



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Ocean City, MD: May 2-5, 2005

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's May 2005 meeting to be held at the Princess Royale Oceanfront Hotel, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842 (telephone 410-524-2544), May 2-5, 2005. Below is the meeting agenda.

Monday, May 2

1:00 - 5:00

Atlantic Mackerel Committee with Advisors

- Review comments regarding a controlled/limited access system for mackerel
- Develop recommendations for a controlled/limited access system

Tuesday, May 3

8:00 - 12:00

Atlantic Mackerel Committee

- Review comments regarding a controlled/limited access system for mackerel
- Develop recommendations for a controlled/limited access system

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 5:00

Atlantic Mackerel Committee (Continued)

(Concurrent Session)

1:00 - 2:00

Research Set-Aside Committee

(Concurrent Session)

- Review 2006 Request for Proposal (RFP)
- Review and Comment on changes to NOAA's Grant Process

2:00 - 4:00

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee with Advisors

(Concurrent Session)

- Review status of clams/quahogs
- Assess multi-year quota setting performance
- Discuss mandatory VMS for clam fleet

Wednesday, May 4

8:00 - 10:00

Ecosystems Committee

- Develop draft questionnaire for Council initiated state public hearings

10:00

Council Convenes

10:00 - 12:00

Business Session

- Approve March Council meeting minutes
- Actions from March

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

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Dr. Moore

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - 3:00

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP

- Address mechanism to effect authorization of quota transfers after Dec.15
- Receive update on status of Framework 6
- Receive update on status of Amendment 14

3:00 - 4:30

Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP

- Receive update on status of Amendment 9

4:30 - 5:00

Framework 1 to Spiny Dogfish FMP

- Review options for multi-year setting of specifications
- Adopt preferred option for submission to the Secretary

Thursday, May 5

8:00 - 9:00

Executive Committee

- Report on results of Council Chairmen's meeting

9:00

Council Convenes

9:00 - 10:00

Receive NMFS Presentation on its Recreational Fisheries Strategic Plan - Forbes Darby

10:00 - 11:00

Presentation on "Money, Property, and All That" - John M. Gates, URI

11:00 - 1:00

Council Committee Reports

- Research Set-Aside
- Surfclams/Ocean Quahogs
- Ecosystems
- Executive
- Highly Migratory Species

Continuing and New Business

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