Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in Baltimore, MD: August 10-12, 2004

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The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s meeting at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor, 101 Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD 21201 (telephone 410-752-1100), August 10-12, 2004.

On Tuesday, August 10, the Executive Committee will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m. and the Council will convene at 10:00 and meet until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, August 11, new and reappointed members will be sworn into office from 8:00-8:10 a.m. The Council will meet jointly with the ASMFC’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards from 8:10 am-5:30 p.m. On Thursday, August 12, the Ecosystems Committee will meet from 8:00-9:30 a.m. and the Council will meet from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 10

9:00 - 10:00 Executive Committee
- Review functional responsibilities of Council
- Review and discuss Council relationship with NMFS, NOAA, DOC, and U.S. Congress vis-à-vis “teamwork and cooperation”
10:00 Council Convenes
10:00 - 11:30 Tour of Maryland Crab Hatchery
11:30 - 1:00 Lunch at Phillips Seafood Restaurant at the Inner Harbor
1:00 - 2:30 Report of the 39th Stock Assessment Review Committee
- Review summary results of Committee
2:30 - 5:00 Finalize Bluefish Management Measures for 2005 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s Bluefish Board
- Review Bluefish Monitoring Committee’s recommendations regarding 2005 harvest level and associated management measures
- Recommend bluefish harvest level for 2005 and associated management measures
5:00 End of Council Day

The following two items (although not Council initiated) are included for purposes of notifying interested parties of the timing and purpose of these two meetings.

5:00 - 7:00 ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board Meeting
- Review and decide action regarding Addendum XIII (Multi-Year Specifications)
7:00 - 9:00 NFI-Scientific and Monitoring Committee Workshop
- Develop protocol for the 2005 MAFMC RSA project entitled: “Loligo squid bycatch reduction, gear development and commercial scale test” in conjunction with NMFS scientists, industry, and the MAFMC.

Wednesday, August 11

8:00 Council Convenes
8:00 - 8:10 Swearing In Session for New and Reappointed Members
- Oath of office administered by NMFS RA Pat Kurkul
- Review Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee’s recommendations regarding 2005 (2006, 2007) harvest levels and commercial management measures
- Recommend 2005 (2006, 2007) harvest levels and commercial management measures
11:30 - 12:45 Lunch
- Recommend 2005 (2006, 2007) harvest levels and commercial management measures

- Review Scup Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2005 (2006, 2007) harvest levels and commercial management measures
- Recommend 2005 (2006, 2007) harvest levels and commercial management measures

Thursday, August 12

8:00 - 9:30 Ecosystems Committee
- Review grant Statement of Work (SOW)
- Develop additional options to be included in proposed program

9:30 Council Convenes

9:30 - 2:00 Approval of May and June Minutes

Actions from June

Organizational Reports
- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- U.S. Fish & Wildlife
- ASMFC

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

Status of MAFMC FMPS - Dr. Moore

Committee Reports
- Highly Migratory Species (HMS)
- Trawl Survey
- Executive
- Ecosystems
- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Continuing and New Business
- Discuss practice of using MRFSS annually to drive the TAL, and consider using all years since 1998. (adding each new year as the information is available)
- Suggest the Council review other methods of managing summer flounder and scup
- Address status of United Boatmen and RFA request for revising summer flounder allocation

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. The meeting may be closed to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

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