
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in New York City, NY June 8-11, 2009

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2009 meeting to be held at the Radisson Martinique on Broadway, 49 West 32nd Street, New York City, NY 10001 (telephone 212-736-3800). Below is the meeting agenda.

Monday, June 8

Noon - 3:00 p.m.

[CLOSED SESSION] Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Cooperative Research Staff

- Review and comment on 2010 RSA proposals

3:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee with National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Cooperative Research Staff

- Presentation on NMFS' draft Cooperative Research Strategic plan
- Review and discuss Mid-Atlantic RSA program performance and discuss ways to improve program coordination with other cooperative research efforts
- Develop comments as appropriate for Council consideration

Tuesday, June 9

8:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee with Advisors

- Review Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) advice and Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2010 quota levels and associated management measures
- Develop quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action
- Review and address status of Amendment 11
- Review and address butterfish bycatch issue associated with Hudson Canyon area fisheries

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish Committee with Advisors

- Review staff recommendations for 2010 quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs
- Develop quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action

12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Ecosystems / Ocean Planning Committee

- Receive presentation by Dr. Ned Cyr on NMFS' Report to Congress [State of Science to Support an Ecosystem Approach to Regional Fishery Management - MSA Section 406 (f)] and discuss its applications to future Council plans
- Receive update on status of proposed LNG facilities in Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction off New Jersey / New York
- Receive an overview of the NMFS' NERO's Habitat Conservation Division's role and responsibilities regarding non-fishery uses of the ocean

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Scoping Session for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to Atlantic Trawl

Wednesday, June 10

8:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

8:00 - 9:45 a.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
- South Atlantic Council actions

Executive Director's Report

- Review Actions from April Council Meeting and other actions since that meeting

Status of MAFMC FMPs

9:45 - 10:30 a.m.

Presentation by NMFS Officials on Sea Turtle Strategy and Potential Impacts on Mid-Atlantic Fisheries

10:30 - 12:00 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

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Amendment 5 to Monkfish FMP

- Review Monkfish Advisory Panel, Oversight Committee, and Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations
- Identify measures to be developed and considered in Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 5

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Specifications

- Review committee's recommendations for 2010 quota specifications and associated management measures
- Develop and adopt 2010 quota specifications and associated management measures for Atlantic mackerel, squids and butterfish

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications

- Review committee's recommendations for 2010 quota specifications (year 3 of the existing 2008-2010 multi-year quota specifications) and associated management measures
- Adopt - as appropriate - any changes to the 2010 quota specifications

Thursday, June 11

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee

- Review highlights of May 2009 CCC meeting
- Review and discuss proposed rules for Marine Protected Areas (MPA) designations and Council operations (SOPP)
- Discuss and consider scheduling a special one-day Council meeting to allow each Council species Committee to suggest species based ACL / AM options and concepts for the Omnibus ACL / AM Amendment

9:00 - 10:30 a.m.

ACL / AM Committee

- Review comments received during scoping period
- Discuss possible additions, deletions, or modifications to description of alternatives to be considered in the Omnibus Amendment based on comments received

10:30

Council Convenes

10:30 - 12:00 p.m.

Presentation by NEC Official regarding its EFH Omnibus Amendment and Potential Impacts on Mid-Atlantic Fisheries

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 1:30 p.m.

Presentation by Rutgers University Scientists regarding "Developing Ecological Indicators for Spatial Fisheries Management"

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Presentation by NMFS Official regarding its Marine Debris Program

2:30 - 4:00 p.m.

Committee Reports

- Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Committee
- Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee
- Research Set-Aside Committee
- Ecosystem / Ocean Planning Committee
- Executive Committee
- Annual Catch Limit / Accountability Measure (ACL/AM) Committee

Continuing and New Business

- Adopt Council position and related comments regarding proposed rules for Marine Protected Areas (MPA) designations and Council operations (SOPP)

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