
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting Port Jefferson, NY: August 6-9, 2007

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's August 2007 meeting to be held at Danford's on the Sound, 25 East Broadway, Port Jefferson, NY 11777 (telephone 631-928-5200). Below is the meeting agenda.

Monday, August 6

9:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee

Review outcome of June Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) meeting

- Adopt issues to be included in Amendment 10 and its Draft EIS
- Finalize alternatives for adopted issues to be included in Amendment 10

Tuesday, August 7

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

8:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Research Set-Aside Committee

- Finalize Council's research priorities for 2009 RSA request for proposals
- Review New England Council's Policy for Incorporation of Research Results

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.

Ecosystems Committee

- Presentation by Derek Orner on Fisheries Ecosystem Planning for Chesapeake Bay
- Update on National Offshore Aquaculture Act of 2007

10:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

10:00-11:00 a.m.

Presentation by HMS staff on Amendment 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP, its associated DEIS and proposed rule

- Review and comment on proposed management measures for Atlantic sharks

11:00 -11:45 a.m.

Report by Dr. Weinberg on the 45th Stock Assessment Review Committee

- Review SARC summary results and Center for Independent Expertise's (CIE) opinion regarding SAW reports on sea scallops and northern shrimp

11:45 - 1:00 p.m.

Lunch

1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

Finalize Scup Management Measures for 2008 (2009, 2010) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board

- Review Scup Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
- Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures

3:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Review Status of Amendment 15 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP

- Review comments received as a consequence of scoping process for Amendment 15
- Develop list of potential actions to be addressed in Amendment 15

Wednesday, August 8

8:00 a.m.

Council convenes

8:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Finalize Summer Flounder Management Measures for 2008 (2009, 2010) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board

- Review Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
- Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures

- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.** **Finalize Black Sea Bass Management Measures for 2008 (2009, 2010) in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board**
- Review Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding harvest levels and commercial management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for harvest levels and commercial management measures
- 3:30 - 5:00 p.m.** **Finalize Bluefish Management Measures for 2008 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board**
- Review Bluefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2008 harvest levels and associated management measures
 - Adopt recommendations for bluefish harvest levels for 2008 and associated management measures

Thursday, August 9

- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.** **Surfclam-Ocean Quahog/Tilefish Committee**
- Review Tilefish Amendment 1 management issues
- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** **Approve Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP for Secretarial Submission**
- 10:00-12:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Approve Jun 2007 Minutes
 - Address any actions from June 2007 meeting
- New England Council Liaison Report**
- Organizational Reports**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Director
 - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement (NMFS and U.S. Coast Guard)
 - Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)
- Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**
- Status of Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Fishery Management Plans (FMP) - Rich Seagraves**
- 12:00-1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.** **Committee Reports**
- Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish
 - Research Set-Aside
 - Ecosystems
 - Surfclam-Ocean Quahog/Tilefish
- Continuing and New Business**
- If Advanced Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (ANPR) has published, discuss and comment on the Limited Access Privilege Program (LAPP) developments

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