
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Ocean City, MD October 13-15, 2009

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's October 2009 meeting to be held at the Princess Royale, 9100 Coastal Highway, Ocean City, MD 21842 (telephone: 410-524-7777). Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, October 13

8:30 - 12:30 Executive Committee with Council's SSC leadership and ASMFC's Leadership

- Address roles and responsibilities of the Council's SSC and the Council's and Commission's Species Monitoring Committees (MC), i.e., for "jointly" managed species (these include: summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish, and dogfish) and clarify the responsibilities of the SSC and the respective MCs in terms of their roles in the annual specification setting process

12:30 - 1:30 Lunch

1:30 - 4:30 Executive Committee with Council's SSC leadership

- Address the development of a Council risk policy concerning National Standard 1 Guidelines regarding the ABC control rule

Wednesday, October 14

8:30 Council Convenes

8:30 - 8:45 Swearing in of New Council Members and Election of Council Officers

8:45 - 11:30 Business Session

- Approval of August Minutes
- Actions from August

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Reports

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Mr. Seagraves

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch

12:30 - 1:30 Review Eligible Sites for MPA Designation and Solicit Public Comment

1:30 - 2:00 Law Enforcement Committee

- Review Fisheries Achievement Award (FAA) Nominations
- Recommend recipient(s) for recognition

2:00 - 3:00 Protected Resources Committee

- Review outcome of recent Bottlenose Dolphin (BND) Take Reduction Team meeting
- Review revisions to the BND stock structure and mortality estimates
- Review current information on all stocks and evaluate BND Plan's goals for each stock

3:00 - 4:30 Surfclam / Ocean Quahog Committee

- Review and clarify management measures to be included in Amendment 15

Thursday, October 15

8:00 - 9:00 Executive Committee

- Review 2010 Annual Work Plan (AWP)
- Review highlights of Northeast Regional Coordinating Council Meeting
- Review nominees and select recipient of 2009 Ricks E Savage Award

9:00 Council Convenes

9:00 - 10:00 Presentation on draft-interim NOAA Catch Share Policy by Monica Medina [Senior Advisor to Dr. Lubchenco and Catch Share Task Force Chairperson]

10:00 - 11:30 Committee Reports

- Highly Migratory Species (HMS)
- Dogfish
- Executive Committee
- Law Enforcement
- Protected Resources
- Surfclam / Ocean Quahog

11:30 Continuing and New Business

- Clarify squid control rule dates regarding Amendment 14 to Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP

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