

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Plan Advisory Document
(aka Fishery Ecosystem Plan)
Draft Timeline

December 2011	-Council approves development of EBFM Advisory Document
January 2012	-form EBFM Working Group (Council staff, NERO, NEFSC, MAFMC ESC, ASMFC); establish EBFM Advisory Committee (pending outcome of ongoing AP revision process)
February	- EBFM Working Group Meeting 1; (1. develop draft purpose and need statement, 2. goal and objectives and 3. FEP document outline) Council considers EBFM WG draft documents 1-3; task WG as appropriate (meet with EBFM Advisors)
March	- EBFM Working Group Meeting 2&3 (revise documents 1-3)
April	Council considers revised EBFM WG draft documents 1-3 for approval; task WG as appropriate (meet with EBFM Advisors)
May	-EBFM WG Meets as necessary to begin development of draft EBFM Advisory Document Sections; assign analytical tasks and document section development
June	WG Progress Report 1 to Council at June Meeting (with EBFM Advisors)
July-November	EBFM WG Meets as necessary to revise draft EBFM Advisory Document Sections
December	-WG Progress Report 2 -Council reviews Draft EBFM Advisory Document and recommends additions/changes (w/Advisors)
January-May 2013	-WG Continues Development of Draft Advisory Document
June	Council reviews Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Advisory Document for approval