
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Wilmington, DE December 8-10, 2009

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2009 meeting to be held at the Sheraton Suites Hotel, 422 Delaware Avenue, Wilmington, DE 19801 (telephone: 302-654-8300). Below is the meeting agenda. **NOTE:** Log onto www.ustream.tv and type mafmc in the search block to view and listen to the meeting.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

- 8:30** Council convenes jointly with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Dogfish Boards
- 8:30 - 11:00** Summer Flounder: 2010 Recreational Management Measures
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
 - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
 - Develop and approve management measures for 2010 summer flounder recreational fishery
- 11:00 - 12:00** Scup: 2010 Recreational Management Measures
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
 - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
 - Develop and approve management measures for 2010 scup recreational fishery
- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00** Scup: 2010 Recreational Management Measures - Continued
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
 - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
 - Develop and approve management measures for 2010 scup recreational fishery
- 2:00 - 4:00** Black Sea Bass: 2010 Recreational Management Measures
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
 - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
 - Develop and approve management measures for 2010 black sea bass recreational fishery
- 4:00 - 5:00** Spiny Dogfish
- Review and discuss SSC and Monitoring Committee's recommendations for dogfish quota and related management measures for 2010/2011 fishing year and beyond
 - Adopt quota and related management measures for 2010/2011 and beyond fishing years

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:00** Council Convenes with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Leadership and Board Chairs and Vice Chairs to Address Accountability Measures
- 8:00 - 9:30** Surfclam / Ocean Quahog / Tilefish Committee
- Discuss and recommend draft accountability measures (AM)
- 9:30 - 10:30** Dogfish Committee
- Discuss and recommend draft accountability measures (AM) to be included in the ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment

- 10:30 - 12:00** **Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee**
- Discuss and recommend draft accountability measures (AM) to be included in the ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment for mackerel and butterfish
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 1:15** **Award Presentation and Recognition**
- Fisheries Achievement Award - Jeff Deem
 - Ricks E Savage Award - TBA
- 1:15 - 3:30** **Demersal and Coastal Migratory Committee**
- Discuss and recommend draft accountability measures (AM) to be included in the ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment
- 3:30 – 4:00** **Monkfish Committee**
- Discuss and recommend draft accountability measures (AM) to be included in the ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment
- 4:00 - 5:30** **Performance Monitoring and Evaluation of Catch Shares in Terms of Their Social, Cultural and Economic Impacts on Regional Fisheries - A Presentation by the NMFS' Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Social Sciences Unit**

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10

- 8:00 - 9:00** **Executive Committee**
- Review draft recommendations for standards for SSC review of ABC recommendations
 - New business
- 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** **Business Session and Annual Picture**
- Approval of October minutes
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS NERO Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC Director
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
 - ASMFC's Executive Director
- New England Council Liaison Report**
- Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**
- Status of MAFMC FMPs - Mr. Seagraves**
- 11:30-12:00** **Informal Question and Answer session regarding MPA nominations**
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch**
- 1:00 – 2:15** **Solicit Public Comment regarding the Council's Selection of Sites for MPA Designation and finalize MPA nominations**
- 2:15 - 3:00** **Committee Reports**
- Scientific and Statistical
 - Highly Migratory Species
 - Surfclam / Ocean Quahog / Tilefish
 - Dogfish
 - Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish
 - Demersal and Coastal Migratory
 - Monkfish
 - Executive
- 3:00 – 3:30** **Continuing and New Business**
- Receive nominations for and vote on new members to be added to SSC
 - Develop comments regarding NMFS' changes to the General and Harpoon Category fisheries for Atlantic bluefin tuna

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