

NMFS Atlantic Coast Science Coordination Workshop

- August 17-19
- Virtual format
- Objective:
 - Within the context of changing climate, ocean ecosystems, and species distributions:
 - Assess the degree of coordination of NMFS science activities across regional and regulatory boundaries along the Atlantic Coast
 - Identify opportunities to improve coordination and related support for fisheries and protected species management

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- Participants
 - NMFS Staff
 - NEFMC, MAFMC, SAFMC and ASMFC staff
 - Staff from state agencies representing key data collection efforts
 - Academia
 - Industry

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- Focal topics
 - Changes in ocean ecosystems and lower trophic levels
 - Changes in species distributions
 - Blueline tilefish case study
 - Data collection efforts
 - Fishery-independent surveys
 - Coastal sharks – surveys and science
 - Fishery-dependent surveys
 - Marine mammals and sea turtles - surveys and science
 - Social sciences and human dimensions

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- Focal topics
 - Stock assessments
 - Management perspectives
 - Species distribution modeling
 - State of the Ecosystem & Ecosystem Status Reports

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- Outcomes
 - Identification of challenges to cross-regional coordination
 - Opportunities for improving cross-regional coordination and science
 - Fishery-independent surveys, fishery-dependent surveys, human dimensions, and stock assessments
 - Management challenges and needs for cross-jurisdictional and shifting species
 - SAFMC, MAFMC, NEFMC, ASMFC
 - Synthesis of workshop content to summarize current successes, opportunities, and next steps (near-term and longer-term)

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- Next steps
 - Synthesis of workshop content to summarize current successes, opportunities, and management challenges and needs
 - Workshop 2.0?
 - Development of strategies to address priority coordination opportunities and management challenges

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- Questions?