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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## Council Begins Scoping for Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) proposes to develop an Omnibus Amendment which will amend each of the Council's Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) to address the new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA) for annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs).

The Council would like your input on the range of issues to be considered and information that it should consider during development of this Omnibus Amendment. Scoping is the first and best opportunity for members of the public to raise issues and concerns for the Council to consider during the development of this amendment. The Comment Period will expire at 5:00 P.M., EST, May 15, 2009. Following the Scoping Period, comments will be compiled by Council staff and will subsequently be reviewed by the Committee and Council.

The issues under consideration are described in greater detail in the scoping document itself. Copies may be obtained from the Council office or via the Internet at:

<http://www.mafmc.org/mid-atlantic/comments/comments.htm>

For the purposes of scoping, you may attend any of the three scoping meetings to provide oral comments (see below for schedule of scoping meetings), or you may submit written comments to Mr. Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904 on or before 5:00 p.m., EST, on May 15, 2009.

### Scoping Meetings:

1. April 14, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - The Sanderling Resort and Spa, 1461 Duck Rd., Duck, NC 27949
2. April 21, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - NYSDEC Marine Resources, 205 N. Belle Mead Rd, Ste 1, East Setauket, NY 11733
3. May 4, 2009, 7:00 p.m. - Crowne Plaza Old Town Alexandria, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314

Comments may also be sent via fax to 302-674-5399 or by e-mail to [Omnibus.NOI@noaa.gov](mailto:Omnibus.NOI@noaa.gov). Please note on your correspondence and in the subject line of e-mail comments the following identifier: "Omnibus Amendment: National Standard 1 Requirements Scoping Comments."