



June 2023 Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 6 – Thursday, June 8, 2023

Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront
(3001 Atlantic Avenue, Virginia Beach, VA 23451, 757-213-3000)
or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at the Hilton Virginia Beach Oceanfront or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/june-2023>.

Tuesday, June 6th

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| 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | 2024 Blueline Tilefish Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff– Review previously adopted commercial and recreational catch and landings limits for 2024 and revise as necessary– Review 2024 specifications and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 1) |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | 2024 Golden Tilefish Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff– Review 2024 specifications and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 2) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Unmanaged Commercial Landings Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review annual report on landings of unmanaged species | (Tab 3) |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR): National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Guidelines – Dr. Tara Scott, NOAA Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation on NOAA Fisheries' request for comments on updating the Guidelines for National Standards 4, 8, and 9 | (Tab 4) |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Council Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPP) and Harassment Prevention Policies <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Approve model harassment prevention policies– Approve revisions to Council SOPP | (Tab 5) |

Wednesday, June 7th

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| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | 2024 Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, and staff– Review 2024 specifications and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 6) |
| 10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Advisory Panel Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Advisors' perspectives and requests on their critical issues noted in Fishery Performance Report | (Tab 7) |
| 10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | 2024 Butterfish Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff– Review 2024 specifications and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 8) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. | 2024 Atlantic Chub Mackerel Specifications <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff– Review 2024 specifications and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 9) |
| 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Update – Karyl Brewster, Rulemaking Branch Chief – HMS Division, NOAA Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Proposed rule for Amendment 15 (spatial management and electronic monitoring)– Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking: Electronic Reporting Requirements for HMS– Scoping for Amendment 16 (shark management issues) | (Tab 10) |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | ----- LUNCH ----- | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. | Monkfish and Dogfish Joint Framework to Reduce the Bycatch of Atlantic Sturgeon (Framework Meeting #1) <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review Advisory Panel and Committee recommendations– Review and approve range of alternatives | (Tab 11) |
| 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Draft 2024-2028 Regional Strategic Plan – Mike Pentony, Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation by GARFO for Council review and discussion | (Tab 12) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Offshore Wind Update <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Update from Bureau of Ocean Energy Management– Update from state working group on compensation– Update from NOAA Fisheries– Update from Developers | (Tab 13) |

Thursday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Business Session

Committee Reports:

(Tab 14)

- Scientific and Statistical Committee, Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee

Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Chris Moore

(Tab 15)

Organization Reports:

- NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard

Liaison Reports:

(Tab 16)

- New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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.