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Catch Shares Workshop: March 16-18, 2010

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) will host an educational workshop March 16-18, 2010 on "catch shares." The workshop will be conducted in cooperation with the Fisheries Leadership and Sustainability Forum, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Participants will include MAFMC members, MAFMC staff, MAFMC Advisory Panel representatives, ASMFC representatives, MAFMC Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) representatives, as well as leadership from the New England Fishery Management Council, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, and NMFS. As with all MAFMC meetings, the workshop will be open to the public and there will be several opportunities for public comment.

Location: Kingsmill Conference Center, 1010 Kingsmill Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185 (telephone: 757-253-1703). Below is the meeting agenda.

Tuesday, March 16

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| 10:00 - Noon | Registration |
| Noon - 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. | Welcome and Introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome - Rick Robins & Lee Anderson (MAFMC Chair and Vice-Chair)• Overview of MAFMC species and management – Dan Furlong (MAFMC Executive Director)• Introduction to Catch Shares – Mark Holliday (NMFS Office of Policy)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ <i>Basic elements of design process and policy decisions that should be considered when creating catch shares</i> |
| 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. | Opening Plenary Session: Case studies <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alaska halibut/sablefish IFQ – Jane DiCosimo (Senior Plan Coordinator, North Pacific Fishery Management Council)• Gulf of Mexico red snapper IFQ – Bob Gill (Vice Chair, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council) |
| 2:45 - 3:00 p.m. | Open Comment/Questions (Participants & Public) |
| 3:00 - 3:15 p.m. | Break |
| 3:15 - 5:30 p.m. | Breakout #1
<i>[Note: Four groups of participants will rotate through the 4 issues / panels.]</i> |
| 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. | Reception |

Wednesday, March 17

- 8:30 - 10:45 a.m. Breakout #2
10:45 – 11:00 a.m. Break
11:00 – 12:00 p.m. Plenary Session: Data Collection / Monitoring - the Lynchpin for Accountability & Credibility
- Panelists from Alaska:
- Jessica Gharrett (Restricted Access Management Program, NMFS Alaska Region)
 - Howard McElderry (Archipelago Marine Research)
- [In this session, the panelists will give brief presentations based on experience in Alaska, i.e., review existing data collection and monitoring programs (both fishery dependent and independent programs), highlight how existing programs could be used to support catch share programs, and address cost aspect (who pays?) of additional data collection programs in support of catch share programs]*
- 12:00 – 1:15 p.m. Lunch
1:15 - 3:30 p.m. Breakout #3
3:30 - 3:45 p.m. Break
3:45 – 5:15 p.m. Plenary Session: Catch Shares and Recreational Fisheries
- Presentation on existing recreational catch share program:
- Alaska halibut for-hire catch share that was designed but not implemented - Jane DiCosimo
- Panel discussion on proposed ideas for addressing the recreational sector when commercial catch shares are in place
- Halibut charter fleet in Alaska – Captain Greg Sutter
 - Rhode Island recreational charter boat industry – Captain Rick Bellavance (President of the Rhode Island Charter and Party Boat Association)
- [This session will explore two main issues: the use of catch shares in recreational fishery management, and the interaction of a commercial catch share program with the recreational fishery.]*

Thursday, March 18

- 8:30 – 10:45 a.m. Breakout #4
10:45 – 11:00 am Break
11:00 – 12:30 pm Summary Review of Reports from Panel Discussions
- Presentations on each break out session by moderators
 - Open Q&A with Panelists (Participants & Public)
- 12:30 - 1:30 Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 Governance of catch shares: inter-jurisdictional fisheries
- Hear from other regions/fisheries that share similar inter-jurisdictional issues under catch shares management (share a common stock unit, but different governance systems)
 - Virginia Black Seabass Catch Share - Jack Travelstead (MAFMC - Virginia Marine Resource Commission)
 - Discussion panel with representatives
 - Panelists include: MAFMC, ASMFC, NMFS, NOAA General Counsel
- 2:30- 3:30 p.m. Where Do We Go From Here – Discussion led by Rick Robins & Lee Anderson
3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Comments / Feedback

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. Additional agenda details and briefing materials will be available for download on our website at www.mafmc.org on March 10, 2010.