
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Duck, NC April 14-16, 2009

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's April 2009 meeting to be held at the Sanderling Resort and Spa, 1461 Duck Road, Duck, NC 27949 (telephone 252-261-4111). Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, April 14

- 10:00 - 12:00 p.m. Mid-Atlantic Section of Joint Dogfish Committee**
- Receive report on March meeting of Joint Dogfish Committee
 - Review and discuss pre-scoping issues related to the development of Amendment 1
 - Develop Committee recommendations for consideration and future action by the Joint Dogfish Committee
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:30 p.m. Bycatch / Limited Access Committee**
- Discuss possible modifications to black sea bass pots
 - Finalize text and lay-out of bycatch reduction pamphlet
 - Develop plan of action for distribution of bycatch reduction pamphlet
 - Receive presentation from Environmental Defense Fund representatives regarding British Columbia's fishery management practices and bycatch reduction efforts
- 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Ecosystems / Ocean Planning Committee**
- Review DOC Inspector General Report on NEFSC's use of best science for ecosystems
 - Receive report from Dr. Jason Link regarding NEFSC prey-predator relationship studies
 - Review status of proposed LNG facilities in Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction off New Jersey
- 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Scoping Session for Omnibus Amendment regarding ACL/AM**

Wednesday, April 15

- 8:00 - 9:30 a.m. ACL / AM Committee**
- Review status of action for Omnibus Amendment
 - Discuss risk philosophies to be considered by Council for Omnibus Amendment
- 9:30 - 12:00 p.m. Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee**
- Review management alternatives addressed in Amendment 11
 - Review recommendations of Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT)
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Council convenes**
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Approve February 2009 Council Meeting Minutes
 - Highlight actions from February 2009 Council Meeting
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC Director
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
 - ASMFC's Executive Director

Liaison Reports

- New England Council - February 9 -11 Meeting
- South Atlantic Council - March 2-6 Meeting

Executive Director's Report - Daniel Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Rich Seagraves

3:00 - 3: 45 p.m.

Report on Risk Considerations

3:45 - 5:00 p.m.

Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP

- Review alternatives associated with proposed management measures and select preferred alternatives as appropriate
- Review and adopt Public Hearing Document (PHD) and associated DEIS

Thursday, April 16

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

- Review highlights of Council Coordination Committee meeting
- Review discussions and outcomes from Northeast Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC) meeting

9:00 a.m.

Council convenes

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Receive Update on Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Receive Update on Amendments 17 and 18 to SAFMC's Snapper Grouper FMP

- Develop Council position and provide comments to SAFMC on its proposed actions

11:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Scientific and Statistical Committee
- Highly Migratory Species
- Monkfish
- Dogfish
- Bycatch/Limited Access
- Ecosystem and Ocean Planning
- Annual Catch Limits/Accountability Measures
- Executive

Continuing / New Business

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