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### **John Bullard to Review Listening Session Highlights at the Council's Upcoming Listening Session**

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting  
Tuesday, June 11, 2013, 5:00 pm  
Double Tree by Hilton Tinton Falls-Eatontown, 700 Hope Road,  
Eatontown, NJ 07724  
Telephone 732-544-9300  
Webinar: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/council2013/>.

John Bullard spent his first seven months as NOAA Fisheries Service's Northeast Regional Administrator meeting with constituents throughout the region in a series of more than 20 public listening sessions. His goal was to learn more from fishermen, scientists, environmentalists, seafood dealers and processors, the aquaculture industry and other members of the interested public about not only the challenges they are facing, but also what success looks like. Last month NOAA Fisheries released a summary of "Listening Session Highlights" from the input provided by about 550 fishermen. Now, Bullard and others at NOAA Fisheries are asking stakeholders to help them make sure that their input was accurately captured.

The Listening Session Highlights are divided into ten main themes, including science and data, ecosystem and climate change, management issues, Mid-Atlantic concerns, and more. These themes will be the focus of the Council's upcoming public listening session in Eatontown, NJ, where Bullard will meet with stakeholders again to answer questions and invite additional feedback or revisions to the summary.

- Listening session highlights: [http://www.nero.noaa.gov/mediacenter/2012/09/jb\\_listening\\_session\\_highlights.html](http://www.nero.noaa.gov/mediacenter/2012/09/jb_listening_session_highlights.html)
- Individual Port Summaries: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/mediacenter/2012/09/jbh2.html>
- June 2013 Council Meeting Information: <http://www.mafmc.org/council-events/june-council-meeting>

Those who can't attend the listening session in person can participate via webinar using the link at the top of the page or submit comments by emailing [nmfs.ner.feedback@noaa.gov](mailto:nmfs.ner.feedback@noaa.gov). For more information, contact Olivia Rugo, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office, at (978) 675-2167 or e-mail her at [Olivia.Rugo@noaa.gov](mailto:Olivia.Rugo@noaa.gov).

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The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) is one of eight regional councils established by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976. The Council has primary responsibility for twelve species of fish and shellfish in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) between 3 and 200 miles off the Mid-Atlantic coast. Member states include New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina. For more information, visit our website: [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).