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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## Council Meeting Secaucus, NJ: December 10-13, 2007

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2007 meeting to be held at Holiday Inn Harmon Meadow, 300 Plaza Drive, Secaucus, NJ 07094 (telephone 201-348-2000). Below is the meeting agenda.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 10

**10:30 - 5:00** Workshop on Magnuson - Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006 and Its Impact on the Mid-Atlantic Council.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 11

**8:30** Council convenes jointly with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board.

**8:30 - 11:00** **Summer Flounder: 2008 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2008 summer flounder recreational fishery

**11:00 - 12:00** **Scup: 2008 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2008 scup recreational fishery

**12:00 - 1:00** **Lunch**

**1:00 - 2:30** **Scup: 2008 Recreational Management Measures - Continued**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2008 scup recreational fishery

**2:30 - 4:30** **Black Sea Bass: 2008 Recreational Management Measures**

- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
- Develop and approve management measures for 2008 black sea bass recreational fishery

**4:30 - 5:30** **Mid-Atlantic Section of Monkfish Committee**

- Review and discuss action taken by New England Council regarding Framework 5 and 6
- Develop Council position regarding Framework 5
- Develop Council position regarding Framework 6

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 12

- 8:00** Council convenes
- 8:00 - 10:00** Business Session
- Approval of October minutes
  - Actions from October meeting
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS NERO Regional Administrator
  - NMFS NEFSC Director
  - NOAA Office of General Counsel
  - Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
  - ASMFC's Executive Director
- New England Council Liaison Report**
- Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**
- Status of MAFMC FMPs - Mr. Seagraves**
- 10:00 - 11:30** Framework 5 and 6 to Monkfish FMP (Phil Haring)
- Review and approve final action on Framework 5
  - Discuss Framework 6
- 11:30 - 1:00** Lunch
- 1:00 - 1:15** Award Presentation and Recognition
- Fisheries Achievement Award - Stewart Tweed
- 1:15 - 3:30** Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee Amendment 11
- Review management alternatives to address mackerel limited entry program
- 3:30 - 5:30** Bycatch / Limited Access Committee
- Update on the National Bycatch Report

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13

- 8:00 - 9:00** Executive Committee
- SSC membership process
  - SSC member stipends
- 9:00** Council convenes
- 9:00 - 9:45** Marine Debris Presentation by Sarah Morison, National Ocean Service
- 9:45 - 12:00** Committee Reports
- Highly Migratory Species
  - Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
  - Bycatch / Limited Access
  - Executive Committee
- Continuing and New Business**
- Review and approve changes to SOPPs related to SSC role
  - Address reappointment of existing members
  - Fill two vacancies on SSC
  - Discuss concept of adjunct members

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