



## 2026 Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment Review

April 13 - 16, 2026

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**Purpose:** This meeting will convene modeling experts, state jurisdictions, and independent reviewers to evaluate the draft 2026 Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment.



## Agenda

### **Day 1: April 13, 2026**

- I. Welcome & Introductions** **12:00pm – 12:15pm**  
Brief introductions of the Chesapeake Bay Blue Crab Stock Assessment Committee & the review panel

Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: N/A
  
- II. Presentation of the 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment** **12:15pm – 3:30pm**  
Review of TORs 4, 5, 7 and 8

Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Michael Wilberg (UMCES)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
  
- III. General / Open Question Period** **3:30pm - 5:00pm**  
Opportunity for public comment & questions from the review panel

Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
  
- IV. Adjourn** **5:00pm**



**Day 2: April 14, 2026**

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| <b>I. CIE Term of Reference Review and Discussion</b><br>Review of TORs 2 & 3<br><br>Requested Action: Non-decisional<br>Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)<br>Materials: <a href="#">Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report</a>                 | <b>9:00am – 1:00pm</b> |
| <b>II. Lunch</b>  | <b>1:00pm – 2:00pm</b> |
| <b>III. CIE Term of Reference Review and Discussion (continued)</b><br>Review of TORs 1, 6, 9<br><br>Requested Action: Non-decisional<br>Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)<br>Materials: <a href="#">Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report</a> | <b>2:00pm - 5:00pm</b> |
| <b>IV. Adjourn</b>  | <b>5:00pm</b>          |



**Day 3: April 15, 2026**

- I. CIE Term of Reference Review & Discussion** **9:00am - 10:00am**  
Review of TORs 10 & 11  
  
Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
- II. Review Session [closed-door]** **10:00am - 12:00pm**  
Opportunity for the review panel to discuss assessment methodologies and develop individual opinions. The review panel will initiate development of the panel summary report.  
  
Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
- III. Lunch** **12:00pm - 1:15pm**
- IV. Review Session (continued) [closed-door]** **1:15pm - 3:00pm**  
Opportunity for the review panel to discuss assessment methodologies and develop individual opinions. The review panel will initiate development of the panel summary report.  
  
Requested Action: Non-decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
- V. Plenary Session** **3:00pm - 4:30pm**  
Review panel discloses decision on TORs.  
  
Requested Action: Decisional  
Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)  
Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)
- VI. Adjourn** **4:30pm**



## **Day 4: April 16, 2026**

### **I. Review Session [closed-door] 9:00am - 12:00pm**

Opportunity for the review panel to continue to discuss assessment methodologies and develop individual opinions. The review panel will continue the development of summary documents and present the summary report. Next steps and timeline for finalizing the summary report will be identified.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)

Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)

### **II. Lunch 12:00pm - 1:15pm**

### **III. Review Session (continued) [closed-door] 1:15pm - 4:30pm**

Opportunity for the review panel to continue to discuss assessment methodologies and develop individual opinions. The review panel will continue the development of summary documents and present the summary report. Next steps and timeline for finalizing the summary report will be identified.

Requested Action: Non-decisional

Lead: Dan Hennen (NOAA)

Materials: [Draft 2026 Blue Crab Stock Assessment Report](#)

### **IV. Adjourn 4:30pm**