



April 2024 Council Meeting

Tuesday, April 9 – Thursday, April 11, 2024

The Sheraton Atlantic City Convention Center Hotel
Pearl Ballroom
(Two Convention Boulevard, Atlantic City, NJ 08401; 609-344-3535)
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 Sheraton Atlantic City or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/april-2024>.

Tuesday, April 9th

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| 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | Proposed Rule to Update Regulations Associated with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act's Confidentiality Requirements – NOAA Fisheries HQ Staff <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation and opportunity for questions/feedback | (Tab 1) |
| 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Offshore Wind Fisheries Compensation Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Summary of fishery information requirements for compensation eligibility– Data needs and challenges– Consider potential Council action | (Tab 2) |
| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | 2024 State of the Ecosystem Report – Dr. Sarah Gaichas, NEFSC <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review and provide feedback | (Tab 3) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | 2024 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Risk Assessment Report <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review draft report and provide feedback for further development | (Tab 4) |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Habitat Activities Update – Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office Habitat and Ecosystem Services Division <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation on activities of interest (aquaculture, wind, and other projects) in the region | (Tab 5) |

Wednesday, April 10th

- 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.** **Joint MAFMC/NEFMC Framework to Reduce Atlantic Sturgeon Interactions in the Monkfish/Dogfish Gillnet Fisheries: Final action** **(Tab 6)**
- Review recommendations from the FMAT/PDT, Dogfish and Monkfish Advisory Panels, and joint Dogfish and Monkfish Committee
 - Review alternatives and impacts analyses
 - Select preferred alternatives and take final action
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **NTAP Progress Report for Industry-Based Survey Pilot Program** **(Tab 7)**
- Review and provide feedback
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **----- LUNCH -----**
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Catch Share Program Review** **(Tab 8)**
- Review public comments received
 - Approve program review and submit to NOAA Fisheries
 - Review recommendations from the Oversight Team and discuss next steps
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.** **Golden Tilefish Assessment Overview – Kristan Blackhart, NEFSC** **(Tab 9)**
- Overview of recently completed Research Track Stock Assessment
- 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.** **Impacts of Offshore Wind Energy Construction Sounds on Behavior of Longfin Squid and Black Sea Bass – Aran Mooney, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution** **(Tab 10)**
- Review research on impacts of sound on behavior of longfin squid and black sea bass
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Commercial Mesh Exemptions Framework Meeting #1 (with ASMFC SFSBSB Board)** **(Tab 11)**
- Review preliminary analysis and public input
 - Approve draft range of alternatives for further analysis

Thursday, April 11th

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- Committee Reports:** **(Tab 12)**
- Scientific and Statistical Committee
- Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Chris Moore** **(Tab 13)**

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:**(Tab 14)**

- New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

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

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