



## Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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### AGENDA

#### Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment

#### Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) Meeting

**December 8, 2023 (9:30am - 11:00am)**

Friday, December 8

9:30 am Welcome, Introductions, and Meeting Discussion (Coakley)

- Introduce new FMAT Addition: Samatha Werner, NEFSC
- Quick overview of SSC Sub Panel Report
- Review the draft action plan and discuss FMAT tasking and progress on the 10 components for the MAFMC EFH Review. Identify member(s) to work on each component and an approximate timeline for each.
  1. Description and Identification of EFH (update on progress; species)
  2. Fishing activities that may adversely affect EFH (highlights from recent discussion)
  3. Non-Magnuson-Stevens Act fishing activities that may adversely affect EFH
  4. Non-fishing related activities that may adversely affect EFH
  5. Cumulative impacts analysis
  6. Conservation/Fishing Impact Recommendations
  7. Prey species (highlights from recent discussion with Brian Smith, NEFSC)
  8. Identification of HAPC
  9. Research Needs (note “parking lot” ideas file)
  10. Develop approaches to better integrate goals and objectives into habitat actions.

11:00 am Meeting closed