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**SAW-SARC 64 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 64th SAW Stock Assessment Review Committee for the purpose of reviewing the stock assessment of Atlantic mackerel. 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 November 28, 2017 – November 30, 2017. The meeting will commence on November 28, 2017 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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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov>. For additional information about the SARC meeting and the stock assessment review of Atlantic mackerel, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC SAW webpage at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/>.

**DAILY MEETING AGENDA – SAW/SARC 64 Benchmark Stock Assessment for Atlantic mackerel. (Subject to Change; All times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the SARC Chair)**

*Tuesday, November 28, 2017*

10 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Welcome Introductions	James Weinberg, SAW Chair
10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	Atlantic mackerel (AM) Assessment Presentation	Kiersten Curti
12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Lunch	
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	AM Presentation (cont.)	Kiersten Curti
3:30 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.	Break	
3:45 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.	AM SARC Discussion	John Boreman, SARC Chair
5:45 p.m. – 6 p.m.	Public Comment Period	

*Wednesday, November 29, 2017*

9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	Revisit with AM presenters	John Boreman
10:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	Break	
11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Revisit with AM presenters	John Boreman
11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Public Comment	
12:00 – 1:15 p.m.	Lunch	

1:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Review/Edit Assessment Summary Report	John Boreman
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Break	
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	SARC Report Writing	

*Thursday, November 30, 2017*

9 a.m. – 5 p.m.	SARC Report Writing	
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The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘SARC Report Writing’ sessions on November 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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