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Council Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland: December 12-15, 2016

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2016 meeting to be held December 12-15, 2016 in Baltimore, Maryland. The meeting will be held at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light St., Baltimore, MD 21202, Telephone 410-234-0550.

Webinar: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/december2016>.

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

Agenda

Monday, December 12th

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| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Executive Committee Meeting (CLOSED) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Council awards and process– Discussion of MAFMC/NEFMC joint management issue |
| 10:00 a.m. | Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Meeting as a Committee of the Whole |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. | Squid Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review Committee and Advisory Panel input– Adopt alternatives for public hearing document |
| 11:30 a.m. | Council Convenes |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Lenfest Ecosystem Task Force Report
<i>Lee Anderson</i> |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Industry-Funded Monitoring Amendment – Final Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review public comments and select final preferred alternatives |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Law Enforcement Report |
| 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Consideration of NJ Request for SMZ Status <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Final action |
| 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | BOEM New York Energy Area Presentation
<i>Brian Hooker - BOEM</i> |

Tuesday, December 13th

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| 9:00 a.m. | Council Convenes |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Council Photo |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Monkfish Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review Committee recommendations and select final preferred alternatives |

- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **HMS Amendment**
Guy DuBeck, NMFS
- Receive presentation on Dusky Shark Management Measures and consider developing Council comments
- 11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.** **Observer Safety Program Review**
Jane DiCosmo, NMFS
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **National Standard 1 Guidelines**
Deb Lambert, NMFS
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m.** **Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Scup Commercial Quota Framework / Addendum**
- Review initial analysis and Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel comments
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Allocation Review Study**
Rob Hicks
- Review and discuss commercial/recreational allocation model results and peer review summary
- 5:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Sex-Specific Summer Flounder Assessment Model Update**
Pat Sullivan- Cornell University

Wednesday, December 14th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Summer Flounder Amendment**
- Update progress
 - Discuss amendment timeline and action plan
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Effects of Ocean Acidification on Summer Flounder Reproduction and Productivity**
Chris Chambers - NMFS
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Recreational Specifications**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures
 - ASMFC Addendum for summer flounder (Board action)
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Scup Recreational Specifications**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications**
- Review Monitoring Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Discuss state-by-state recreational performance relative to regional targets
 - Adopt recommendations for 2017 management measures

Thursday, December 15th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **2017 Implementation Plan**
- Review and adopt 2017 Implementation Plan

10:00 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
- Regional Planning Body

Executive Director's Report

Chris Moore

Science Report

Rich Seagraves

Committee Reports

Continuing and New Business

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary. Other items may be added, but the Council cannot take action on such items even if the item requires emergency action without additional public notice. Non-emergency matters not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and / or its Committees for discussion, but these matters may not be the subject of formal Council or Committee action during this meeting. Council and Committee actions will be restricted to the issues specifically listed in this agenda. Any issues requiring emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act that arise after publication of the Federal Register Notice for this meeting may be acted upon provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The meeting may be closed to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.