

Surfclam stock assessment, SAW/SARC 61
Invertebrate Subcommittee, Meeting 1
Feb. 1-5, 2016
Clark Conference Room, NEFSC, Woods Hole, MA

Meeting Agenda and Background Materials

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DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING 1

The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 1st. Tuesday--Friday will begin at 9:00 a.m.
The meeting will finish by 5:00 p.m. Monday--Thursday; Friday, 2/5 will conclude at 1:00 p.m.

- 1) Welcome, door code, introductions, new rules (Jacobson)
- 2) TOR, major topics and meeting plan (Jacobson)
- 3) Management (MAFMC) update (Coakley, if available)
- 4) Research activities (NEFSC, academics, other agencies)
- 5) Industry news/comments
- 6) Commercial data (ITQ fishery)
 - a. Vessel number/characteristics/spatial patterns (Chute)
 - b. Landings, effort and LPUE (aggregated and spatially) (Hennen)
 - c. AA tables (Chute)
 - d. Port sampling, length composition
 - e. Revenues, prices
- 7) Survey (federal)
 - a. Results of new survey and comparison to old
 - b. Dredge performance
 - c. Length and age composition
 - b. Habitat area for surfclams on GBK
 - e. Swept area abundances
- 8) Fisheries and surveys in state waters (NJ=Normant, NY=TBD and MA=Glenn)
- 9) Temperature effects on distribution, productivity and recruitment (Jacobson and Hennen)
- 10) Review MSE software and preliminary analysis (Hennen and Powell)
- 11) Plans for modeling, projections and empirical assessment analyses (Jacobson)

Major Topics for Upcoming Working Group Meetings

- 12) Evaluate new survey design and potential improvements
 - a. Spatial coverage
 - b. Stratification and station allocation
 - c. Shipboard procedures