

MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
June 12-14, 2012
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Monday, June 11

- 1:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Research Set-Aside Committee and NMFS - Closed session**
- Review of 2013 RSA proposals
- 3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Research Set-Aside Committee - Open to public (Tab 1)**
Pate, deFur, Cole, Gilmore, Himchak, Linhard, Miko, Nolan, Zeman, O'Shea [Seagraves]
- Review staff recommendations for changes to RSA Program

Tuesday, June 12

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish Committee (Tab 2)**
Berg, King, Anderson, deFur, Gilmore, Himchak, Linhard, McMurray, Miko, Nolan, Pate, Schafer, Zeman, O'Shea, NE Reps: Pierce, Tooley [Didden]
- Select Amendment 14 alternatives to recommend to Council
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Council convenes**
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish as a Committee of the Whole (2013 Specifications) (Tab 3)**
- Develop 2013 quota specifications and associated management measures
 - Review SSC recommendations on 2012 butterfish ABC and take any needed actions
- 3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Status of New York's Offshore Planning (Tab 4)**
- Greg Capobianco - NY Dept. of State
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. Bureau of Energy Management [BOEM] (Tab 5)**
- Two presentations on seismic testing impacts associated with BOEM's Atlantic Geological and Geophysical Programmatic EIS
 - Jill Lewandoski. - BOEM and Dr. Christopher Clark - Cornell
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monkfish Amendment 6 (Tab 6)**
- Respond to proposal to remove ITQ's from Amendment 6
- 5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Listening Session**
- The effects of climate on fisheries resources of the Mid-Atlantic region
 - Jon Hare - NMFS

Wednesday, June 13

- 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. **Visioning (Tab 7)****
- Background and context of Visioning Project
 - Review objectives and methods for stakeholder data gathering
 - Presentation and discussion of stakeholder data report
 - Proposal for next phase of visioning and strategic planning
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m. **Lunch****
- 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. **Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish as a Committee of the Whole [Amendment 14] (Tab 2)****
- Select Amendment 14 alternatives to recommend to NMFS for implementation
- 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. **Surfclam/Ocean Quahog as a Committee of the Whole (Tab 8)****
- Review and consider changes to 2013 quota specifications for surfclams and ocean quahogs
 - Update on PSP, data collection, 2012 survey, and stock assessment
- 4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. **Highly Migratory Species [HMS] (Tab 9)****
- Amendment 7 Scoping (Bluefin tuna management)
 - Tom Warren - NMFS

Thursday, June 14

- 9:00 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. **National Standard 1 Guidelines (Tab 10)****
- NMFS proposal to review/revise
- 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. **Clean Ocean Action (Tab 11)****
- Cindy Zipf - Executive Director
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. **Standardized Bycatch Research Methodology (SBRM) Alternatives****
- Doug Potts - NMFS
- 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Business Session****
- Approve April 2012 minutes

Surfclam/Ocean Quahog

Move to reopen Cultivator Shoals.
King/Berg
Motion carried with 1 abstention

Tilefish Management Measure 2013-2014

Move to adopt recommendations put forward by the SSC and Monitoring Committee for an ABC = ACL = ACT = 913 mt (2.013 mil lb.) for the 2013-2014 fishing years. The TAL set at 905 mt (1.995 mil lb.) for the 2013-2014 fishing years.
Anderson/Heins
Motion carried with one abstention
Laurie Nolan recused herself

Sturgeon

Move to initiate a Sturgeon FMP to be included in the options.
Zeman/no second
Motion fails

Spiny Dogfish

Move to approve alternatives for Amendment 3 that have been developed and communicated to the Council by the Amendment 3 FMAT. These would include a review period associated with the allocation.
Munden/Luisi
Motion carries unanimously

Framework 5

Move to approve Framework 5 to SMB for Secretarial submission.
Anderson/Berg
Motion carries with 1 abstention

Framework 6

Move to approve Framework 6 to SMB for Secretarial submission.
Himchak/Berg (15/3/1)
Motion carries

Business Session

Minutes approved by consent.

Executive

Move to approve the goals and objectives, purpose and needs statement for the EBFM document.
Robins for Committee
Motion carries by consent

Ecosystems

Initiate a plan amendment to protect deep sea corals within the Mid-Atlantic Council Management boundary.
Anderson/Zeman
Motion carries

Initiate the development of a memorandum of understanding with NEFMC and SAFMC to coordinate broad scale deep sea coral management measures.
Anderson/Zeman
Motion carries

Organizational Reports (Tab 12)

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
 - Social Sciences Branch surveys
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement Officials (NMFS and USCG)
- ASMFC Executive Director

Liaison Report (Tab 13)

- New England Council (April 24-26, 2012, Mystic, CT)

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Moore (Tab 14)

Science Report - Mr. Seagraves

Committee Reports

- Research Set-Aside
- SSC

Continuing and New Business

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