

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

DRAFT AGENDA FOR MEETING 1

Start at 1 pm on Monday, Feb. 1. Otherwise start at 9 am.

Finish by 5 pm except finish by 1 pm on Friday, Feb. 5.

- 1) Welcome, door code, introductions, new rules
- 2) TOR and overview major topics
- 3) Management (MAFMC) update
- 4) Research activities (NEFSC, academics, other agencies)
- 5) Commercial data (ITQ fishery)
  - a. Recent developments
  - b. Vessel number/characteristics
  - c. Landings, effort and LPUE (aggregated and spatially)
  - d. Sea sampling (observer data)
  - e. Port sampling
  - f. Length/age composition
  - g. Revenues, prices
- 6) Survey (federal)
  - a. Results of new survey and comparison to old
    - i. Dredge performance
    - ii. Swept area abundances trends (considering improvements to habitat area estimates for GBK)
    - iii. Length and age composition
    - iv. Selectivity and capture efficiency
- 7) Fisheries and surveys in state waters (NJ, NY and MA)
- 8) Temperature effects on distribution, productivity and recruitment
- 9) Review MSE software and preliminary analysis
- 10) Plans for modeling, projections and empirical assessment analyses

Major topic for 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting:

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