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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Council Meeting in Hampton, VA: January 18-20, 2005**

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's January 2005 meeting to be held at the Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA, (telephone 757-727-6400), January 18-20, 2005. Below is the meeting agenda.

### **Tuesday, January 18**

- 9:00-11:00**                      **Protected Resources Committee**
- Review and comment on the November 10, 2004 proposed rule regarding National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Bottlenose Dolphin Take-Reduction Plan
- 11:00-1:00**                      **Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee**
- Review Public Hearing Document (PHD)/Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for Amendment 9 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan
- 1:00-2:00**                      **Lunch**
- 2:00-5:00**                      **Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee**
- Review and discuss proposed changes to Magnuson-Stevens Act

### **Wednesday, January 19**

- 8:30-9:30**                      **Executive Committee**
- Review change in Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPPs) regarding staff pay administration
- 9:30**                              **Council convenes**
- 9:30-12:00**                      **Approve December Council Meeting Minutes**
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator
  - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Director
  - NOAA Office of General Counsel's Northeast Regional Attorney
  - US Fish and Wildlife Service
  - Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
  - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Liaison Reports**
- New England Council
  - South Atlantic Council
- 12:00-1:00**                      **Lunch**

- 1:00-1:15 Fisheries Achievement Award Presentation**
- Virginia Marine Resources Commission's Law Enforcement Unit
- 1:15-2:00 Presentation by NMFS Regarding "Front Loading" Requirements of Regulatory Actions**
- 2:00-4:00 Council as a Committee of the Whole for Demersal Committee**
- Review and comment on status of action for Amendment 14 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (Pre-Scoping)
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**[6:00 NFI-SMC Workshop]\***

**\*Courtesy meeting notice for National Fisheries Institute - not a Council function.**

**Thursday, January 20**

- 8:00-10:00 Ecosystem Committee**
- Review NMFS ecosystem efforts regarding development of science-based approach to fishery management
- 10:00 Council convenes**
- 10:00-11:00 Presentation by NMFS regarding NERO's updated Draft Regional Bycatch Plan**
- 11:00 Status of MAFMC Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) - Dr. Moore**
- Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**
- Committee Reports**
- Protected Resources
  - Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
  - MSA Reauthorization
  - Executive
  - Ecosystem
  - Highly Migratory Species
- Continuing and New Business**
- Consider Council position regarding proposed Cape Wind Project (Nantucket Sound, RI)
  - Review letter to COE regarding Long Island Power Association's Wind Energy Proposal
  - Review Council's consultation responsibility under Section 305(b) of Magnuson-Stevens Act

**The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. Other items may be added, but Council action will not be taken on such items, even if the item requires emergency action, without additional public notice. The meeting may be closed to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.**