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FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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Council Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA: June 8-11, 2015

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2015 meeting to be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront, 3001 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451; telephone 757-213-3000. Below is the meeting agenda.

NOTE: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/june2015/>

Monday, June 8th

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Species Interactions Workshop

- A workshop to convene scientists and managers to discuss potential strategies to fully consider species interactions and climate drivers in the stock assessment process, determination of catch limits, and to build capacity within the region to conduct comprehensive management strategy evaluations (MSEs).

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Species Interactions Workshop (continued)

Tuesday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole

- Review SSC, Advisory Panel, Monitoring Committee, and staff recommendations
- Develop Council preferred alternatives for:
 - 2016 squid and butterfish specifications (only if changes are necessary)
 - 2016-2018 mackerel specifications
 - Associated mackerel, squid, butterfish management measures

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole (continued)

- Review squid amendment scoping comments
- Provide guidance to staff regarding amendment development

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

Lunch

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

River Herring and Shad Committee, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole

- Review and develop recommendations for the river herring and shad cap (2016-2018)
- Review progress on river herring and shad conservation

2:00 p.m.
2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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

Thursday, June 11th

9:00 a.m.
9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

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

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Council convenes

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications

- Review SSC, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2016 specifications
- Recommend any changes if necessary

National Standard 1, 3, 7 Guidelines

- Review draft comment letter on proposed revisions

Commercial Fishery Mapping in Support of Regional Ocean Planning: Northeast Regional Ocean Council - *George Lapointe*

Listening Session - Proposed rule to revise listing status of Humpback Whales - *David Gouveia*

Council convenes

Deep Sea Corals Amendment

- Summary of April Deep Sea Corals Workshop
- Select preferred alternatives for submission to NMFS

Lunch

Deep Sea Corals Amendment (continued)

Unmanaged Forage Fish Action

- Update on progress
- Review and approve scoping document

Framework 9 to Monkfish

- Approve Framework 9 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan

Council convenes

Cooperative Research

- Review and discuss Cooperative Research Committee Report

Guidelines for SAW Working Group Formation and Participation - *Jim Weinberg*

Trawl Survey Advisory Panel Formation - *Bill Karp*

Business Session

Organization Reports

- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
- NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

Liaison Reports

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report - *Chris Moore*

Science Report - *Rich Seagraves*

Committee Reports
— SSC Report
Continuing and New Business

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