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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Council Meeting in Claymont, DE: December 7-9, 2004**

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's 2005 recreational specification meeting for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries, to be held at the Holiday Inn Select, I-95 and Naamans Road, Claymont (North Wilmington), DE 19703, (telephone 302-792-2700), December 7-9, 2004. Below is the meeting agenda.

### **Tuesday, December 7**

**1:00 - 3:00**

#### **Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee**

- Review Bills proposed during 108<sup>th</sup> Congress
- Discuss U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report and MSA Implications
- Discuss strengths and weaknesses of current law and how it could be reinforced or modified

**3:00 - 5:00**

#### **Ecosystems Committee**

- Review survey meeting outcome
- Review status of GIS (Geographic Information System) capabilities and applications for fishery management

### **Wednesday, December 8**

**8:30 - 9:30**

#### **Executive Committee**

- Discuss implication of de-coupling MAFMC FMPs and ASMFC FMPs
- Discuss possible elimination/transfer of management authority for Joint Dogfish/Joint Monkfish FMPs

**9:30**

#### **Council convenes jointly with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board**

**9:30-11:45**

#### **Summer Flounder: 2005 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2005 summer flounder recreational fishery

**1:00 - 1:15**

#### **Fisheries Achievement Award Presentation**

- Honoring Sonja Fordham of The Ocean Conservancy

**1:15 - 3:15**

#### **Scup: 2005 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2005 scup recreational fishery

**3:30 - 5:30**

**Black Sea Bass: 2005 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2005 black sea bass recreational fishery

**Thursday, December 9**

**8:30**

**Council convenes**

**8:30**

**Annual Picture**

**8:45 - 9:30**

**NMFS Presentation Regarding its Sea Turtle Strategy under the Endangered Species Act**

**9:30**

**Approve August and October Council Meeting Minutes**

**Organizational Reports**

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- US Fish and Wildlife
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC

**Status of MAFMC FMPs**

**Executive Director's Report**

**Committee Reports**

- **Tilefish Committee**
- **MSA Reauthorization Committee**
- **Ecosystems Committee**
- **Executive**
- **Highly Migratory Species - ICCAT**
- **New England Council**
- **South Atlantic Council**

**Continuing and New Business**