

MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
MEETING AGENDA
April 12 - 14, 2011
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Tuesday, April 12

2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Ecosystems / Ocean Planning Committee (Tab 1)

Kray, McMurray, Augustine, Berg, deFur, Luisi, Miko, Munden, O'Shea, Pate, Saunders, Schafer, Travelstead, Zeman [Hoff/Armstrong]

- Prioritize recommendations from December Workshop

Wednesday, April 13

8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee (Tab 2)

Berg, King, Anderson, deFur, Gilmore, Himchak, Linhard, McMurray, O'Shea, Pate, Schafer, Wheatly, Zeman, NE Reps: Pierce, Tooley [Didden/Seagraves]

- Review AP Membership
- Review Amendment 14 analysis and direct FMAT as necessary
- Adjust Amendment 14 range of alternatives as appropriate

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

HMS Presentation - Squid Trawl Proposed Rule (Tab 3)

- Options to minimize discards of swordfish in the Illex fishery
- Trawl retention limits for incidental catch of smooth dogfish

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

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee (Cont'd) [Tab 2]

- See above for agenda items

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Spiny Dogfish Committee (Tab 4)

Munden, Augustine, Berg, Himchak, King, Luisi, Pate, Travelstead, Wheatly, NE Reps: Blount, Pappalardo [Armstrong/Hoff]

- Identify action alternatives in Amendment 3

5:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Public Listening Session (Tab 5)

- The Council invites the public to engage Council leadership and NMFS representatives in a Q & A roundtable session. Those in attendance will be able to ask questions or comment on any issue related to Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management including annual specifications, ecosystem management, bycatch reduction, catch shares, etc.

Thursday, April 14

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Executive Committee (Tab 6)

Robins, Anderson, Augustine, Berg, Kray, Kurkul, McMurray, Munden, Pate, Travelstead [Moore]

- Council Budget
- Process and timeline for 2012 specifications
- AP Performance Report
- Ecosystem based fisheries management goals and objectives
- Advisory panel composition and governance
- Council communications
- NRCC meeting review

9:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3-Year SBRM Report by Paul Rago

10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Regulation, and Enforcement (BOEMRE) Presentation

- BOEMRE Overview of Offshore Wind Energy
- Introduction to the *Smart from the Start* Energy Initiative
- Overview of the Proposed Mid-Atlantic Wind Energy Areas

11:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Update on Amendment 6 Monkfish FMP - Howard King (Tab 7)

11:30a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Business Session

- Approval of February 2011 minutes

SMB

Move to remove purpose F from Amendment 14.

Berg for Committee (10/7/1)

Motion carries

Move to remove from Alternative set 4 the 3rd party/dockside reporting and monitoring measures.

Berg for Committee

Motion carries by consent

Move to request the ABC of butterfish be increased to the level specified by the SSC on Feb. 7, 2011 (1811 mt). The intent is for the increase to be used for the Loligo butterfish cap to the extent practicable.

Berg for Committee (1 obj)

Motion carries

Surfclam/Ocean Quahog

Task Surfclam Committee (to follow NMFS guidance) to add another issue to Amendment 15 to give the NMFS authority to impose additional conditions on the re-opening of any closed area due to the presence of PSP in order to protect public health.

Anderson for Committee

Motion carries by consent

Ecosystems

Move that the Council pursue further engagement in MACOORA.

Moved by consent

Monkfish

Move to submit Framework Adjustment 7 with the preferred alternatives for biomass reference points (Alternative 2), Northern Management Area Act (Alternative 3, Option 3, 6,567 mt), and specifications (Alternative 3, Option 3C, 40 DAS, 1,250 lbs. and 600 lbs. tail weight per DAS for permit categories A and C and B and D, respectively).

King/Augustine 12/0/1

Motion carries

Business Session

Move to approve December 2010 motions.

Moved by consent without objection.

Continuing and New Business

Move to appoint Dr. James E. Wilen to the SSC.

Anderson/deFur

Motion carries by consent

Organizational Reports (Tab 8)

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

Liaison Report (Tab 9)

- South Atlantic Council

Executive Director's Report - Dr. Moore (Tab 10)

Science Report - Mr. Seagraves (Tab 11)

Committee Reports (Tab 12)

- Ecosystems / Ocean Planning
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish
- Highly Migratory Species (HMS)
- Spiny Dogfish
- River Herring / Shad
- Executive Committee
- Visioning Committee

Continuing and New Business

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