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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## Council Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA: December 13-16

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2010 meeting to be held at the Hilton, 3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 (telephone: 757-213-3000). Below is the meeting agenda.

**NOTE:** There will be information for online access to the meeting on the Council's homepage at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org) by December 10.

### MONDAY, DECEMBER 13

9:00 - 12:00

#### **River Herring and Shad Committee**

- Review MSB Amendment 14 FMAT input on management integration issues
- Next steps?

1:00 - 5:00

#### **Habitat-Ecosystem Workshop**

- Implementing the President's National Ocean Policy - Jennifer Lukens
- Policy / Management Panel (Montanio, Bigford, Colosi, Tsao, Catena, Wenzel, and Bohne)

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14

8:00 - 12:00

#### **Habitat-Ecosystem Workshop (Continued)**

- NMFS Habitat Assessment Improvement Plan (HAIP) - Tom Noji
- Science Panel (Cyr, Fogarty, Robertson, Noji, and Manderson)

12:00 - 1:00

#### **Lunch**

1:00 - 5:00

#### **Habitat-Ecosystem Workshop (Continued)**

- Mid-Atlantic Regional Council on the Oceans (MARCO) - Mike Snyder
- Stakeholder Panel (Link, Hawkins, DiDomenico, Odell, Kellogg, and Laney)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 15

8:30

#### **Council convenes jointly with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board**

8:30 - 10:30

#### **Summer Flounder: 2011 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 2011 summer flounder recreational fishery

10:30 - 12:30

#### **Scup: 2011 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 2011 scup recreational fishery

12:30 - 1:30

#### **Lunch**

1:30 - 3:00

#### **Black Sea Bass: 2011 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 2011 black sea bass recreational fishery

- 3:00 - 3:30**                    **Overview of the Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) - Jean McGovern, National Science Foundation OOI Program Director**
- 3:30 - 4:30**                    **Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee**
  - Finalize issues to be resolved in Amendment 3
- 4:30 - 5:30**                    **Monkfish Amendment 6**
  - Scoping Hearing for Amendment 6 regarding catch shares

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 16**

- 8:00 - 9:00**                    **Executive Committee**
  - Visioning project update
  - Consider updating priorities to accommodate a bio-economic analysis of the scup allocations
  - Discussion of Council communications plan options
  - Update on AP Fishery Performance Report development
  - Review working group's recommendations for webinar compensation and travel policy to include in Council SOPPs

- 9:00**                                **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 - 9:30**                    **Briefing on Proposed Listing of Atlantic Sturgeon under Endangered Species Act (ESA) - NMFS Office of Protected Resources**

- 9:30 - 1:30**                    **Business Session**
  - Approval of June and October minutes
  - Actions from October Meeting
- 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 and South Atlantic Councils Liaison Reports**
- Executive Director's Report**
  - Update on excessive the Excessive Share project
- Status of MAFMC FMPs**
- Committee Reports**
  - SSC
  - Ad Hoc River Herring/Shad Committee
    - Review FMAT Document for SMB Amendment 14
  - HMS
  - Executive
  - Joint Spiny Dogfish
  - Protected Resources
- Continuing and New Business**

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