

**2009 - PRELIMINARY MAFMC ANNUAL WORK PLAN/SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES
(As of April 2, 2009)**

January

1	New Year's Day
6	Atlantic Scientific Review Group, St. Petersburg, FL
12	State/Federal Alignment Meeting, Baltimore, MD
15	Cooperative Research Strategic Planning Meeting, Essex, MA
19	Martin Luther King Day
20	Presidential Inauguration Day
22	Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting, Baltimore, MD
27	Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee Meeting (Amendment 11), Warwick, RI
28	ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Technical Committee Meeting, Baltimore, MD

February

2-5	ASMFC Meeting - Alexandria, VA
9-11	NEFMC Council Meeting - Portsmouth, NH
11-13	MAFMC Council Meeting - Galloway, NJ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review DEIS for Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP - i.e., select preferred alternatives • Scope issues to be addressed by Amendment 14 to Surfclam/Ocean Quahog FMP • Review Council's RSA Program • Convene Public Workshop to encourage early adoption of voluntary fishing practices in the <i>Loligo</i> squid fishery to reduce butterfish bycatch • Receive Data Poor Stocks Peer Review Report • Receive Annual Discard Report for 2008 and SBRM Priorities for 2009
16	Washington's Birthday (observed)
18	NEC Interspecies Meeting, Mansfield, MA
18-19	HMS Advisory Panel Meeting, Silver Spring, MD
25-26	Council Coordination Committee - Silver Spring, MD

March

2-6	SAFMC Meeting, Jekyll Island, GA
3	Monkfish Scoping, Manahawkin, NJ
19	Cooperative Research Strategic Planning Meeting, Beverly, MA
19	Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee Meeting with Advisors, Philadelphia, PA
24	NOAA's North Atlantic Regional Team Roundtable Discussion, Baltimore, MD
24-26	Individual Quota Needs Workshop, Gloucester, MA
30-Apr 1	Invertebrate Sub-committee Meeting, Woods Hole, MA
30-Apr 1	Dogfish TRAC Meeting, Woods Hole, MA
31	Joint Monkfish Committee Meeting, Mansfield, MA
31-Apr 1	ASMFC Technical Meeting, Baltimore, MD
31-Apr 1	NRCC Meeting, Providence, RI

April

Mar 30- 1	Invertebrate Sub-committee Meeting, Woods Hole, MA
Mar 30- 1	Dogfish TRAC Meeting, Woods HOle, MA
Mar 31- 1	ASMFC Technical Meeting, Baltimore, MD
Mar 31- 1	NRCC Meeting, Providence, RI
5-7	ICCAT Advisory Meeting, Silver Spring, MD
7	Meeting to discuss SSC role with Council, Baltimore, MD
7-9	NEFMC Council Meeting - Mystic, CT
12	Easter
14-16	MAFMC Council Meeting - Duck, NC <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adopt DEIS and PHD for Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP• Review approaches/alternatives for ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment• Review management issues to be addressed in Dogfish Amendment 1• Scope issues to be addressed in ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment
21	Scoping meeting for ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment, E. Setauket, NY
26-29	Northeast Fish and Wildlife Conference, Lancaster, PA
27	SAW Southern Demersal Work Group, Woods Hole, MA

May

4	Scoping meeting for ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment, Alexandria, VA
4-7	ASMFC Meeting - Alexandria, VA
10	Mother's Day
13-14	Fishery Management Councils Workshop, Silver Spring, MD
13-14	MRFSS Constituent Data Review, Silver Spring, MD
18-22	Conduct public hearings for Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP
19	SSC and Monitoring Committee Meetings for June Specification Cycle (butterfish, mackerel)
19-22	Council Coordination Committee Meeting - Boston, MA
25	Memorial Day
29	NEFSC - ACL Working Group, Providence, RI

June

9-11	MAFMC Council Meeting - New York City, NY <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Specifications for 2010 • Adopt, if needed, Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Specifications for 2010 • Review comments received on Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP • Provide RSA award recommendations for 2010 • Review and adopt DEIS and PHD for Amendment 1 to Spiny Dogfish FMP - i.e., select preferred alternatives and management objectives
21	Father's Day
23-25	NEFMC Council Meeting - Portland, ME

July

3	Independence Day (observed)
16	SSC and Monitoring Committee Meetings for August Commercial Specification Cycle for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish

August

4-6	MAFMC Council Meeting - Alexandria, VA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adopt Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Specifications for 2010 • Adopt Bluefish Specifications for 2010 • Review and adopt DEIS and PHD for ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment • Approve multi-year research priorities • Approve RSA priorities for 2011 • Review and adopt DEIS and PHD for Amendment 14 to Surfclam / Ocean Quahog FMP - i.e., select preferred alternatives and management objectives
17-20	ASMFC Meeting - Alexandria, VA

September

7	Labor Day
22	SSC and Monitoring Committee Meetings for October Specification Cycle (spiny dogfish)
22-24	NEFMC Council Meeting - Plymouth, MA

October

12	Columbus Day
13-15	MAFMC Council Meeting - Ocean City, MD <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Swearing in of New and Reappointed Council members• Election of Officers• Adopt Dogfish Specifications for 2010/2011• Develop final alternatives for Amendment 14 to Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP

November

2-5	ASMFC Meeting - Newport, RI
9-14	Conduct Public Hearings for Amendment 14 to Surfclam/Ocean Quahog FMP
11	Veterans Day
16-30	Conduct Public Hearings for Amendment 1 to Dogfish FMP
17-19	NEFMC Council Meeting - Newport, RI
19	Monitoring Committee and Industry Advisors Meetings for Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications
26	Thanksgiving

December

8-10	MAFMC Council Meeting - Wilmington, DE <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review and adopt Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass recreational specs for 2010• Review and adopt DEIS and PHD for Amendment 14 to Surfclam/Ocean quahog FMP• Review and adopt DEIS and PHD for Amendment 1 to Dogfish FMP
25	Christmas Day

Likely FMP Amendments/Frameworks for 2009:

- * Omnibus Framework to incorporate Annual Catch Limits (ACL) and Accountability Measures (AM) into all Council FMPs. [2010]
- * Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP [SS-Aug]
- * Amendment 14 to Surfclam/Ocean Quahog FMP [2010]
- * Amendment 1 to Spiny Dogfish FMP [2010]
- * Amendment 2 to Bluefish FMP [under development]
- * Amendment 15 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP [suspended pending ACL/AM resolution]

FMPs with Outstanding SFA Disapprovals Requiring Corrective Action:

- * Amendment 1 to Bluefish FMP - EFH gear impacts, port descriptions, *de minimus* status