
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

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Council Meeting in New York: June 8-10

The public is invited to attend the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's June 2010 meeting to be held at the Radisson Martinique, 49 West 32nd St., New York, NY 10001 (telephone: 212-736-3800). Below is the meeting agenda. **NOTE:** Log onto www.ustream.tv and type mafmc in the search block to view and listen to the meeting.

Tuesday, June 8

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish Committee with Advisors

- Review SSC and staff recommendations and advice for 2011-2013 quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs
- Develop 2011 - 2013 quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action
- Receive presentation on Climate Change and Responses in a Coupled Marine System; the Mid-Atlantic surfclam (MASC) model is being developed as part of a multi-disciplinary study looking at adaptation to climate change in a human-natural coupled system

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee

- Review Mid-Atlantic RSA program performance and develop a mission statement to emphasize ways to improve program coordination with other cooperative research efforts

12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Lunch

2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee with Advisors

- Review SSC and Monitoring Committee's recommendations and SSC advice for 2011 quota levels and associated management measures
- Develop 2011 quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action
- Address Amendment 11's outstanding issue - Cap capacity via a mackerel limited entry system
- Ratify earlier approved purposes / actions included in Amendment 11

Wednesday, June 9

8:00 - 9:30 a.m.

Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee

- Receive annual presentation regarding NMFS' NERO's habitat initiatives and programs

9:30 a.m.

Council Convenes

9:30 - 10:00 a.m.

Presentation on outcome of recent TRAC (Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee) Assessment of Mackerel

10:00 - 12:00 p.m.

Business Session

- Approve April Council meeting minutes

Organizational Reports

- NMFS Regional Administrator
- NMFS NEFSC Director
- NOAA Office of General Counsel
- Federal Enforcement (NMFS and USCG)
- Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC)

Council Liaison Reports

- New England Council actions from April 27 - 29 meeting

Executive Director's Report - Mr. Furlong

- Review Actions from April Council meeting

Status of MAFMC FMPs - Rich Seagraves

Lunch

12:00 - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications

- Review Committee's recommendations for 2011 - 2013 quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs
- Develop and adopt 2011 - 2013 quota specifications and associated management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs

3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Specifications

- Review committee's recommendations for 2011 quota specifications and associated management measures
- Develop and adopt 2011 quota specifications and associated management measures for Atlantic mackerel, squids and butterfish

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Executive Committee

- Review highlights of May NRCC meeting
- Review highlights of May CCC meeting
- Discuss framework and process to move forward with the "Visioning" project suggested at the end of the Catch Share Workshop
- Review and discuss Advisory Panel input in specification setting process
- Discuss status of proposed surfclam excessive share analysis

Thursday, June 10

8:30 a.m.

8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Council Convenes

Omnibus ACL /AM Amendment

- Review Public Hearing and written comments on Amendment
- Review Tilefish trip analysis
- Address S,M,B Amd 11 allocation action and implications for ACLs /AMs
- Address means to make future modifications to ACL / AM Amendment
- Discuss integration of ACL / AM Amendment with Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission regarding annual specification setting processes
- Discuss mechanics of August 2010 joint specification setting process with Commission

11:00 - 12:30 p.m.

Council Committee Reports

- Highly Migratory Species
- Protected Resources
- Joint Spiny Dogfish - Amendment 3 actions
- Scientific and Statistical Committee
- Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish - Possible adoption of Amd 11 or parts thereof
- Research Set-Aside
- Ecosystems and Ocean Planning
- Executive

Continuing and New Business

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