



February 2024 Council Meeting

Tuesday, February 6 – Wednesday, February 7, 2024

The Westin Arlington Gateway
F. Scott Fitzgerald Ballroom
(801 North Glebe Road, Arlington, VA 22203; (703) 717-6200)
or via Webex webinar

This meeting will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at The Westin Arlington Gateway or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/february-2024>.

Tuesday, February 6th

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Species Separation Requirements Amendment – Review and approve Public Hearing Document	(Tab 1)
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.	----- LUNCH -----	
1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Business Session Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Chris Moore	(Tab 2)
	Organization Reports: – NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard	
	Liaison Reports: – New England Council, South Atlantic Council	(Tab 3)
	Other Business and General Public Comment	
4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.	Briefing Book Tutorial	
4:15 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Legal Review, Financial Disclosure and Recusal Training – John Almeida, NOAA Fisheries General Counsel	(Tab 4)

Wednesday, February 7th

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Offshore Wind Updates (Tab 5)**
- Updates from the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
 - Updates from the state working group on a fisheries compensation fund administrator
 - Updates from offshore wind project developers
 - Ørsted
 - Vineyard Wind
 - Kitty Hawk Wind
 - Community Offshore Wind
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Black Sea Bass Assessment Overview – Larry Alade, Kiersten Curti, NEFSC (Tab 6)**
- Overview of recently completed Research Track stock assessment
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. ----- LUNCH -----**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Sturgeon Framework (Tab 7)**
- Review progress on joint Mid-Atlantic/New England Council action to reduce Atlantic sturgeon interactions in the monkfish/dogfish gillnet fisheries
 - Approve final packages of alternatives
- 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) White Paper “Draft Proposed Plan for a Novel Industry Based Multispecies Bottom Trawl Survey on the Northeast US Continental Shelf” – Dr. Kathryn Ford, NEFSC (Tab 8)**
- Overview of the Industry-based survey white paper
 - Consider next steps
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Awards Presentation (Tab 9)**

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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