
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Cape May, NJ: March 14-16, 2006

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's March 2006 meeting to be held at Congress Hall Hotel, 251 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 (telephone 609-884-8421), March 14-16, 2006. Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, March 14

10:00-12:00

Ecosystems Committee

- Review final draft of MAFMC's Ecosystem Report regarding ecosystem based fishery management
- Address strategy regarding introduction of circle hooks as the hook of choice in recreational sector

12:00-1:00 pm

Lunch

1:00-1:30 pm

Surfclam / Ocean Quahog / Tilefish Committee

- Review 2006 Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) reimbursement program / conditions
- Address tilefish specification adjustments and timing thereof.

1:30-4:00 pm

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee

- Review status of Amendment 10. Discuss and adopt rebuilding schedules developed by FMAT for the butterfish stock

4:00-4:30 pm

Executive Committee

- Review status of 2006 and 2007 budgets
- Review Ricks E Savage Award criteria

Wednesday, March 15

9:00 am

Council Convenes

9:00-11:30

Business Session

- Approve December 2005 and January 2006 Council meeting minutes
- Actions from January

Organizational Reports

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

Council Liaison Reports

- New England Council

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMP's - Dr. Moore

11:30-12:30 pm

Lunch

Wednesday, March 15 (continued)

12:30-5:30 pm

Amendment 9 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP

- Review and adopt public hearing document (PHD) and associated draft environmental impact statement (DEIS)

Thursday, March 16

8:15 am

Council Convenes

8:15-10:30 am

Depart Hotel for Tour of the USCG Recruit Training Center at Cape May

- Receive tour of CG facility and an overview of the recruit training process.
- Receive address from Admiral Hereth, Commander, USCG 5th District

10:30-11:30 am

Presentation by US Navy Officials on Undersea Warfare Training

11:30-12:00 pm

Framework 6 to Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP [Mtg 2]

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

12:00 - 1:00

Lunch

1:00 - Close

Council Committee Reports

- Highly Migratory Species
- Ecosystems
- Surfclam / Ocean Quahog / Tilefish
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
- Executive

Continuing and New Business (Tab 13)

- Consider nominees and select backfill for David Conover vacancy to Science & Statistical Committee

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