



**MID-ATLANTIC**  
FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

## **PRESS RELEASE**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
February 1, 2012

PRESS CONTACT: Kathy Collins  
(302) 674-2331 (ext. 253)

### **Public Listening Session - MRIP**

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) Meeting  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012 - 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm**

**Hilton Virginia Beach - 3001 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA  
And Via the Internet at <http://www.mafmc.org/>**

Fishery managers are designing and implementing improvements to recreational fishing data collection and estimation through the Marine Recreational Information Program ([MRIP](#)). Incorporating input and feedback from anglers is a critical component of MRIP. With this in mind, the Council will host a Public Listening Session in which Gordon Colvin, the MRIP program manager, will provide an update and take questions and input from the audience and those online (see below for registration).

The update will include information on how the new MRIP estimation methods have changed 2004-2011 catch estimates for MAFMC-managed species like summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. If you have questions, need answers, or just want to express your concerns regarding the MRIP program, you will be able to talk directly to Gordon and leaders from the Council and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

You can attend in person in Virginia Beach or via the internet. **For online webinar access register at:** <https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/695704801>. This is the same link for listening-in to the Council meeting ([Agenda](#)).

Contact Jason Didden at [jdidden@mafmc.org](mailto:jdidden@mafmc.org) or (302) 526-5254 if you have any other questions or if you would like to confirm that your computer is set-up to access the webinar. The webinar works for most computers, but sometimes remote voice communication from online participants has problems. In such cases, participants may still use a chat feature in the webinar to type submit their comments or questions. You can also email questions before the meeting begins to [jdidden@mafmc.org](mailto:jdidden@mafmc.org).