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Council Meeting in Virginia Beach, VA: March 6-7, 2019

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held March 6-7, 2019 in Virginia Beach, VA. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront (3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, Telephone 757-213-3000.)

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will be posted at <http://ww.mafmc.org/briefing/march-2019> as they become available.

Public Comments: Written comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on February 20, 2019 to be included in the briefing book. Comments received after this date but before 5:00 p.m. on February 28, 2019 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 <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

Webinar: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/march2019>.

Agenda

Wednesday, March 6th

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| 9:00 a.m. | Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards |
| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Summary of Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW)/Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC) 66
<i>NEFSC Staff</i> |
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder 2019-2021 Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review SSC, Monitoring Committee, staff, and Advisory Panel recommendations- Adopt revised specifications for 2019 and new specifications for 2020-2021 |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder 2019 Recreational Measures <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review Monitoring Committee, staff, and Advisory Panel recommendations- Recommend Conservation Equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2019 |
| 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Summer Flounder Commercial Issues and Goals and Objectives Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final action |

Thursday, March 7th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Meeting with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards**
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Interim 2020 Specifications for Black Sea Bass, Scup, and Bluefish**
 – Adopt interim 2020 specifications
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.** **Black Sea Bass Management Reform**
 – Status of joint working group
 – Possible amendment
- 11:30 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Kitty Hawk Wind Project**
 Craig Poff - Avangrid Renewables
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Chub Mackerel Amendment**
 – Review public hearing comments and AP and Committee recommendations
 – Final Action
- 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports**
 – Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
- Executive Director's Report**
 – Review and approve current SSC membership
- 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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