

**Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team
Meeting
January 12-14, 2015
Providence, RI**

AGENDA

Meeting Purposes

- Review and discuss proposals from Team members
- Decide if future action is necessary based on Team discussions
- Discuss conservation equivalency concept and potential criterion for vessel size exemptions to the minimum number of traps per trawl requirement
- Provide Team with overview of upcoming regulatory Amendment 16 for black sea bass fishery in Southeast

DAY 1 (Monday, January 12th)

9:00 -9:45 AM WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS AND GETTING ORGANIZED (NMFS and CONCUR)

- Opening comments (NMFS)
- Review meeting purpose, membership updates, and round robin greeting (CONCUR/NMFS)
- Introduction of TRT Operating Protocols (NMFS)

9:45 AM – 4:45 PM

(WITH LUNCH AND BREAKS)

INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS PRESENTATION

- Updates to Co-occurrence model

DISCUSSION OF TEAM MEMBER PROPOSALS

MA DMF EXEMPTION PROPOSALS

- Exemption Request #1: Southern MA state waters
 - Introduction of Proposal (MA DMF)
 - Clarifying questions on the proposal?
 - Introduction of Analysis (IEc)
 - Clarifying questions on the analysis?
 - Discuss merits of proposal (All)
- Exemption Request #2: Northern MA state waters
 - Introduction of Proposal (MA DMF)
 - Clarifying questions on the proposal?
 - Introduction of Analysis (IEc)
 - Clarifying questions on the analysis?

- Discuss merits of proposal (*All*)

RI DEM EXEMPTION PROPOSAL

- Introduction of Proposal (*RI DEM*)
 - Clarifying questions on the proposal?
- Introduction of Analysis (*IEc*)
 - Clarifying questions on the analysis?
- Discuss merits of proposal (*All*)

ME DMR EXEMPTION PROPOSAL

- Introduction of Proposal (*ME DMR*)
 - Clarifying questions on the proposal?
- Introduction of Analysis (*IEc*)
- Discuss merits of proposal (*All*)

CONSERVATION COMMUNITY PROPOSAL

- Introduction of Proposal (*Young*)
 - Clarifying questions on the proposal?
- Introduction of Analysis (*IEc*)
 - Clarifying questions on the analysis?
- Discuss merits of proposal (*All*)

INDUSTRIAL ECONOMICS PRESENTATION

- Analysis of all proposals combined
- Opportunity for cross-cutting discussion of proposals

4:45 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT/PREVIEW OF DAY TWO**
(*CONCUR*)

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

DAY 2 (Tuesday, January 13th)

8:30 - 8:45 AM **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY ONE** (*CONCUR*)

8:45 AM – NOON **WRAP UP DISCUSSION OF PROPOSALS FROM DAY ONE**(*All*)
(WITH BREAKS)

NOON – 1:00 **LUNCH**

1:00 – 4:30 **NH DFG CONSERVATION EQUIVALENCY PROPOSAL** (*All*)
(WITH BREAKS)

- Introduction of Proposal (*NHDFG*)
- Discussion of merits of idea (*All*)
- Develop potential trap limit program (*All*)

ME DMR VESSEL EXEMPTION CRITERIA (*All*)

- Introduction of idea (*ME DMR*)
- Discussion of merits of idea (*All*)
- Develop potential criteria (*All*)

4:30 PM **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT (*CONCUR*)**

4:45 PM **REVIEW OF KEY DISCUSSION POINTS AND PREVIEW OF DAY THREE**

5:00 PM **ADJOURN**

DAY 3 (Wednesday, January 14th)

8:30-8:45 AM **WELCOME, AGENDA REVIEW AND RECAP FROM DAY TWO (*CONCUR*)**

8:45 – 10:30 **WRAP UP DISCUSSION OF NH DFG AND ME DMR CONVERSATIONS (*All*)**

10:30 - 11:30 **SOUTH ATLANTIC BLACK SEA BASS REGULATORY AMENDMENT 16**

- Background Presentation on Amendment by Council (*MacLauchlin*)
- Opportunity for questions from Team

11:30 - 12:15 **DISCUSS NEXT PHASE OF TRP**

- Outreach
 - New Guides
- Monitoring, Enforcement, and Compliance
 - Plan to provide updates to Team
- Review the Function/Role of the Team
 - Future Meeting?

12:15 **NEXT STEPS (*CONCUR and NMFS*)**

- What will be done with the product from this meeting?
- Recap of meeting and review next steps
- Other issues?

12:45 **OPPORTUNITY FOR NON-TRT MEMBERS TO COMMENT**

1:00 PM **ADJOURN**