



# MID-ATLANTIC

FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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### Council Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA: August 13-16, 2018

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held August 13-16, 2018 in Virginia Beach, VA. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront (3001 Atlantic Ave., Virginia Beach, VA 23451, Telephone 757-213-3000).

**Meeting Materials:** Briefing documents will be posted at <http://ww.mafmc.org/briefing/august-2018> as they become available.

**Public Comments:** Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1 to be included in the Council meeting briefing book. Comments received after this deadline but before 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 9 will be posted as "supplemental materials" on the Council meeting web page. After that date, all comments must be submitted using an online comment form available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

**Webinar:** For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/august2018>.

## Agenda

### Monday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>1:00 p.m.</b>             | <b>Council Convenes</b>  |
| <b>1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.</b> | <b>Swearing in of New and Reappointed Council Members</b>  |
| <b>1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Election of Officers</b>  |
| <b>1:30 p.m.- 2:30 p.m.</b>  | <b><i>Illex</i> Control Date and 2018 and 2019 Fishery</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Consider a new or existing (August 2, 2013) control date.</li><li>- Review and consider adjustment to 2018 and 2019 <i>Illex</i> specifications</li></ul> |
| <b>2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Atlantic Mackerel Framework and Specifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Approve rebuilding plan and associated 2019-2021 specifications including river herring and shad cap</li></ul>   |

### Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

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| <b>9:00 a.m.</b>               | <b>Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards</b>  |
| <b>9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>  | <b>MRIP Presentation on New Estimates, NMFS</b>  |
| <b>11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Framework and Addendum on Conservation Equivalency, Block Island Sound Transit, and Slot Limits</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Framework meeting 1 - review draft alternatives</li><li>- Review and approve draft addendum</li></ul> |
| <b>12:30 p.m. – 1:30p.m.</b>   | <b>Lunch</b>   |
| <b>1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>   | <b>Black Sea Bass Specifications</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2019 specifications</li><li>- Adopt 2019 specifications</li></ul>   |

- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery and Letter of Authorization (LOA)**  
– Consider a potential February 2019 opening of the recreational Wave 1 fishery  
– Discuss the continued development of the LOA Framework

### **Wednesday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

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- 9:00 a.m.                      Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.      Summer Flounder Specifications**  
– Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2019 specifications  
– Adopt 2019 specifications
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.      Scup Specifications**  
– Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations regarding previously implemented 2019 specifications  
– Recommend changes to 2019 specifications if necessary
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.      Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.      Bluefish Specifications**  
– Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff recommendations for 2019 specifications  
– Adopt 2019 specifications
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.      Bluefish Allocation Amendment**  
– Review scoping comments and discuss next steps  
– Determine issues to be included in public hearing document
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.      ASMFC Bluefish FMP Review**

### **Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

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- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.      Responsible Offshore Development Alliance, *Anne Hawkins***
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.      Draft Amendment 11 to the 2006 Consolidated Atlantic HMS FMP for Management of Shortfin Mako Sharks, *NMFS***
- 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.      Business Session**
- Committee Reports**  
– SSC Report
- Executive Director's Report, *Chris Moore***
- Organization Reports**  
– NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office  
– NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center  
– NOAA Office of General Counsel  
– NOAA Office of Law Enforcement  
– US Coast Guard  
– Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Liaison Reports**  
– New England Council  
– South Atlantic Council  
– Regional Planning Body
- Continuing and New Business**

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