



April 2023 Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 4 – Thursday, April 6, 2023

Hyatt Place Durham/Southpoint
(7840 NC-751 Hwy, Durham, NC 27713, 919-688-7800)
or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Hyatt Place Durham/Southpoint or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/april-2023>.

Tuesday, April 4th

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Executive Committee Meeting (*Closed Session*) (Tab 1)**
- Review and recommend new SSC membership
 - Review Award of Excellence nominations
- 2:00 p.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Short-Term Forecasts of Species Distributions for Fisheries Management Project (Tab 2)**
(Dr. Malin Pinsky, Rutgers University and Dr. Alexa Fredston, University of California Santa Cruz)
- Review results and discuss potential application and next steps
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.** **East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Update (Tab 3)**
- Update from February 2023 East Coast Scenario Planning Summit and next steps

Wednesday, April 5th

- 9:00 a.m.** ***Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, Meeting as a Committee of the Whole***
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** ***Illex*: Review 2023 and set 2024-2025 Specifications (Tab 4)**
- Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and staff
 - Review 2023 specifications and consider modifications if appropriate
 - Approve 2024-2025 specifications
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** ***Illex* Permit Action Follow-Up (Tab 5)**
- Review NOAA Fisheries response to request for additional information regarding disapproval of *Illex* Permit Action
 - Consider the initiation of a framework to create Vessel Hold Baselines for permits in the *Illex* fishery

10:30 a.m. Council Convenes

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Habitat Activities Update (Tab 6)
(Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Habitat and Ecosystem Services Division)
– Presentation on activities of interest (aquaculture, wind, and other projects) in the region

11:30 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Ocean City Video Boat Count Project (Tab 7)
– Review results

----- Lunch 12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. -----

1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Update from ACCSP on Atlantic Recreational Data Implementation Plan (Tab 8)
(Geoffrey White, Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program)
– Update on development process and 2023-2027 priorities

2:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update (Tab 9)
(Katherine Papacostas, NOAA Fisheries, Office of Science and Technology)
– Update on 2023 MRIP priorities and proposed actions in response to National Academies Study committee recommendations regarding recreational data.

2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Scup Federal Recreational Season (Tab 10)
– Review recent ASMFC Board recommendation to NOAA Fisheries to reconsider previously adopted seasonal closure
– Determine if similar action by the Council is warranted

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. 2023 Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem Report (Tab 11)
(Dr. Sarah Gaichas, NEFSC)
– Review and provide feedback

4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. NOAA's National Seafood Strategy (Tab 12)
(Michael Rubino, NOAA Fisheries)
– Review of NOAA's proposed strategy

Thursday, April 6th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session

Committee Reports (Tab 13) – SSC

Executive Director's Report (Tab 14) (Dr. Chris Moore)

Organization Reports – NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports (Tab 15) – New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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