
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Port Jefferson, NY: June 14-16, 2011

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2011 meeting to be held at the Danfords Hotel, 25 East Broadway, Port Jefferson, NY 11777 (telephone: 631-928-5200). Below is the meeting agenda. **NOTE: For online access to the meeting register at:** <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/357694504>. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to join the Webinar.

Tuesday, June 14

2:00 - 3:00 P.M.

Research Set-Aside Committee

- Update on RSA Program Review

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee

- CIE review of NEFSC Ecosystem program/models
- BOEMRE information request for areas offshore of New Jersey

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Ocean Observatories Initiative (OOI) Public Meeting - Jean McGovern

- Presentation and discussion of Pioneer Array micro-siting process

5:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Cooperative Research Program Public Meeting - Earl Meredith [NMFS]

- Overview of 2010-2014 strategic plan and progress
- Description and comments on conservation engineering network
- Public comments on cooperative research program

Wednesday, June 15

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee

- Update on SSC Ecosystem Subcommittee work
- FMAT structure and function
- Listening Sessions - purpose and need
- CCC meeting overview
- Budget

9:30 a.m.

Council convenes

9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish as a Committee of the Whole

- Review and consider changes to 2012 and 2013 quota specifications for surfclams and ocean quahogs

11:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Visioning as a Committee of the Whole

- Review and finalize governance structure for project
- Discuss plans for initial awareness phase of project
- Review approach for data collection phase of project

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish as a Committee of the Whole

- Develop 2012 quota specifications and associated management measures
- Clarify Council intent on any Amendment 11 regulatory issues if necessary
- Update from NERO regarding August 4, 2010 Council letter asking NMFS to pursue a Transboundary Resource Sharing Agreement with Canada for Atlantic mackerel

4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

SMZ Presentation - Jeff Tinsman (DE Dept. of Natural Resources)

5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Council Listening Session

Thursday, June 16

8:00 a.m.

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

9:00 -10:00 a.m.

10:00 - 1:00 p.m.

Council Convenes

Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update

- Update MRIP implementation
- Update on MAFMC staff involvement in 2011 MRIP projects

National Standard 10 Presentation - NMFS/NERO Official Business Session

- Approve April 2011 Council meeting minutes

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)

Update on Office of Law Enforcement Activities - Mitch MacDonald

Council Liaison Reports

- New England Council - April 26-28, 2011

Update on Amendment 6 to Monkfish FMP - Howard King

Executive Director's Report - Chris Moore

Science Report - Rich Seagraves

Council Committee Reports

- Research Set-Aside
- Ecosystems and Ocean Planning
- Executive
- SSC
- Advisory Panel Governance Review

Continuing and New Business

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