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## FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

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#### **Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD: December 10-13, 2018**

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held December 10-13 in Annapolis, MD. The meeting will be held at Westin Annapolis (100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, Telephone 410-972-4300).

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

**Public Comments:** Written comments must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 28 to be included in the Council meeting briefing book. Comments received after this deadline but before 5:00 p.m. on December 6 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 available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

**Webinar:** For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/december2018>.

## Agenda

### Monday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

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- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting (CLOSED) - Ricks E Savage Award**
- 1:30 p.m. Council Convenes**
- 1:30 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. Council Photo**
- 1:45 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Risk Policy Framework**
  - Final results of Summer Flounder Economic Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE), *Doug Lipton - NMFS*
  - Discuss next steps
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Law Enforcement Workshop Report**
  - Report on Law Enforcement/For-Hire Workshop (November 13-14, 2018)
  - Review workshop summary and develop recommendations on further actions

### Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup>

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- 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Discussion of Potential 2019 Mid-Year Revisions for Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass**
  - Discuss timeline for revising 2019 summer flounder specifications
  - Discuss potential for mid-year revisions to 2019 black sea bass and scup specifications, including timing of 2019 operational assessment
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Black Sea Bass 2019 Recreational Specifications**
  - Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
  - Adopt recommendations for 2019 federal waters recreational management measures
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch**

- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Scup 2019 Recreational Specifications**
- Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
  - Adopt recommendations for 2019 federal waters recreational management measures
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Summer Flounder 2019 Recreational Specifications**
- Review recent fishery performance, Monitoring Committee recommendations and Advisory Panel recommendations
  - Discuss timeline for developing 2019 recreational measures in early 2019 based on benchmark assessment results
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Framework and Addendum XXXI on Conservation Equivalency, Block Island Sound Transit, and Slot Limits (Final Action)**
- End of Joint Meeting for the Day**
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Board-Only Meeting on Addendum XXXII for Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Management (Final Action)**

### **Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup>**

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- 9:00 a.m. Council Meeting with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. Summer Flounder Commercial Issues and Goals and Objectives Amendment (Final Action)**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Revised Stock Assessment Process, NEFSC**
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Presentation on Summer Flounder F-Based Management MSE, G. Fay and J. McNamee**
- Review preliminary results of MSE to explore F-based recreational management
- 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Black Sea Bass Amendment and Review of Progress on Commission’s Strategic Plan for Black Sea Bass**
- Discuss initiation of an amendment including identification of issues to consider
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Research Steering Committee Report**
- Report on Research Steering Committee Webinar (November 27, 2018)
  - Discuss recommendations from the meeting
- 5:00 p.m. End of Joint Meeting**

### **Thursday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**

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- 9:00 a.m. Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team Report, Michael Asaro - NMFS**
- 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. 2019 Implementation Plan**
- Review and approve 2019 Implementation Plan
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session**
- **Committee Reports** - Scientific and Statistical Committee Report, Executive Committee
  - **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
  - **Continuing and New Business**

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