

## Black Sea Bass Research Track Stock Assessment Working Group

Meeting #10

Monday, April 4, 2022

2:00PM - 3:30PM

### AGENDA

1. Welcome & roll call - 5 min
2. Review of CFRF Black Sea Bass Research Fleet Data - 60 min (Verkamp)
  - a. Summarize CFRF BSB Research Fleet data coverage (# lengths) by year, region (north-south of Hudson Canyon), semester (Jan-June, July-Dec), and gear type
  - b. Compare gear-specific BSB length distributions from CFRF BSB Research Fleet and port sampling program to verify that trawl/non-trawl gear categories are appropriate and account for different gear selectivities
  - c. Develop better understanding of potential overlap of observer and CFRF Research Fleet data as well as port sample and CFRF Research Fleet data
3. Survey Data Decision Making - 25 min (Curti, All WG members will vote)
  - a. Survey data summary [here](#)
  - b. For surveys with distinct spring and fall cruises (MA, LIS, RI, NEAMAP)
    - i. Explore development of separate index time series for spring and fall surveys
    - ii. For the fall, use a length cut-off to drop YOY individuals
  - c. For surveys with monthly or weekly sampling (NY, DE, MD, VIMS)
    - i. Maintain the methodology (length cut-off, months, etc) used in the 2016 benchmark for developing one index time series for each state survey

— If we have time —

4. Discard Mortality Discussion and Decision Making (Tabendera, All WG members will vote)
  - a. Discard mortality rate literature review summary [here](#)
  - b. Previous discard mortality assumptions:
    - i. Trawl/gillnet: 100%
    - ii. Non-trawl: 15%
    - iii. Recreational: 15%