

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Agenda
February 9-11, 2010
Hyatt Regency Chesapeake Bay Resort
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Tuesday, February 9

- 9:00 - 10:00 a.m.** **Executive Committee (Tab 1)**
*Robins, Anderson, Augustine, Berg, King, Kray, Kurkul,
McMurray, Munden, Pate, Travelstead [Furlong]*
- CCC meeting report
 - Catch Shares Workshop
 - Executive Director search
 - Other business
- 10:00 a.m.** **Council convenes**
- 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.** **Receive Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology
(SBRM) Annual Report (Tab 2)**
- 11:00 - 12:00 p.m.** **Presentation of peer review of the Albatross/Bigelow
Vessel Calibration data and analyses including
summary results and recommendations (Tab 3)**
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 - 5:30 p.m.** **Workshop on Research Set Aside (RSA) Program
(Tab 4)**
- Briefly review history of the Mid-Atlantic RSA program
 - Review RSA program listing strengths and challenges
 - Briefly review RSA program administrative processes, grants processes, and other regulatory requirements pertinent to RSA programs and discuss improvements already made
 - Review RSA program economics, costs, benefits, business practices, and consider alternative business models
 - Explore proposed measures to improve the RSA program and discuss what agency or entity is primarily responsible for each proposed action
 - Revisit RSA program's objectives as originally perceived by the Council and determine if they are still relevant or need updating

7:00 p.m. **Public Hearing on Amendment 11 to Atlantic Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP (Tab 5)**
[Public Hearing Document under separate cover]
Jason Didden, Council Staff

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 a.m. **Council convenes**

8:00 - 8:45 a.m. **Receive report on 49th Stock Assessment Review (Tab 6)**

- Butterfish assessment
- Surfclam assessment

8:45 - 9:45 a.m. **Presentation on draft-interim NOAA Catch Share Policy by Monica Medina [Senior Advisor to Dr. Lubchenco and Catch Share Task Force Chairperson] (Tab 7)**

9:45 - 12:00 p.m. **Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee Meeting as a Committee of the Whole (Tab 8)**
Kray, McMurray, Anderson, Augustine, deFur, Miko, Munden, Schafer, Speir, Travelstead, Zeman [Hoff]

- Ocean Policy Task Force and Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning (CMSP) presentation by Sam Rauch
- Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) presentation by Jay Odell (Nature Conservancy)
- Develop comments on CMSP Framework
- Discuss two potential lease areas for renewable and non-renewable energy resources off VA coast

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch**

1:00 - 5:30 p.m. **Depart hotel via bus for tour of local Clam Processing Plant**

5:30 p.m. **Depart plant for reception at Dave Wallace's residence**

8:00 p.m. **Depart Dave Wallace residence**

8:30 p.m. **Arrive at hotel**

Thursday, February 11

- 8:00 a.m. Council convenes**
- 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on Amendment 5 to Monkfish FMP (Tab 9)**
Phil Haring, New England Fishery Management Council
- Discuss potential changes to Monkfish FMP and impacts on fishery
- 9:00 - 10:30 a.m. Council discussion of ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment (Tab 10)**
- Discuss Council Risk Policy and ABC Control Rule Framework
- 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Update (Tab 11)**
- MRIP / National Registry overview
- 11:30 - 12:00 p.m. SSC Report (Tab 12)**
- SSC findings on reconsideration of 2010 ABC recommendation for black sea bass
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. Council consideration of SSC's Amended 2010 ABC recommendations (Tab 13)**
- Develop comments to Regional Administrator on black sea bass management measures and uncertainty
- 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Approve December 2009 Council Meeting Minutes
- Organizational Reports (Tab 14)**
- NMFS Regional Administrator
 - NMFS NEFSC Director
 - NOAA Office of General Counsel
 - Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
 - ASMFC's Executive Director
- Executive Director's Report - Daniel T. Furlong (Tab 15)**
- Status of MAFMC FMP's - Rich Seagraves (Tab 16)**

Committee Reports (Tab 17)

- HMS
- Executive

Liaison Report (Tab 18)

- New England Council

Continuing and New Business (Tab 19)

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