Recreational season and bag limit

# Unmanaged Forage Amendment

- Prohibits development of new and expansion of existing directed commercial fisheries on a number of unmanaged forage species in the Mid-Atlantic
- 15 taxa (50+ forage species) designated as "ecosystem components"
- 1700 lb combined possession limit for EC species

# EAFM Guidance Document

- Umbrella document to coordinate ecosystem considerations across FMPs
- Organized around four areas:
  - Forage
  - Habitat
  - Climate change and variability
  - Interactions
- [www.mafmc.org/eafm](http://www.mafmc.org/eafm)

# For-Hire eVTR Framework

- Requires electronic submission of vessel trip reports by for-hire vessels with Federal permits for Council-managed species
- 48 hour submission timeframe
- April 2017: 2 eVTR training workshops

# Chub Mackerel Amendment

- Unmanaged Forage Amendment establishes temporary (3 yr) measures for chub mackerel
- Chub Mackerel Amendment will:
  - Consider adding chub mackerel as a stock in the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP
  - Include options for catch limits, accountability measures, and other management measures
- Status: Scoping

## Ongoing and Future Activities

# EAFM Risk Assessment

	F status	B status	assess type	discards	food web	climate	dist shifts	alloca- tion	habitat
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy		low	low	high	high	n	n
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy	SCAA	low	low	high	high	n	n
			SCAA				high		
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy	SCAA		low		high		
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy			low	high	high		
	Unknown	Unknown		n	high		high		n
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy	SCAA		high	low		n	n
	F Unknown	B>Bmsy			high	low	high	n	n
	Unknown	Unknown		n	high	low		n	n
	F<Fmsy	B>Bmsy		n	low	high	low	n	n
	Unknown	Unknown		n	low	high	low		n
	F<Fmsy		SCAA	n		low	high		
	F<Fmsy		length ba			low		n	n

Source: Sarah Gaichas, [http://www.mafmc.org/s/3\\_Habitat\\_in\\_IEAs\\_Gaiches.pdf](http://www.mafmc.org/s/3_Habitat_in_IEAs_Gaiches.pdf)

# Squid Amendment

- Considers measures to reduce latent longfin and *Illex* squid permits
- Reevaluates the management of longfin squid fishery in Trimester 2
- Status: Public Hearings; Final action expected in June.

# Summer Flounder Amendment

- Comprehensive review of all aspects of the FMP relating to summer flounder
- Immediate areas of Focus:
  - FMP goals and objectives
  - Commercial mgmt measures and permits
- Status: Development of Alternatives

# 2019-2023 Strategic Plan

- Current strategic plan runs through 2018
- Working on action plan for development of next 5-year strategic plan
- Rough timeline:
  - Late 2017/Early 2018: Public outreach and data gathering
  - Early-Mid 2018: Strategic plan development
  - Late 2018: Implementation planning