



MID-ATLANTIC

FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 19, 2017

PRESS CONTACT: Mary Sabo
(302) 518-1143

Council Meeting in Riverhead, New York: October 10-12, 2017

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's October 2017 meeting to be held October 10-12, 2017 in Riverhead, NY. The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Long Island East End, 451 East Main Street, Riverhead, NY 11901, Telephone 631-208-0002.

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

Public Comments: Written comments must be received by Wednesday, September 27, 2017 to be included in the Council meeting briefing book. Comments received after this deadline but before close of business on Thursday, October 5, 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 available at available at <http://www.mafmc.org/public-comment>. Comments submitted via the online form will be automatically posted to the website and available for Council consideration.

Webinar: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/october2017>.

Agenda

Tuesday, October 10th

- | | |
|--------------------------------|--|
| 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Executive Committee Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review 2017 and proposed 2018 implementation plans- Develop recommendations for 2018 priorities |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. | Council Convenes |
| 1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | Swearing In of New and Reappointed Council Members |
| 1:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Election of Officers |
| 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Goals and Objectives Workshop <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review results from Fisheries Forum project- Review Fishery Management Action Team recommendations- Identify and approve revised goals and objectives for public hearing document |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Golden Tilefish Individual Transferable Quota Program Review <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Review and approve final report |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. | Regional Planning Body - Draft Vessel Monitoring System, Communities at Sea, and Ecologically Rich Areas Data Presentation, Nick Napoli - MARCO |

Wednesday, October 11th

- 9:00 a.m.** Council Convenes
- 9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.** **Lobster Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology Framework – Meeting 2, GARFO**
- Final action on preferred alternatives
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.** **Spiny Dogfish Specifications**
- Review previously set specifications for 2018 and consider any modifications
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.** **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Risk Assessment**
- Finalize and adopt EAFM Based Risk Assessment
- 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.** **Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial Accountability Measure Framework – Meeting 1**
- Review background, issues, and draft alternatives
- 2:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **2018 Recreational Black Sea Bass Wave 1 Fishery**
- Consider a potential February 2018 opening of the recreational Wave 1 fishery
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Law Enforcement Report**
- NOAA Office of Law Enforcement
 - U.S. Coast Guard
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **2019 – 2023 Strategic Plan**
- Review plan for the development of the Strategic Plan

Thursday, October 12th

- 9:00 a.m.** Council Convenes
- 9:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports**
- Executive Director's Report, Chris Moore**
- Science Report, Rich Seagraves**
- Organization Reports**
- NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- Liaison Reports**
- New England Council
 - South Atlantic Council
 - Regional Planning Body
- Continuing and New Business**

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.