
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Philadelphia, PA: August 1-3, 2006

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's August 2006 meeting to be held at the Sheraton Society Hill Hotel, One Dock Street, Philadelphia, PA (telephone 215-238-6000).

Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, August 1

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** **MSA Reauthorization Committee**
- Review Senate Bill 2012 and other reauthorization Bills to finalize Council position on MSA reauthorization
- 10:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.** **Report of the 43rd Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC)**
(*Documents will be distributed at the meeting*)
- Review SARC summary results and Center for Independent Expertise's (CIE) opinion regarding SAW reports on spiny dogfish, black sea bass, and red crab
- 11:30 - 12:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 12:30 - 4:30 p.m.** **Finalize Scup Management Measures for 2007 (2008, 2009) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board**
- Review Scup Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures

Wednesday, August 2

- 8:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 8:00 - 12:00 p.m.** **Finalize Summer Flounder Management Measures for 2007 (2008, 2009) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board**
- Review Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.** **Finalize Black Sea Bass Management Measures for 2007 (2008, 2009) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board**
- Review Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures
- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.** **Finalize Bluefish Management Measures for 2007 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board**
- Review Bluefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2007 harvest level and associated management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for bluefish harvest levels for 2006 and associated management measures

Thursday, August 3

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Ecosystems Committee**
- Review strategies to reduce bycatch and bycatch mortality through the adoption and use of circle hooks or other types of hooks in selected recreational fisheries
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee**
- Review and discuss trimester allocation alternatives regarding 2007 fishing year for *Loligo* squid
 - Develop and recommend preferred alternative
- 9:00 a.m. Council Convenes**
- 9:00 - 9:30 p.m. Loligo Squid Specification**
- Review Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee's recommendation regarding trimester allocations and selected preferred 2007 allocation
 - Adopt preferred allocation for 2007 specification for *Loligo* squid
- 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Amendment 14 to Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP**
- Review scup rebuilding plan contained in current draft of Amendment 14 (pre-Public Hearing Document) and associated environmental assessment (EA)
- 11:00 - 1:00 p.m. Amendment 15 to Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP**
- Receive report on comments received as a consequence scoping process for Amendment 15
 - Develop list of potential actions to be addressed in Amendment 15
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 2:00 - 5:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Approval of June Minutes
 - Actions from June
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
 - US Fish & Wildlife
 - ASMFC
- Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**
- Status of MAFMC FMPS - Mr. Seagraves**
- Committee Reports**
- Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
 - MSA Reauthorization
 - Ecosystems
 - Highly Migratory Species (HMS)
- Continuing and New Business**
- Discuss changes to SOPP's regarding Scientific and Statistical Committee membership

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