
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Philadelphia, PA: August 16-19

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's August 2010 meeting to be held at the Holiday Inn, Historic District, 400 Arch Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 (telephone: 215-923-8660). Below is the meeting agenda. **NOTE:** Log onto www.ustream.tv and type mafmc in the search block to listen to the meeting.

Monday, August 16

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Research Set-Aside Committee

- Review 2012 Research Priorities List
- Review draft mission statement

2:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee

- Presentation on activities of the NEFSC Ecosystems Branch by Dr. Michael Fogarty

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee

- Review Amendment 14 scoping comments and refine its goals
- Receive update on butterfish cap control mechanism affecting *Loligo* fishery from NERO officials

Tuesday, August 17

8:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

8:00 - 8:15 a.m.

Swearing in of New / Reappointed Council Members and Election of Council Officers

8:15 - 12:00 p.m.

Omnibus Amendment on ACL / AM

- Review and discuss management alternatives to address ABCs, ACLs and AMs for all FMP species

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Omnibus Amendment on ACL / AM [Continued]

- Review and discuss management alternatives to address ABCs, ACLs and AMs for all FMP species
- Approve and adopt Omnibus Amendment for Secretarial Submission

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

- Review Ricks E Savage Award criteria and nomination process
- Excessive share project update
- SSC membership
- Visioning Project update

Wednesday, August 18

8:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

8:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Finalize Scup Management Measures for 2011 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board

- Review SSC and Scup Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2011
- Adopt recommendations for 2011 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures

10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Finalize Black Sea Bass Management Measures for 2011 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, scup, and Black Sea Bass Board

- Review SSC and Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2011
- Adopt recommendations for 2011 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

- 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Finalize Summer Flounder Management Measures for 2011 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board**
- Review SSC and Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2011
 - Adopt recommendations for 2011 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures
- 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Finalize Bluefish Management Measures for 2011 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board**
- Review SSC and Bluefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2011 harvest levels and associated management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and associated management measures
- 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Presentation by Russell Dunn, National Policy Advisor for Recreational Fisheries, Office of the Assistant Administrator NOAA Fisheries**

Thursday, August 19

- 8:00 a.m. Council Convenes**
- 8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Report by Dr. Weinberg (NMFS NEFSC) on the 50th Stock Assessment Review Committee**
- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update**
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Presentation by Mitch MacDonald on Office of General Counsel's Enforcement and Litigation Group - Purposes, Practices, and Policies**
- 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Presentation by Samuel Rauch on Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force**
- 10:45 - 1:30 p.m. Business Session**
- Approve June 2010 Minutes
 - Address any outstanding actions from June 2010 meeting
- Liaison Reports**
- New England Council
 - South Atlantic Council
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC Director
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement (NMFS and U.S. Coast Guard)
 - ASMFC Director
- Executive Director's Report**
- Status of Council's Fishery Management Plans**
- Committee Reports**
- Highly Migratory Species
 - Scientific and Statistical [AP Annual Report]
 - Research Set-Aside [2012 Research Priorities List and Mission Statement]
 - Ecosystem and Ocean Planning
 - Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee [Amendment 14 Status]
 - Executive Committee [Awards]
- Continuing and New Business**
- Address Request for Initiation of an Anadromous FMP

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