
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD: January 17-19, 2006

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's January 2006 meeting to be held at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD 21401 (telephone 410-266-3131), January 17-19, 2006. Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, January 17

10:00-12:30 pm

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee

Freeman, J. Ruhle, Bogan, Jensen, Nolan, Peabody, Puskas, *P. Ruhle* [Seagraves]

- Discuss and adopt alternatives for Amendment 10
- Discuss potential impacts of New England Council's Herring Amendment 1 on Mid-Atlantic vessels

12:30-1:30 pm

Lunch

1:30-2:30 pm

Bycatch Committee

Pride, Jensen, Ruhle [Moore]

- Review Magnuson-Stevens Act mandate regarding standardized bycatch reporting methodology
- Discuss NMFS standardized bycatch reporting methodology initiative

2:30-3:30 pm

Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee

Kray, Augustine, Jensen, King, Munden, Nolan, Pride [Furlong]

- Discuss different versions of Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization (Administration, House, and Senate Bills)
- Review Council's recommended Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization priorities

3:30-5:00 pm

Ecosystems Committee

Kray, Jensen, Augustine, Freeman, Holder, Hoopes, Simms, Brown, O'Shea, Randall [Hoff]

- **Develop draft final report**

Wednesday, January 18

8:00 am

Council Convenes

8:00-9:00 am

Presentation on NMFS' Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Ecosystems Capabilities

9:00-10:00 am

Report on outcome of the 42nd SAW/SARC process

- Atlantic Mackerel
- *Illex* Squid
- Silver Hake (Whiting)

10:00-12:00 pm

Business Session

- Approve December Council Meeting Minutes
- Actions from December

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director

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

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Dr. Moore

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00-2:00 pm

Framework 6 to Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP [Meeting 1]

- Review options regarding use of conservation equivalency by multi-state sub regions

2:00-4:00 pm

Amendment 15 Scoping Document

- Discuss issues for inclusion in scoping document

4:00-5:00 pm

Executive Committee

Smith, Pride, Cole, Colvin, Freeman, Kray, Kurkul, Munden, Peabody, J. Ruhle, Spitsbergen, Travelstead [Furlong]

Thursday, January 19

8:00-9:00 am

NMFS Highly Migratory Species Committee

Pride, Augustine, Jensen, Randall [Hoff]

- Develop Council comments on highly migratory species proposed amendment to consolidated Highly Migratory Species Fishery Management Plan

9:00 am

Council Convenes

9:00-10:00 am

Framework 3 to Joint Monkfish FMP

- Review and adopt proposed changes regarding utilization of DAS (days at sea)

10:00-11:00 am

Presentation by US Navy Official on Undersea Warfare Training Range

11:00 am -

Committee Reports

- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee
- Bycatch Committee
- Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee
- Ecosystems Committee
- Executive Committee
- Highly Migratory Species - ICCAT

Continuing and New Business

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