

Spotted Seatrout Fisheries Management Plan Workshop

Agenda

NC Cooperative Extension
300 Industrial Dr., New Bern
April 22-24, 2024

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), through the Department of Environmental Quality, is charged with the preparation and writing of proposed fishery management plans (FMP), for adoption by the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC). To assist the DMF in the development of FMPs, the chair of the MFC appoints a fishery management plan advisory committee (AC) that is composed of commercial fishers, recreational fishers, scientists, and others, all with expertise in the fishery for which the FMP is being developed. The following are the specific roles of appointed advisers in assisting the DMF in the development of FMPs:

- *Assist DMF staff in evaluating management issues and options addressed in the FMP*
- *Assist the DMF in informing the public on the issues contained in the FMP*
- *Solicit comments from peers and bring comments back to the AC*
- *Evaluate the impacts of management options on the resource and user groups*

Monday, April 22nd *

- 2:00 p.m. Welcome
Moderator will review the agenda and set expectations for the workshop. Icebreaker to introduce participants.
- 2:30 p.m. Review Spotted Seatrout Stock Assessment
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the stock status of spotted seatrout.
- 3:00 p.m. Review Spotted Seatrout Life History
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on spotted seatrout biology, distribution, life cycle, and habitat.
- 3:30 p.m. Review Spotted Seatrout Fishery
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on recreational and commercial spotted seatrout fisheries.
- 4:00 p.m. Review Cold Stun Management Issue Paper
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on possible adaptive management for the spotted seatrout fishery in the event of a cold stun.
- 6:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Tuesday, April 23rd *

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome
Moderator will set expectations for the day
- 8:45 a.m. Review Gill Net Information Paper
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on a background of the spotted seatrout gill net fishery
- 10:45 a.m. Review Sustainable Harvest Issue Paper

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Receive a presentation from DMF staff on possible management to end overfishing in the spotted seatrout fishery.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 p.m. Continue review of Sustainable Harvest Issue Paper
Continuation from morning session

5:00 p.m. Adjourn for the day

Wednesday, April 24th *

8:30 a.m. Welcome
Moderator will set expectations for the day.

8:45 a.m. Review Sustainable Harvest Issue Paper Discussion
Review highlights of Sustainable Harvest discussion from Tuesday. Time for additional discussion as needed.

9:45 a.m. Review Supplemental Management Issue Paper
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on possible supplemental management for the spotted seatrout fishery.

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

2:45 p.m. Review Workshop Takeaways
Receive a presentation from DMF staff on the input received from the advisory committee during the workshop.

3:45 p.m. Adjourn for the day

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