

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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SAW-SARC 61 Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene the 61st SAW Stock Assessment Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the stock assessment of Atlantic surfclam. The Northeast Regional SAW is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the

northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by SAW working groups and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the Stock Assessment Review Committee, or SARC. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from July 19, 2016, through July 21, 2016. The meeting will commence on July 19, 2016, at 10 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sheena Steiner, 508-495-2177; email: sheena.steiner@noaa.gov; or, James Weinberg, 508-495-2352; email: james.weinberg@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the NEFSC Web site at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov>. For additional information about the SARC meeting and the stock assessment review of Atlantic surfclam, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW Web page at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/>.

DAILY MEETING AGENDA—SAW/SARC 61 Benchmark Stock Assessment for Atlantic Surfclam (Subject to Change. All Times Are Approximate, and May Be Changed at the Discretion of the SARC Chair).

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Welcome Introductions	James Weinberg, SAW Chair.
10:30 a.m.–12 p.m.	Surfclam Assessment Presentation	Dan Hennen.
12 p.m.–1 p.m.	Lunch.	
1 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	Surfclam Presentation (cont.)	Dan Hennen.
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m.	Break.	
3:45 p.m.–5:45 p.m.	Surfclam SARC Discussion	Michael Wilberg, SARC Chair.
5:45 p.m.–6 p.m.	Public Comment Period.	

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

9 a.m.–10:45 a.m.	Revisit with Presenters	SARC Chair.
10:45 a.m.–11 a.m.	Break.	
11 a.m.–11:45 a.m.	Revisit with Presenters	SARC Chair.
11:45 a.m.–12 p.m.	Public Comment Period.	
12 p.m.–1:15 p.m.	Lunch.	
1:15 p.m.–4 p.m.	Review/Edit Assessment Summary Report	SARC Chair.
4–4:15 p.m.	Break.	
4:15 p.m.–5 p.m.	SARC Report Writing	SARC Chair.

Thursday, July 21, 2016

9 a.m.–5 p.m.	SARC Report Writing	SARC Chair.
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The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘SARC Report Writing’ sessions on July 20 and 21, the public should not engage in discussion with the SARC.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Sheena Steiner at the NEFSC, 508-495-2177, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 10, 2016.

Emily H. Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory

Committee (Committee) in Washington, DC.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 5, 2016, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, April 6, 2016, from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, 1201 New York Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Second Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone 240–533–9466; Fax 301–713–3281; Email jessica.snowden@noaa.gov or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee Web site at <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Committee for review and advice. The Committee will provide advice on:

(a) Administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the System;

(b) expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System;

(c) identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System's effectiveness in dissemination information to end-user communities and to the general public; and

(d) any other purpose identified by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public

comment period on April 5, 2016, from 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. and on April 6, 2016, from 2:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. (check agenda on Web site to confirm time.) The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by March 22, 2016 to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after March 22, 2016, will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will focus on ongoing committee priorities, including messaging IOOS to a new administration, incorporating more biological data variables, and increasing engagement with industry. This meeting will also focus specifically on how the U.S. IOOS federal agencies may better leverage their existing assets. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.ioos.noaa.gov/advisorycommittee>.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official at 240–533–9466 by March 22, 2016.

Dated: March 1, 2016.

Zdenka Willis,

Director, U.S. IOOS Program, National Ocean Service.

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DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from November 29, 2016–December 2, 2016. The meeting will commence on November 29, 2016 at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

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Tuesday, November 29, 2016

10 a.m.–10:30 a.m.	Welcome Introductions	James Weinberg, SAW Chair.
10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m.	Black Sea Bass Assessment Presentation	Gary Shepherd.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.	BSB Presentation (cont.)	Gary Shepherd.