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Council Meeting in Philadelphia, PA: August 13-15, 2019

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's meeting to be held August 13-15, 2019 in Philadelphia, PA. The meeting will be held at the Courtyard Philadelphia Downtown, 21 N. Juniper St., Philadelphia, PA 19107, Telephone 215-496-3200.

Meeting Materials: Briefing documents will be posted at <http://ww.mafmc.org/briefing/august-2019> as they become available.

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Webinar: For online access to the meeting, enter as a guest at: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/august2019>.

Agenda

Tuesday, August 13th

- 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Research Steering Committee Meeting**
- Address the November Committee meeting requests
 - Discuss role of the Research Steering Committee
 - Discuss the NEFMC Research Set-Aside (RSA) review
 - Discuss next steps for RSA
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Council Convenes**
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Swearing in of New and Reappointed Council Members and Election of Officers**
- 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Joint Meeting of the Council and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)**
- 3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. 2020-2024 Strategic Plan**
- Review draft framework
- 4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Council Policies**
- Review Council policies on public comments, webinars, and Fishery Management Action Teams
- 5:00 p.m. Council Adjourns**

Wednesday, August 14th

- 9:00 a.m. Council Convenes**

- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.** **Hab in the Mab: Characterizing Black Sea Bass Habitat in the Mid-Atlantic Bight**, *Bradley Stevens, University of Maryland Eastern Shore*
- Presentation on final report
- 10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.** **Offshore Wind Update**
- Update on recent activities and developments regarding offshore wind in the mid-Atlantic
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** **Summer Flounder Recreational MSE Project**, *Dr. Gavin Fay and Dr. Jason McNamee*
- Presentation on final report
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** **Council Risk Policy - Framework Meeting 1**
- Review and approve draft alternatives
- 2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.** **Black Sea Bass Commercial and Recreational Issues**
- Update on ASMFC discussions regarding state-by-state commercial quota allocations
 - Update on and discussion of recreational management reform initiative
 - Discuss next steps
- 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.** **River Herring & Shad Update and Cap Review**
- Review and discuss potential action for 2020 River Herring/Shad Cap
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.** **Allocation Review Criteria for All FMPs**
- Review NMFS Policy Directive for allocation review criteria
 - Adopt allocation review criteria for MAFMC FMPs
- 5:30 p.m.** **Council Adjourns**

Thursday, August 15th

- 9:00 a.m.** **Council Convenes**
- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** **Business Session**
- **Committee Reports** - Scientific and Statistical Committee Report, Research Steering Committee Report, Atlantic Coast Fish Habitat Partnership MOU
 - **Executive Director's Report**, *Chris Moore*
 - Initiation of a Monkfish Framework
 - Review and approve modifications to SOPPs
 - **Organization Reports** - NMFS Greater Atlantic Regional Office, NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard
 - **Liaison Reports** - New England Council, South Atlantic Council
 - **Continuing and New Business**

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