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Joint Council Meeting with ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board in Alexandria, VA: May 10, 2017

The public is invited to attend a joint meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board to be held on May 10, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia. The meeting will be held at The Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA, 22314, Telephone (703) 253-8600.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will be posted at <http://www.mafmc.org/briefing/may-2017> as they become available.

Public Comments: Written comments received by Thursday, April 27, 2017 will be included in the Council meeting briefing book. Comments received after this deadline but before close of business on Thursday, May 4, 2017 will be posted as "supplemental materials" on the Council meeting web page. After that date, all comments must be submitted using an online comment form. Comments submitted via the online form will be automatically posted to the website and available for Council consideration. A link to this form will be available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>.

Webinar: Webinar connection information will be posted at <http://www.mafmc.org/briefing/may-2017> prior to the meeting.

Agenda

Wednesday, May 10th

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| 1:00 p.m. | Welcome/Call to Order |
| 1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Scup Quota Period Framework (Framework 10 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP) <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Final action |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Comprehensive Summer Flounder Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review draft range of alternatives for commercial issues- Approve range of alternatives for further development and inclusion in a public hearing document |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Review Implementation of 2017 Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures |

4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery

- Review white paper on potential experimental recreational Wave 1 black sea bass fishery
- Consider postponed motion to allow experimental wave 1 for-hire fishery:

Motion to allow an experimental 2018 January/February (wave one), recreational, federally permitted for-hire fishery for black sea bass with a 15 fish per person possession limit, a suspended minimum size limit, and a zero discard policy to allow for barotrauma, and a mandatory trip reporting requirement.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Review Board White Paper on Summer Flounder Recreational Specifications

5:30 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Other Business/Adjourn

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.