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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Council Meeting in Kill Devil Hills, NC: March 15-17, 2005**

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's March 2005 meeting to be held at the Ramada Inn Outer Banks Resort and Conference Center, 1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC (telephone 252-441-2151), March 15-17, 2005. Below is the meeting agenda.

### **Tuesday, March 15**

**12:00 - 1:00**

#### **MSA Reauthorization Committee**

- Review list of committee approved changes to be considered in MSA reauthorization
- Develop and adopt motion for Council consideration and action

**1:00 - 3:00**

#### **Ecosystems Committee**

- Receive update on tools available for implementation of ecosystem-based fishery management
- Receive presentation on Chesapeake Bay Program Office's ecosystem approach to Chesapeake Bay restoration

**3:00 - 5:00**

#### **Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee**

- Review status of Amendment 9. Consider and adopt management measures proposed by technical team
- Discuss options for possible mackerel controlled access system

**6:00 - 9:00**

#### **National Marine Fisheries Service Public Hearing**

- Review Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding proposed amendment to Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan

### **Wednesday, March 16**

**8:00 - 9:00**

#### **Executive Committee**

- Review NEC position regarding joint FMP responsibilities

**9:00**

#### **Council Convenes**

**9:00 - 12:00**

#### **Business Session**

- **Approve January Council meeting minutes**
- **Actions from January**

#### **Organizational Reports**

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ASMFC

#### **Council Liaison Reports**

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

#### **Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**

#### **Status of MAFMC FMPs - Dr. Moore**

- 12:00 - 1:00**                    **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 3:00**                    **Amendment 14/Framework 6 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP**
- Review actions taken by ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board regarding Addendum 17
  - Discuss implications of Board's actions regarding prioritization of Amendment 14 and/or Framework 6
  - Adopt plan of action for Amendment 14, Framework 6, or both
- 3:00 - 4:00**                    **Framework 1 to Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) [Meeting 1]**
- Review options regarding multi-year setting of specifications
- 4:00 - 5:00**                    **Amendment 2 to NMFS' Highly Migratory Species (HMS) FMP**
- Review principal measures contained in Amendment 2 to FMP for Atlantic tunas, swordfish and sharks

**Thursday, March 17**

- 8:00 - 9:00**                    **Research Set-Aside Committee**
- Review 2006 request for proposal (RFP)
  - Review and comment on changes to NOAA's grant process
- 9:00 - 10:00**                    **Tilefish Committee**
- Review and discuss items to be addressed in scoping document to be used in development of Amendment 1
- 10:00**                            **Council Convenes**
- 10:00 - 11:00**                    **Scoping Meeting to address possible need for a Controlled Access System for Atlantic mackerel**
- 11:00 - 1:00**                    **Council Committee Reports**
- Trawl Survey
  - MSA Reauthorization
  - Ecosystems
  - Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
  - Executive
  - Research Set-Aside
  - Tilefish
  - Highly Migratory Species
- Continuing and New Business**
- Approve MSA Committee Recommendations regarding MSA Reauthorization

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