

MID-ATLANTIC COUNCIL

2013 Planned Council Meeting Topics

February 12-14, 2013 -- Hampton, VA

- Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee review of alternatives for Amendment 16
- Amendment 16 to Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish (deep sea corals) Scoping Hearing
- Black Sea Bass Specifications for 2013 and 2014
- Special Management Zone recommendations for Delaware reefs
- Discuss approach to alternative development for Amendment 15 to Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP
- Marine Recreational Information Program Update

April 9-11, 2013 -- Raleigh, NC

- Tilefish Specifications for 2014
- SBRM Omnibus Amendment draft EA approval
- Omnibus Recreational Amendment alternatives for public hearing document
- Squid Workshop update from January 15-17, 2013
- Forage Fish Workshop

June 11-13, 2013 -- Eatontown, NJ

- Butterfish Specifications for 2014
- Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Specifications for 2014, 2015, and 2016
- RSA Award recommendations for 2014
- Approve Amendment 16 to Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP (Deep Sea Corals) for public hearings
- Approve Omnibus Amendment for Secretarial submission
- Review protocols for Surfclam and Ocean Quahog data collection
- Review and approve draft Strategic Planning document for public hearings
- Progress update on Amendment 15 to Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP

August 13-15, 2013 -- Wilmington, DE

- Swearing in of new and reappointed Council members
- Election of Officers
- RSA Research and Information Priorities List for 2015
- Review and approve final draft Strategic Planning document

October 8-10, 2013 -- Philadelphia, PA

- Spiny Dogfish Specifications for 2014
- Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Commercial Specifications for 2014 (and beyond)
- Bluefish Specifications for 2014
- Approve Amendment 16 to Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish FMP (Deep Sea Corals) for Secretarial Submission
- Amendment 17 to Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass FMP public hearing document

December 10-12, 2013 --Annapolis, MD

- Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass Recreational Specifications for 2014 (and beyond)
- SSCs 5-year Research Priority Recommendations

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2013 Schedule of Events

March

- 6 Habitat PDT, Boston, MA
- 12-13 MRIP Wave Meeting, New Orleans, LA
- 13-14 Fish Smart Mid-Atlantic / New England Workshop, Providence, RI
- 20 SSC Meeting, Tilefish ABC, Webinar
- 21 Forage Fish Meeting with Ed Houde, Solomons, MD
- 24-28 National Working Waterfront Symposium, Tacoma, WA

April

- 2 Tilefish Monitoring Committee, Webinar
- 4-5 Mid-Atlantic Regional Ocean Planning Workshop
- 7-8 Northeast Fish & Wildlife Conference, Saratoga Springs, NY
- 9-11 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting, Raleigh, NC
- 9-11 Black Sea Bass Data Workshop, Woods Hole, MA
- 16-19 Interstate Shellfish Seminar, Rehoboth, DE
- 17 Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish AP Fishery Performance Report Meeting, Baltimore, MD
- 18 Deep Sea Coral Workshop, Baltimore, MD
- 22-24 Sustainable Ocean Summit, Washington, DC
- 30 SSC Pre-Meeting (ABC recommendations for MSB & SCOQ), Webinar

May

- 1-2 NRCC Meeting, Providence, RI
- 5-6 CCC Meeting, Washington, DC
- 7-9 Managing Our Nations Fisheries III, Washington, DC
- 10 CCC Meeting (continued), Washington, DC
- 13-14 Open Ocean Study Group-Butterfish Assessment, New Brunswick, NJ
- 15-16 SSC Meeting - ABC recommendations for SMB & SCOQ, Baltimore, MD
- 20-23 Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Meeting, Alexandria, VA

June

- 3-6 US Conference on Sustainable Oceans, Cascais, Portugal
- 3-7 Fluke SDWG Data Meeting, Woods Hole, MA
- 5-7 Bottlenose Dolphin Take Reduction Team Meeting, Wilmington, NC
- 11-13 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting, Eatontown, NJ
- 17-21 Fluke SDWG Modeling Meeting, Woods Hole, MA

MAFMC 2014 Council Meetings

- February 11-13, 2014: Doubletree by Hilton New Bern - Riverfront
100 Middle St.
New Bern, NC 28560
252-638-3585
- April 8-10, 2014: Montauk Yacht Club
32 Star Island Road
Montauk, NY 11954
631-668-3100
- June 10-12, 2014: Congress Hall
200 Congress Place
Cape May, NJ 08204
888-944-1816
- August 12-14, 2014: W
515 15th Street NW
Washington, DC 20004
202-661-2400
- October 7-9, 2014: Courtyard Marriott Downtown Philadelphia
21 N. Juniper St.
Philadelphia, PA 19107
215-496-3200
- December 9-11, 2014: Royal Sonesta
550 Light St.
Baltimore, MD 21202
410-234-0550

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Specifications

(As of March 28, 2013)

Fishery Management Plans	2012						2013						2014					
	Council Approved	Specs Package Submitted	NMFS Proposed Rule	NMFS Final Rule	Council Approved	Specs Package Submitted	NMFS Proposed Rule	NMFS Final Rule	Council Approved	Specs Package Submitted	NMFS Proposed Rule	NMFS Final Rule	Council Approved	Specs Package Submitted	NMFS Proposed Rule	NMFS Final Rule		
Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass																		
Commercial	08/17/11	10/02/11	12/30/11	04/23/12	08/15/12	10/04/12	11/16/12 ^b	12/31/12 ^d										
Recreational	12/14/11	03/18/12	04/30/12	05/23/12	12/13/12	03/14/13												
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish	06/15/11	08/09/11	10/26/11	03/21/12	06/12/12	07/31/12	11/19/12 ^c	01/16/13										
Dogfish	10/12/11	01/27/12	03/19/12	05/22/12	10/17/12	02/08/13	03/12/13											
Bluefish	08/17/11	12/02/11	02/15/12	04/27/12	08/15/12	12/02/12	02/20/13											
Surfclam, Ocean Quahog							12/27/10 ^a											

^a Final rule applies for surfclam and ocean quahog fishing years 2011, 2012, and 2013.

^b Proposed rule applies for summer flounder and scup fishing years 2103 and 2014 and black sea bass fishing year 2013.

^c Proposed rule applies for mackerel fishing years 2013-2015 and butterfish fishing year 2013 (longfin and Illex squids were set in 2012 for fishing years 2012-2014).

^d Final rule applies for summer flounder and scup fishing years 2013 and 2014 and black sea bass fishing year 2013.

*Status of Open Amendment/Framework Actions
(as of March 28, 2013)*

<u>FMP</u>	<u>AMD\FW</u>	<u>Issues Addressed</u>
Squid / Mackerel / Butterfish	Amendment 14	<i>Alosine</i> incidental catch
	Amendment 15	Consider adding river herrings (blueback and alewife) and shads (American and hickory) as Council-managed species.
	Amendment 16	Deep Sea Corals
	Framework 7	Butterfish discard cap
	Framework 8	Trimester 2 butterfish cap closure Quota transfer between landings at end of year
Summer Flounder/ Scup/Black Sea Bass	Amendment 17	Spatial/regional management of black sea bass recreational fishery
	Amendment 18	Scup Allocation
Dogfish	Amendment 3	Authorize RSA program Consider alternatives to seasonal quotas Limited Access Quota Rollover EFH Definitions
	Amendment 15	Cost Recovery EFH updates Ocean Quahog overfishing definition
	Amendment 16	Excessive shares and ownership disclosure
	Omnibus	Recreational Accountability Measures

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
Status of FMPs, Amendments and Frameworks
 (As of March 28, 2013)

FMP/Amendment	Date Approved by Council	Lapse	Date submitted to NMFS/NERO	Lapse	FR Notice of Plan Availability	Lapse	Proposed Rule Publication Date	Lapse	Plan Approval/Disapproval Letter	Lapse	Final Rule Publication Date
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Framework 5	04/12/12	5	04/17/12	X	N/A	157	09/21/12	X	N/A	74	12/04/12
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Framework 6	04/12/12	5	04/17/12	X	N/A	72	06/28/12	X	N/A	60	08/27/12
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Framework 7	10/17/12	6	10/23/12	X	N/A	51	12/13/12	X	N/A	51	03/05/13
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Framework 8	12/12/12										
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Amendment 14	06/14/12	257	02/26/13	X							
Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Amendment 15											
Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Amendment 15											
Spiny Dogfish Amendment 3	10/17/12										

"Lapse" is the amount of time in days from Council approval to column-heading action.

COUNCIL COORDINATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Sheraton Hotel - Silver Spring, MD 20910

Cypress Ballroom

February 20-21, 2013

Agenda

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Discussion Item</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>
9:00 – 9:20	Welcome/Introductions	Dan Wolford Sam Rauch
9:20 – 9:30	Report on Kona meeting actions and issues	Kitty Simonds
9:30 – 10:30	Council reports on status of implementing Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) provisions and other current activities of interest (10 min/Council) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Top three priorities• New species status designations, rebuilding plans, or management approaches• Problems/concerns/other issues	Chairmen/EDs
10:30 – 10:45	Break	
10:45 – 11:15	Council reports continued	Chairmen/EDs
11:15 – 12:15	Management and Budget update <ul style="list-style-type: none">• FY2013: Status, Council funding• FY2014: Update• Longer term discussion• National Appeals Office	Gary Reisner
12:15 – 1:45	Lunch on your own	
1:45 – 2:30	Councils/Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Endangered Species Act Working Group Update	Julie Morris (teleconference)
2:30 – 3:30	National Standard 1 update	Galen Tromble
3:30 – 3:45	Break	
3:45 – 4:30	NOAA/NOAA Fisheries Policy on National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)	Steve Leathery
4:30 – 5:30	Fisheries allocation	Sam Rauch
5:30	Adjourn for the day	

Thursday, February 21, 2013

<u>Time</u>	<u>Discussion Item</u>	<u>Presenter(s)</u>
9:00 - 9:45	Update on Inspector General Report on MSA Rulemaking	Emily Menashes
9:45 - 10:15	National science programs review	Richard Merrick
10:15 - 10:30	Break	
10:30-11:30	Electronic monitoring of fisheries	Mark Holliday
11:30 - 12:00	Fisheries litigation update	Adam Issenberg
12:00 - 1:30	Lunch on your own	
1:30 - 2:30	Council records retention, Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), and meeting guidance	Sam Rauch
2:30- 3:15	MSA Reauthorization	All
3:15 - 3:30	Break	
3:30 - 4:15	Managing Our Nations Fisheries (MONF) III Conference <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conference structure review, including speakers• CCC consideration of (MONF) III results• Questions	Don McIsaac
4:15 - 4:30	Recognition of service to fisheries <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Paul Howard• Steve Bortone• Gloria Thompson	Dan Wolford/Sam Rauch
4:30 - 5:00	Other business, updates, and next Annual Council Coordination Committee Meeting	Dan Wolford
5:00	Adjourn meeting	

Moore, Christopher

From: Dancy, Kiley
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 2:52 PM
To: Moore, Christopher
Subject: FW: Corals FMAT update and upcoming workshop

From: Dancy, Kiley
Sent: Wednesday, March 06, 2013 3:18 PM
To: Stevenson, David; dave.packer@noaa.gov; katherine.richardson@noaa.gov; Desautels, Denise; mark.minton@noaa.gov; greg.power@noaa.gov; robert.vincent@noaa.gov; aja.szumylo@noaa.gov
Cc: 'Elliott, G. Warren'; Moore, Christopher
Subject: Corals FMAT update and upcoming workshop

Hello corals FMAT folks,

I wanted to give you an update on the deep sea corals amendment and make you aware of an upcoming workshop we are planning that will feed into our FMAT discussions and alternatives development. Our Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee met on February 12, and was generally on board with the initial FMAT recommendations and the direction that the development of alternatives is taking. The Committee did not make any motions or formal decisions, in part because the scoping process for the amendment was still ongoing at that time (I will make a summary of the scoping comments available to you all once I have them compiled).

One of the clear themes of the feedback from Committee members was the need to take a closer look at effort distribution in and around potential areas of coral protection. After the meeting, we began discussing a combined workshop/advisory panel meeting to refine spatial alternatives for coral protection zones. What we have in mind is an interactive mapping workshop that will allow us to get a better sense of the tradeoffs between coral protections and fishing opportunity. Participants we are aiming for include our Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel, our Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Advisory Panel, a few other industry participants and coral expert participants, and at least a few members of the FMAT if possible. Jay Odell, with The Nature Conservancy, has connected us with folks who will help us use "e-beam" participatory GIS technology to allow participants to electronically draw areas of fishing activity and areas of deep sea coral presence. The goal would be to develop a more refined set of options for the Council to consider for broad and discrete coral protection areas.

The steering committee for this workshop includes myself, Jay Odell (TNC), Greg DiDomenico (Garden State Seafood Association), and Warren Elliott (Ecosystems Committee chair). We're in the early stages of planning and have not yet set a date or location, but are discussing a day or two sometime between April 17-19, likely in Baltimore (or possibly Newark, NJ or Philadelphia). As soon as we have more details, I will let you know – it would be great to have FMAT participants, particularly those of you (Dave and Dave) that are very familiar with the coral data and distribution.

Given these plans, I think we will hold off on having another full FMAT meeting right away. I think it would make sense to meet after the workshop, perhaps in late April or early May, to flesh out the alternatives. However, I'll be in contact with some of you individually in the meantime to ask your assistance in tracking down data, etc. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns – thanks!

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February 5, 2013

Rich Seagraves
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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Dover, DE 19901

Dear Mr. Seagrave,

At its October 24, 2012 meeting, the ACCSP Coordinating Council approved the proposal entitled "Observer Program for Mid-Atlantic (New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia) and Rhode Island Small Mesh Otter Trawls" submitted by the ASMFC and MAFMC for the amount of \$\$178,609.

Please note that this award is contingent upon ACCSP receiving its funds. The NOAA Grants Office has been notified of this award and will present the funding opportunity to you when it is available. They will be sending you "Guidelines for Submitting to the Grants Office" to help aid and streamline the submission process. I recommend that the appropriate agency personnel begin gathering the information necessary for submitting to the documents to the NOAA Grants Office soon to facilitate the timely approval of this proposal.

Please send electronic copies of your grant application and reports, as well as any other documents on procedures your staff may develop while accomplishing this project to the ACCSP Program Manager, Ann McElhatton (ann.mcelhatton@accsp.org). This will allow us to track progress and report to all program partners. In this way, lessons learned by the committee may be utilized by our other state and federal partners for the implementation and/or enhancement of their own programs.

Congratulations on your award.

Sincerely,

Michael S. Cahall
Director, Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program

cc: Melissa Paine
Patrick Campfield

Our vision is to produce dependable and timely marine fishery statistics for Atlantic coast fisheries that are collected, processed, and disseminated according to common standards agreed upon by all program partners.

