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# Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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## Council Meeting in Montauk, NY: December 9-11, 2008

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's December 2008 meeting to be held at the Gurney's Inn Resort & Spa, 290 Old Montauk, Hwy., Montauk, NY 11954 (telephone 631-668-2345). Below is the meeting agenda.

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

- 8:30** Council convenes jointly with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board
- 8:30 - 11:00** **Summer Flounder: 2009 Recreational Management Measures**
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
  - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on summer flounder management measures
  - Develop and approve management measures for 2009 summer flounder recreational fishery
- 11:00 - 12:00** **Scup: 2009 Recreational Management Measures**
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
  - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
  - Develop and approve management measures for 2009 scup recreational fishery
- 12:00 - 1:00** Lunch
- 1:00 - 2:00** **Scup: 2009 Recreational Management Measures - Continued**
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on scup management measures
  - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on scup management measures
  - Develop and approve management measures for 2009 scup recreational fishery
- 2:00 - 4:00** **Black Sea Bass: 2009 Recreational Management Measures**
- Review and discuss Monitoring Committee's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
  - Review and discuss Advisory Panel's recommendations on black sea bass management measures
  - Develop and approve management measures for 2009 black sea bass recreational fishery
- 4:00 - 5:30** **Omnibus ACL/AM Committee**
- Review MSA requirement for ACL/AM
  - Review Council's comments on NS 1 proposed rule
  - Review Council's prior position on ACL/AM approach
  - Develop timeline / plan of action to address ACL/AM requirements
- 7:00 - 8:30** **Presentation / Demonstration of RSA Project regarding size and bag limit model for party boats** (Eric Powell and Eleanor Bochenek)

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

#### CONCURRENT SESSESIONS

- 8:00 - 9:30** **Research Set Aside Committee**
- Review final reports of recently released closed out RSA awards
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- 8:00 - 9:30** **Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee**
- Prioritize future Committee activities
- 9:30** **Council convenes - Annual picture**

9:30 - 11:00

**Business Session**

- Approval of October minutes
- Actions from October meeting

**Organizational Reports**

- NMFS NERO Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC's Executive Director

**New England Council Liaison Report**

**Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong**

**Status of MAFMC FMPs - Mr. Seagraves**

11:00 - 12:00

**Spiny Dogfish**

- Review and discuss Dogfish Committee's recommendations for dogfish quota and related management measures for 2009/2010 and beyond fishing years
- Adopt quota and related management measures for 2009/2010 and beyond fishing years

12:00 - 1:00

**Lunch**

1:00 - 1:15

**Award Presentation and Recognition**

- Fisheries Achievement Award - James Donofrio, James Ruhle, Philip Ruhle
- Ricks E Savage Award - TBA

1:15 - 3:30

**Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee Amendment 11**

- Review and clarify management alternatives: mackerel limited entry program, EFH designations, at-sea processing issues, and ACL/AM

3:30 - 5:30

**Surfclam / Ocean Quahog Committee**

- Review market power analyses for excessive shares issue
- Discuss FMP's objectives and need for changes thereto

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11**

8:00 - 9:00

**Executive Committee**

- Report on October Northeast Region Coordinating Council (NRCC)
- Address SSC membership process and logistics / mechanics of using SSC to provide advice to Council

9:00

**Council convenes**

9:00 - 9:45

**Presentation by Robert Brock of NMFS on its Research and Management Plan for Deep Sea Corals and Sponges**

9:45 - 10:15

**Tilefish Amendment 1**

- Brief discussion of the April 2008 Council intent for Tilefish GRA's

9:45 - 12:00

**Committee Reports**

- Highly Migratory Species
- Omnibus ACL/AM
- Research Set Aside
- Ecosystems and Ocean Planning
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
- Surfclam / Ocean Quahog
- Executive Committee

**Continuing and New Business**

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