
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting Atlantic City, NJ: June 9-12, 2008

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2008 meeting to be held at the Sheraton Convention Center, Two Miss America Way, Atlantic City, NJ 08401 (telephone 609-344-3535). Below is the meeting agenda.

Monday, June 9

10:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee with Advisors

- Address Amendment 11 - mackerel limited entry system
- Address Annual Catch Limits (ACL) / Accountability Measures (AM) for S, M, B FMP

Concurrent Session

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Demersal Committee

- Review measures to be included in Amendment 15
- Address accommodation of ACL/AM

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Public Hearing for Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Amendment 10

Tuesday, June 10

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee with Advisors

- Review Monitoring Committee's recommendations and SSC advice for 2009 quota levels and associated management measures
- Develop 2009 quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Law Enforcement Committee

- Discuss enforceability of slot limits in the recreational sector
- Review USCG Proposed Rule on Vessel Safety / Stability
- Discuss enforceability of possession limits regarding multiple day trips

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish Committee with Advisors

- Review staff recommendations for 2009-2010 quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs
- Discuss issues regarding Amendment 14 including accommodation of ACL/AM

3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Tour of Local Clam Boat and Associated Dock Operation

6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Scoping Meeting for Amendment 4 to the New England Council's Atlantic Herring FMP

Wednesday, June 11

8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Scientific and Statistical Committee with RSA Committee

- Establish multi-year research priorities for the 2009 - 2013 time period
- Review and discuss outcomes from Special SSC Working Group charge

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00

Council Convenes

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Business Session

- Approve April Council meeting minutes

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel

- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)

Council Liaison Reports

- New England Council actions from April 15-17 meeting
- South Atlantic Council actions from June 8-13 meeting

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

- Review Actions from April Council Meeting

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Rich Seagraves

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Specifications

- Review committee's recommendations for 2009 quota specifications and associated management measures
- Develop and adopt 2009 quota specifications and associated management measures for Atlantic mackerel, squids and butterfish

3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 12

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

- Review highlights of CCC meeting
- Revise SOPPs relative to deeming requirement

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Bycatch / LAPP Committee

- Review first draft of bycatch pamphlet regarding catch and release practices
- Discuss SBRM Observer Coverage Priorities for 2008

10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee

- Review proposed measures in Framework 2

11:30 - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch

12:30 p.m.

Council Convenes

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications

- Review committee's recommendations for 2009-2010 quota specifications (years 2 and 3 of the existing 2008-2010 multi-year quota specifications) and associated management measures
- Adopt any necessary changes to the 2009-2010 quota specifications; or leave existing specifications in place if they are still appropriate

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Presentation by NMFS Officials Regarding Proposed Rule to Integrate National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Requirements into Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA)

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Council Committee Reports

- Highly Migratory Species
- Ad Hoc Excessive Shares
- Special SSC Working Group
- S, M, B (Amendment 11)
- Demersal
- Law Enforcement
- SC/OQ (Amendment 14)
- SSC
- Executive
- Bycatch/LAPP
- Joint Spiny Dogfish

Continuing and New Business

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