

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Atlantic Menhaden Stock Assessment Subcommittee Conference Call

April 16, 2014
1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

1. Review final landings and CAA (Amy)
2. Review final maturity analyses and decisions (Amy)
3. Review indices (Amy et al.)
 - a. Comparison across indices (Amy)
 - b. Provide guidance/vet decisions on:
 - i. Review new information on NJ gillnet survey – use 24hr soak by one dude or <5hrs and include more dudes? (Micah/Jeff)
 - ii. VIMS YOY and adult indices (Genny)
 - iii. GA adult index (Genny)
 - iv. Others?
 - c. Review spatial extent of surveys (Joey)
 - d. Review initial weighted regional indices. Discuss alternate methods for combining surveys across regions/coastwide.
 - e. Review list of datasets excluded and justifications.
4. Natural mortality
 - a. Update on MSVPA (Matt/Mike C)
 - b. Update on tagging model (Amy)
 - c. Backup plan – scaled age-based Lorenzen using old or new tagging M estimates?
5. Model development update (Amy/Genny)
6. Don't forget:
 - a. ME, MA, CT, NY, DE, MD, VA, NC, FL - send bait samples to Beaufort ASAP!
7. Review items for next agenda (will send around doodle):
 - a. CBL/ODU review of study on otolith microchemistry and larval transport (Tom Miller)
 - b. Natural mortality
 - c. Regional/coastwide indices
 - d. Model development update
8. Public comment