



## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Management Track Assessment for Black Sea Bass, Bluefish, Scup, and Summer Flounder; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing black sea bass, bluefish, scup, and summer flounder stocks. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review 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 the lead stock assessment scientist and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts. 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 Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from June 24, 2025 – June 25, 2025. The meeting will conclude on June 25, 2025 at 12 p.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 and virtually using this Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/tdh-rcmm-cnv>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brian Hooper, 508-258-9580;

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the NEFSC website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about management track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC webpage at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments>.

**Daily Meeting Agenda – Management Track Peer Review Meeting**

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

<b>Time</b>	<b>Stock</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics Conduct of Meeting	Brian Hooper Kristan Blackhart Olaf Jenson, Chair
9:15 a.m.	Bluefish	Terms of Reference (TOR) Review & Panel Questions	Tony Wood Panel
10:15 a.m.	Bluefish	Public Comment	Public
10:30 a.m.	Bluefish	Panel Deliberations	Panel
11 a.m.		Break	
11:15 a.m.	Bluefish	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
11:30 a.m.	Scup	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Sam Truesdell Panel
12:30 p.m.		Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Scup	Public Comment	Public
1:45 p.m.	Scup	Panel Deliberations	Panel
2:15 p.m.	Scup	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel

2:30 p.m.		Break	
2:45 p.m.	Summer Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Sam Truesdell Panel
3:45 p.m.	Summer Flounder	Public Comment	Public
4 p.m.	Summer Flounder	Panel Deliberations	Panel
4:30 p.m.	Summer Flounder	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
5 p.m.		Adjourn	

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

<b>Time</b>	<b>Stock</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics	Brian Hooper Olaf Jensen, Chair
9:05 a.m.	Black Sea Bass	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Emily Liljestrand Panel
10:30 a.m.	Black Sea Bass	Public Comment	Public
10:45 a.m.		Break	
11 a.m.	Black Sea Bass	Panel Deliberations	Panel
11:30 a.m.	Black Sea Bass	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
12 p.m.		Adjourn	

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Brian Hooper, via the email provided in the **ADDRESSES** section.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 21, 2025.

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