



Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting New Bern, NC: October 16-18, 2007

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's October 2007 meeting to be held at the New Bern Convention Center, 203 South Front Street, New Bern, NC 28563 (telephone 252-637-1551). Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, October 16

- 10:00 -12:00** **Joint Dogfish Committee**
- Review Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2008 / 2009 (and beyond?) quota and related management measures
 - Develop 2008/2009 (and beyond?) quota specifications and related management measures for Council consideration and action
- 12:00 -1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 4:00** **Research Set-Aside Committee**
- Review New England Council's Policy for Incorporation of Research Results into Fishery Management Programs
- 4:00 - 4:30** **Law Enforcement Committee**
- Review Fisheries Achievement Award (FAA) Nominations
- Recommend recipient(s) for recognition
 - Review Council Award Recognition Program Survey results

Wednesday, October 17

- 8:30** **Council Convenes**
- 8:30 - 8:45** **Swearing In of New and Reappointed Council members and Election of Council Officers**
- 8:45 - 9:30** **Report by Dr. Jim Weinberg on recent Monkfish Stock Assessment**
- 9:30 - 11:00** **Consider Adjustments to Current Monkfish Management Program**
- Discuss need for a new framework for 2008 fishing year and, if necessary, approve initiation thereof
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Spiny Dogfish**
- Review and discuss Dogfish Committee's recommendations for dogfish quota and related management measures for 2008/2009 and beyond fishing years
 - Adopt quota and related management measures for 2008/2009 and beyond fishing years
- 12:00 - 1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00** **Presentation by Dr. Mike Fogarty on the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's current ecosystem activities**
- 2:00-3:30 pm** **Business Session**
- Approval of August Minutes
 - Actions from August
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC Director
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel

- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Report

- New England Council

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMPS - Mr. Seagraves

Committee Reports

- Protected Resources
- Research Set-Aside (RSA)
- Law Enforcement
- Highly Migratory Species (HMS)

3:30 - 4:15

Presentation by Preston Pate, Chairman of the NMFS' Marine Recreational Information Program's (MRIP) Operational Team on Improving Recreational Data Collection and Analysis

4:15 - 5:30

Executive Committee

- Review highlights of MSA Reauthorization Workshop
- Review highlights of Northeast Regional Coordinating Council Meeting
- Review 2008 Annual Work Plan (AWP)

Thursday, October 18

9:00

Council Convenes

9:00 - 12:00

Amendment 10 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP

- Review and adopt public hearing document (PHD) and associated draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) for rebuilding of Butterfish fishery

12:00

Continuing and New Business

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