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Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD: December 9-12, 2013

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2013 meeting to be held at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401; telephone 410-972-4300. Below is the meeting agenda.

NOTE: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/dec2013/>

Monday, December 9

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Highly Migratory Species Committee

- Develop Council comments on HMS Draft Amendment 7 (bluefin tuna management measures) for submission to NMFS on December 10

Tuesday, December 10

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Executive Committee [CLOSED SESSION]

- Ricks E Savage Award Nominations

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Executive Committee [OPEN SESSION]

- Review Draft Implementation Plan and public comments
- Approve 2014 Implementation Plan for Council consideration

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m.

Council Convenes

1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.

Council Photo

1:10 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Framework 9 to the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP

- First Meeting - Review and approve options to address unobserved slippage on observed trips

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

River Herring and Shad Approach

- Review and adopt plan to move forward with the river herring and shad strategy implementing motion made at October 2013 meeting

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Data Portal Presentation - Rutgers and Nature Conservancy

- Review project goals, methods and illustrative draft maps of Mid-Atlantic fishing activity summarized by port and gear groups (Rutgers University and Nature Conservancy staff)
- Provide advice to project team on best approaches and opportunities for engaging fishermen to review, discuss and improve project data and maps

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Surfclam Presentation - Bonnie McCay and Eric Powell

- Report of the NSF Coupled Natural and Human Systems surfclam study: climate change and responses in a coupled marine system
- Update on the NSC Science Center for Marine Fisheries (SCeMFIS)

Wednesday, December 11

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Demersal Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Finalize Summer Flounder 2014 Recreational Management Measures

- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014
- Adopt recommendations for 2014 management measures

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Finalize Black Sea Bass 2014 Management Measures

- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014
- Adopt recommendations for 2014 management measures

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Finalize Scup 2014 Recreational Management Measures

- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations for 2014
- Adopt recommendations for 2014 management measures

Thursday, December 12

9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.

Spiny Dogfish Trip Limits

- Review options for trip limits in federal waters for the 2014-2015 fishing years

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**Stakeholder Survey on Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management Presentation
- Ingrid Biedron**

10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Business Session

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - Update on forms and process for data collection for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Reports

- South Atlantic Council (December 2-6, 2013)
- New England Council (November 20, 2013)

Executive Director's Report - Chris Moore

Science Report - Rich Seagraves

Committee Reports

- HMS Committee
- Executive Committee

Continuing and New Business

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