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Council Meeting in Wilmington, DE: August 13-15, 2013

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's August 2013 meeting to be held at the Double Tree by Hilton Wilmington, 4727 Concord Pike, Wilmington, DE 19803, phone 302-478-6000. Below is the meeting agenda.

NOTE: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/august2013/>

Tuesday, August 13

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Research Set-Aside Committee

- Develop research recommendations for 2015
- Discuss Council policy for future RSA research prioritization and RFP development

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee with Advisors

- Review and approve Deep Sea Coral alternatives for Public Hearing

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Listening Session - Dr. Jeremy Firestone, University of Delaware

- Mid-Atlantic ocean wind power and fisheries

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Swearing in of New / Reappointed Council Members and Election of Council Officers

9:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Strategic Plan

- Review public comments and approve
- Discuss development of an implementation plan

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Deep Sea Coral Amendment

- Review Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee actions
- Approval of alternatives for public hearings

12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Omnibus Baseline Amendment

- Update on NMFS actions on NE vessel replacement restrictions

2:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog

- Discuss possible approaches to update Biological Reference Point's and Optimum Yield range

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Butterfish Research

- Results of butterfish and longfin squid bio-economic research from recent Duke and University of Delaware graduate students

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

SAFMC Public Hearing - Generic Dealer Amendment, Amendment 5 to Dolphin/Wahoo, Amendment 19 and 20 Joint Coastal Migratory Pelagics (CMP), Framework to CMP

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Business Session

- Approve June 2013 minutes

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
 - Presentation on Enforceability Precepts for Northeast Regional Fishery Management Councils
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Reports

- New England Council
- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report

Science Report

Committee Reports

Continuing and New Business

- SSC Nominations

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