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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## **Eric Schwaab Appointed as NMFS Assistant Administrator**

Eric Schwaab has been appointed as Assistant Administrator to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). He brings more than 25 years of experience in local, state and federal natural resource management. Eric was a member of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) from 2000 to 2002 serving as Maryland's State representative to the Council. He worked for many years at the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, including serving as Director of Maryland's Fisheries Service and most recently as Deputy Secretary of Natural Resources.

While serving as a member of the Council, Eric demonstrated a strong conservation ethic and helped the Council in its development and implementation of the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP); Framework Adjustment 1 (instituting the Research Set-Aside Program) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP, Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP, Bluefish FMP, the Tilefish FMP; and, Amendments 13 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMPs. During his tenure on the Council, Eric served on the Demersal, Ecosystems, and Law Enforcement Committees.

The Council looks forward to working with Eric to continue building sustainable fisheries.