**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council**

**Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee & Advisory Panel Meeting**

April 27, 2023 via Webinar

**Webinar Information**
Link: **April 27, 2023 EOP Committee and AP meeting**
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**Meeting Topic(s):**

- The Committee will discuss the development of a process/policy for reviewing exempted fishing permit (EFP) applications for species designated as ecosystem components under the Council's Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment.
- The Committee and AP will meet jointly to continue the comprehensive review of the Council's Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) risk assessment. The Committee and AP will review and provide feedback on existing and potentially new risk elements and their definitions for inclusion in an updated risk assessment.

# AGENDA

*EOP Committee Only*

9:30   Welcome/Overview of Agenda (M. Duval)

9:35   EFP Process/Policy
  - Review relevant outcomes from the Unmanaged Forage Omnibus Amendment.
  - Review lessons learned from recent thread herring EFP application.
  - Review the Pacific Fishery Management Council's operating procedure for consideration of EFPs for ecosystem component species.
  - Review staff recommendations for next steps.
  - Provide guidance to staff on development of a draft policy/process.

11:50  Public Comment on EFP Process/Policy

12:00  Lunch

*EOP Committee and AP Jointly*

1:00   Welcome/Overview of Agenda (M. Duval)

**1:05** Overview of EAFM Risk Elements and Definitions (S. Gaichas, G. DePiper)

- What are risk elements, how are they determined, and potential considerations

**1:30** Review Existing Risk Elements (B. Muffley)

- Committee and AP feedback

**2:30** Break

**2:40** Review Potentially New Risk Elements (S. Gaichas, B. Muffley)

- From Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem report
- Committee and AP suggestions

**3:45** Next Steps

- Timeframe for next meeting
    - Focus: Indicators and Risk Ranking Criteria

**4:00** Adjourn


Note: agenda topic times are approximate and subject to change