Council Meeting in Annapolis, MD: April 12-14, 2011

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's April 2011 meeting to be held at the Historic Inns of Annapolis, 58 State Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401 (telephone: 410-263-2641). Below is the meeting agenda. NOTE: For online access to the meeting register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/822828928. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you need to join the Webinar.

**Tuesday, April 12**
2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Ecosystems / Ocean Planning Committee  
- Prioritize recommendations from December Workshop

**Wednesday, April 13**
8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee  
- Review AP Membership  
- Review Amendment 14 analysis and direct FMAT as necessary  
- Adjust Amendment 14 range of alternatives as appropriate
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  HMS Presentation - Squid Trawl Proposed Rule  
- Options to minimize discards of swordfish in the Illex fishery  
- Trawl retention limits for incidental catch of smooth dogfish
12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.  Lunch
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee (Cont’d)  
- See above for agenda items
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  Spiny Dogfish Committee  
- Identify action alternatives in Amendment 3

**5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.**  Public Listening Session  
- The Council invites the public to engage Council leadership and NMFS representatives in a Q & A roundtable session. Those in attendance will be able to ask questions or comment on any issue related to Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management including annual specifications, ecosystem management, bycatch reduction, catch shares, etc.
For online access to the Public Listening Session, register at: https://www1.gotomeeting.com/register/963693944

**Thursday, April 14**
8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.  Executive Committee  
- Council Budget  
- Process and timeline for 2012 specifications  
- AP Performance Report  
- Ecosystem based fisheries management goals and objectives  
- Advisory panel composition and governance  
- Council communications  
- NRCC meeting review
9:00 a.m.  Council Convenes
9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.  3-Year SBRM Report
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.  Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement
(BOEMRE) Presentation
  • BOEMRE Overview of Offshore Wind Energy
  • Introduction to the Smart from the Start Energy Initiative
  • Overview of the Proposed Mid-Atlantic Wind Energy Areas

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.  Update on Amendment 6 Monkfish FMP
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.  Business Session
  • Approval of February 2011 minutes

Organizational Reports
  • NMFS Regional Administrator
  • NMFS NEFSC Director
  • NOAA Office of General Counsel
  • Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
  • ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Report
  • South Atlantic Council

Executive Director’s Report

Science Report

Committee Reports
  • Ecosystems / Ocean Planning
  • Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
  • Highly Migratory Species (HMS)
  • Spiny Dogfish
  • River Herring / Shad
  • Executive Committee
  • Visioning Committee

Continuing and New Business

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