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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

**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 (MAFMC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting via Webinar, jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC's) *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Monday, November 14, 2016, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place via Webinar with a telephone-only connection option. The Webinar can be accessed, at [http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/scup\\_quota\\_ap/](http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/scup_quota_ap/). To access via telephone, dial 1-800-832-0736 and use room number 5068871.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their Web site, at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Agenda

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's *Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass* Advisory Panel, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Advisory Panel, will meet on Monday, November 14, 2016, via Webinar (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**). The purpose of this meeting is to discuss potential changes to the dates of the three commercial quota periods for

the *Scup* fishery. The three quota periods are each allocated a different percentage of the annual commercial quota and different possession limits are in effect during each period. The Council is considering initiating a framework adjustment, or other management action, to modify the dates of these quota periods, based on past requests from Advisory Panel members. During this meeting, advisors will review a preliminary analysis of the potential impacts of modifying the quota period dates, will review recommendations from the Monitoring Committee, and will have an opportunity to provide the Council with additional input on a potential management action to modify these dates.

A detailed agenda and background documents will be made available on the Council's Web site, at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org), prior to the meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 business days prior to the meeting.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 51 Stock Identification (ID) webinar for Gray Snapper.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 51 assessment of the Gray Snapper will consist of a data workshop, a review workshop, and a series of assessment webinars.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 51 Stock ID webinar will be held November 14, 2016, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

#### ADDRESSES:

*Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

*SEDAR address:* 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; telephone: (843) 571-4366; email: [Julie.neer@safmc.net](mailto:Julie.neer@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report that compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report that describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Stock ID webinars are as follows: