

Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Executive Director's Report
2. NMFS Management Report (including report on fishery overlap with Pribilof corals)
3. ADF&G Report
4. USCG Report
5. USFWS Report
6. Protected Species Report
7. NIOSH Report
8. Scallop SAFE and catch limits: Plan team report; set OFL/ABC limits
9. Co-op reports (AFA, AM 80, GOA Rockfish, BSAI Crab including PNCIAC report)
10. Pollock ICA/IPA reports and SeaShare update (T)
11. Salmon genetics data update and spatial/temporal refinement: Discussion paper
12. AI groundfish offshore sector: Discussion paper on limited access and Pacific cod A/B season split
13. BSAI Halibut Abundance-Based PSC Limit: Discussion paper
14. Halibut DMR methodology: Discussion paper
15. Halibut Management: Receive Committee report; update on Framework; update on MSE process (MSE Council only)
16. Charter Halibut RQE: Initial Review
17. EFH 5-Year Review: Review Draft Report; Ecosystem Committee report
18. Groundfish Policy and Workplan: Review management objectives
19. Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Scallop SAFE and catch limits: Plan team report; set OFL/ABC limits
2. BSAI Halibut Abundance-Based PSC Limit: Discussion paper
3. Halibut DMR methodology: Discussion paper
4. Charter Halibut RQE: Initial Review
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In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.npfmc.org/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Jeffrey N. Lonergan,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel and the Council's River Herring and Shad Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, April 6, 2016, from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's Web site, www.mafmc.org also has details on the proposed agenda, webinar access, and briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This meeting will gather input on the Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment, especially the options for additional coverage for the Atlantic mackerel fishery. The Council plans to approve preliminary preferred alternatives at its April 2016 meeting, followed by public hearings in May 2016, and final action in June 2016. See <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/observer-funding-omnibus> for details on the Amendment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 16, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 9 a.m.