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ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Schedules Conference Call for April 17 (1 PM) to Consider Approval of Draft Addendum XXIV

Arlington, VA – The Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Management Board will meet via conference call on Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. to consider approval of Draft Addendum XXIV to the Summer Flounder Fishery Management Plan. The Draft Addendum proposes a mechanism to allow states access to the summer flounder recreational harvest limit (RHL) that is projected to not be harvested in 2013. If the Draft Addendum is approved, the Board will also consider any state proposal to utilize the RHL that is projected to be available.

The public is welcome to listen in on the discussion by phone (888.394.8197; passcode 815277) and view the webinar using the following link https://www3.gotomeeting.com/join/299081278. The meeting agenda posted the Commission website is to at http://www.asmfc.org/meetings/sfScupBSBBdConfCall April2013.pdf. Time permitting, there will be a limited opportunity to provide comments at the end of the agenda. The Board Chair will provide additional information on the procedures for accepting public comment at the beginning of the conference call. We ask the public and other nonparticipating attendees to please mute their phones in order to minimize distractions to the Board's deliberations.

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