
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Tilefish Amendment 1 Scoping Meetings: March 21-22, 2005

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold scoping meetings regarding the development of Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan for golden tilefish (*Lopholatilus Chamaleonticeps*). This amendment may address one or more of the following issues: 1) Allocation issues concerning the possible implementation of an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) system to further refine the existing management process; 2) Collection of information so as to improve collection of landings information; 3) Potential for implementing a minimum hook size and/or hook configuration in the commercial tilefish fishery; 4) Consideration of recreational management measures; and, 5) Methods to allow new entrants into the commercial fishery as stock recovers.

Time and location for tilefish scoping meetings:

March 21, 2005, 7:00 p.m.	The Southampton Inn 91 Hill Street Southampton, NY 11968 631-283-6500
March 22, 2005, 7:00 p.m.	Clarion Hotel & Convention Ctr. Atlantic City West 6821 Black Horse Pike Atlantic City, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234 800-782-9237 or 609-272-0200

Oral comments can be provided at any of the tilefish scoping meetings. Written comments should be directed to Mr. Daniel T. Furlong, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115 Federal Building, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904 (telephone 302-674-2331).

Comments may also be sent via fax to 302-674-5399 or by e-mail to TILEFISH.NOI@NOAA.GOV. Please note on your correspondence (or include in the subject line of your e-mail): "Tilefish Amendment 1 Scoping Comments." The scoping document may be obtained at one of the scoping meetings, from the Council office at the address and telephone number above, or via the Internet at <http://www.mafmc.org/mid-atlantic/comments/comments/htm>.