



## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Council Meeting in Galloway, New Jersey: October 4-6, 2016**

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's October 2016 meeting to be held October 4-6, 2016 in Galloway, New Jersey. The meeting will be held at the Stockton Seaview Hotel, 401 South New York Road, Galloway, NJ 08205, Telephone 609-652-1800.

**Webinar:** For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/october2016>.

**Meeting Materials:** Briefing documents will be posted at <http://www.mafmc.org/briefing/october-2016> as they become available.

## Agenda

### **Tuesday, October 4th**

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**10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Executive Committee Meeting**

Review 2016 and proposed 2017 implementation plans

**12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**River Herring and Shad Committee Meeting**

Review updated decision document

Develop Committee recommendations on whether to develop an amendment to add RH/S as Council-managed stocks

### **Wednesday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**

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**9:00 a.m.**

**Council Convenes**

**9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

**Blueline Tilefish Framework – Meeting 1**

Review background materials

Approve range of alternatives

**10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

**Law Enforcement Reports**

– NOAA Office of Law Enforcement

– U.S. Coast Guard

**11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

**Spiny Dogfish Specifications**

Review previously set 2017 specifications and consider any modifications if necessary

**12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Lunch**

**1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.**

**New Jersey Special Management Zone (SMZ) Consideration**

Review Monitoring Team Report for SMZ designation of 13 NJ artificial reefs

2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

**River Herring and Shad Stocks in the Fishery**

Review committee recommendations

Decide whether to develop an amendment to add RH/S as Council-managed stocks

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

**Council Communication and Outreach Plan**

Review and discuss draft Communication and Outreach Plan

**Thursday, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

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9:00 a.m.

**Council Convenes**

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

**Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 10 to the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) FMP**

*Jennifer Cudney – HMS, NMFS*

– Council review and comment

9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Business Session**

**Organization Reports**

NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office

NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center

NOAA Office of General Counsel

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**

Executive Committee

Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel

**Continuing and New Business**

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