



## PRESS RELEASE

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### Council Seeks Public Input on Omnibus Recreational Amendment

Next week the Council will hold five public hearings throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to gather public input on the Draft Omnibus Recreational Accountability Measure Amendment. The amendment was initiated in December 2012 to evaluate alternatives to the existing accountability measures for 5 recreational fisheries—summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, bluefish, and Atlantic mackerel.

Current regulations require that a recreational overage (when the catch exceeds the Annual Catch Limit) be paid back in a subsequent year. The amendment will consider a range of alternatives, including both proactive management measures and reactive measures. Combinations of proactive and reactive measures can be used to prevent overages from occurring and address overages when they do occur.

Additional information about the alternatives being considered is available in the [Draft Public Hearing Document](#).

#### Submit Written Comments

Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m., EST, on May 15, 2013. Comments may be submitted in one of the following ways:

1. **Emailed** to [info1@mafmc.org](mailto:info1@mafmc.org) with "RECREATIONAL AM Amendment" included in the subject line.
2. **Mailed** to the Council office at: 800 North State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901 should be mailed to the Council office at the address below and marked "RECREATIONAL AM AMENDMENT"
3. **Online** through our website [HERE](#)

Please direct questions to Jim Armstrong, Fishery Management Specialist, through email ([jarmstrong@mafmc.org](mailto:jarmstrong@mafmc.org)) or telephone (302) 526-5250.

#### Public Hearing Schedule

*All hearings begin at 7:00 p.m.*

##### **April 29- Warwick, RI**

The Crowne Plaza  
801 Greenwich Ave.  
Warwick, RI 02886  
Phone: 401-732-6000

##### **April 30- Riverhead, NY**

Hyatt Place Long Island/East End  
431 East Main Street  
Riverhead, NY 11901  
Phone: 631-574-8008

##### **May 1- Manahawkin, NY**

Holiday Inn- Manahawkin, NJ  
151 Route 72 East  
Manahawkin, NJ  
Phone: 609-481-6100

##### **May 2- Ocean City, MD**

Clarion Fontainebleau  
10100 Coastal Highway  
Ocean City, MD 21842  
Phone: 800-638-2100

##### **May 3- Virginia Beach, VA**

The Hilton VA Beach  
3001 Atlantic Ave.  
Virginia Beach, VA 23451  
Phone: 757-213-3000