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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## Council Meeting in Cambridge, MD February 9-11, 2010

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's January 2010 meeting to be held at the Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort, 100 Heron Blvd at Route 50, Cambridge, MD 21613 (telephone: 410-901-1234). Below is the meeting agenda. **NOTE:** Log onto [www.ustream.tv](http://www.ustream.tv) and type mafmc in the search block to view and listen to the meeting.

### Tuesday, February 9

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

#### **Executive Committee**

- CCC meeting report
- Catch Shares Workshop
- Executive Director search
- Other business

10:00 a.m.

#### **Council convenes**

10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

#### **Receive Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM) Annual Report**

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Presentation of peer review of the Albatross/Bigelow Vessel Calibration data and analyses including summary results and recommendations**

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

#### **Lunch**

1:00 - 5:30 p.m.

#### **Workshop on Research Set Aside (RSA) Program**

- Briefly review history of the Mid-Atlantic RSA program
- Review RSA program listing strengths and challenges
- Briefly review RSA program administrative processes, grants processes, and other regulatory requirements pertinent to RSA programs and discuss improvements already made
- Review RSA program economics, costs, benefits, business practices, and consider alternative business models
- Explore proposed measures to improve the RSA program and discuss what agency or entity is primarily responsible for each proposed action
- Revisit RSA program's objectives as originally perceived by the Council and determine if they are still relevant or need updating

7:00 p.m.

#### **Public Hearing on Amendment 11 to Atlantic Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP**

### Wednesday, February 10

8:00 a.m.

#### **Council convenes**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m.

#### **Receive report on 49<sup>th</sup> Stock Assessment Review**

- Butterfish assessment
- Surfclam assessment

8:45 - 9:45 a.m.

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

9:45 - 12:00 p.m.

#### **Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole**

- Ocean Policy Task Force and Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) presentation by Sam Rauch
- Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) presentation by Jay Odell (Nature Conservancy)
- Develop comments on CMSP Framework
- Discuss two potential lease areas for renewable and non-renewable energy resources off VA coast

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 - 5:30 p.m. Council tour of Clam Processing Plant

**Thursday, February 11**

8:00 a.m. Council convenes  
8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on Amendment 5 to Monkfish FMP  
• Discuss potential changes to Monkfish FMP and impacts on fishery  
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Council discussion of ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment  
• Discuss Council Risk Policy and ABC Control Rule Framework  
10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update  
• MRIP / National Registry overview  
11:30 - 12:00 p.m. SSC Report  
• SSC findings on reconsideration of 2010 ABC recommendation for black sea bass  
12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Council consideration of SSC's Amended 2010 ABC recommendations  
• Develop comments to Regional Administrator on black sea bass management measures and uncertainty  
2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Business Session  
• Approve December 2009 Council Meeting Minutes  
Organizational Reports  
• NMFS Regional Administrator  
• NMFS NEFSC Director  
• NOAA Office of General Counsel  
• Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)  
• ASMFC's Executive Director  
Executive Director's Report  
Status of MAFMC FMP's  
Committee Reports  
• HMS  
• Executive  
Liaison Report  
• New England Council  
Continuing and New Business

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