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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Comment Period for Omnibus ACL/AM Amendment Extended to May 31, 2009**

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) is developing an Omnibus Amendment to establish mechanisms for specifying annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) for each of the Council's Fishery Management Plans (FMPs). The driving force for this action is the need to meet the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Reauthorization Act of 2006 (MSRA).

The Council would like your input on this Omnibus Amendment. Members of the public are encouraged to raise any issues and concerns they may have regarding the range of issues to be considered during the development of this amendment. The comment period for receipt of such input has been extended by 16 days and will now expire at 5:00 P.M. EDT on May 31, 2009.

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

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

The last of three scoping meetings has been conducted, but there is still time to submit written comments. Please submit your 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., EDT, on May 31, 2009. Comments may also be sent via fax (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 your e-mail the following identifier: "Omnibus Amendment: National Standard 1 Requirements Scoping Comments."