

Following the adjournment of official business, the Council will host a public outreach session to foster open lines of communication among Council members, staff, industry, and all meeting attendees.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

The Council will begin the second day of its meeting with a presentation on the peer-reviewed results of the September 2023 Management Track Stock Assessments for Acadian redfish, Atlantic mackerel, northern and southern red hake, the Northeast skate complex, northern windowpane flounder, and spiny dogfish. Next, the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will provide overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable allowable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for Gulf of Maine haddock, Acadian redfish, northern and southern windowpane flounder, white hake, northern and southern red hake, northern silver hake, southern whiting (silver and offshore hake combined), Atlantic sea scallops, and the Northeast skate complex. The Skate Committee report will follow. The Council will take final action on Framework 12 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (FMP), which was initiated to develop 2024–2025 fishery specifications and measures to expand possession of smooth and barndoor skates.

Following the lunch break, the Council will take final action on 2024–2026 specifications for the small-mesh multispecies (whiting) fishery. The Council then will hear from the Scallop Committee and take final action on Scallop Framework 38, which contains 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 default specifications, alternatives for increased vessel monitoring system (VMS) polling rates near closed area boundaries, and other measures. As the last item of business for the day, the Council will receive an update on a joint scallop/habitat action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to the Habitat Closure Area on the Northern Edge of Georges Bank.

Thursday, December 7, 2023

The Council will lead off the third day of its meeting with the Groundfish Committee report, which will cover three items. First, the Council will take final action on Framework Adjustment 66 to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) FMP, which includes (1) 2024–2025 total allowable catches for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank; (2) 2024–2025 specifications for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, white hake, and

Gulf of Maine haddock; (3) 2024–2026 specifications for Acadian redfish, northern windowpane, and southern windowpane; (4) a revised white hake rebuilding plan; (5) Atlantic halibut issues; (6) extending removal of the sector management uncertainty buffer for white hake and Gulf of Maine haddock until the next specifications cycle; and (7) modification of the scallop fishery accountability measure for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2024 and 2025. Next, the Council will receive a progress report on Framework Adjustment 68 to the Groundfish FMP, which is being developed to revise the ABC control rules for groundfish. Finally, the Council will receive an update on the Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan.

Following the lunch break, the Council will take final action on 2024 Council Priorities for all fishery management plans and other Council responsibilities. The Council then will close out the meeting with other business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Council 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Executive Director Cate O'Keefe (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, December 4, 2023, from 3 p.m. until 6 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. Connection information will be posted prior to the meeting at www.mafmc.org.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331; website: 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: The Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Advisory Panel will meet to review and provided feedback on the Monitoring Committee's recommendations for 2024–2025 recreational management measures for summer flounder and scup and 2024 recreational management measures for black sea bass. The Advisory Panel will also receive a brief update on the Recreational Measures Setting Process Framework/Addenda. Additionally, the Advisory Panel will review recent analysis and stakeholder input on the commercial summer flounder minimum mesh regulations and exemptions (*i.e.*, minimum mesh size regulations, Small Mesh Exemption Program, and the flynet exemption), and provide feedback and recommendations on these issues. Input provided by the Advisory Panel will be considered during the December 2023 joint meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board.

Special Accommodations

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meetings of the following: Mackerel Cobia Committee, Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, Citizen Science Committee, Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, and the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee. The meeting week will also include a formal public comment session and a meeting of the Full Council.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held from 8:30 a.m. on Monday, December 4, 2023, until 12 p.m. on Friday, December 8, 2023.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at The Beaufort Hotel, 2440 Lenoxxville Road, Beaufort, NC 28516; phone: (252) 728–3000. The meeting will also be available via webinar. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302–8440 or toll free: (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting information, including agendas, overviews, and briefing book materials will be posted on the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/council-meetings/>. Webinar registration links for the meeting will also be available from the Council's website.

Public comment: Public comment on agenda items may be submitted through the Council's online comment form available from the Council's website at: <https://safmc.net/events/december-2023-council-meeting/>. Written comments will be accepted from November 17, 2023, until December 8, 2023. These comments are accessible to the public, part of the Administrative Record of the meeting, and immediately available for Council consideration. A formal public comment session will also be held during the Council meeting.

The items of discussion in the individual meeting agendas are as follows:

Council Session I, Monday, December 4, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m. (Closed Session)

The Council will meet in Closed Session to receive a litigation brief from NOAA General Counsel and consider appointments to advisory panels, workgroups, and the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Socio-Economic Panel (SEP).

Council Session I, Monday, December 4, 2023, 1:30 p.m. Until 5 p.m.

The Council will receive reports from NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, the U.S. Coast Guard, Council liaisons, and state agencies. The Council will also receive a report on Congressional activities relative to fisheries and reports from recent meetings of the Council's Executive Committee, SSC, and Outreach and Communications Advisory Panel (AP).

The Council will receive a presentation from NOAA Fisheries on the Southeast For-Hire Integrated Electronic Reporting (SEFHIER) Program and a presentation from NOAA Fisheries Southeast Fisheries Science Center on an update on the reliability of commercial discards.

Mackerel Cobia Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 10 a.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Mackerel Cobia AP, review public scoping comments for Amendment 13 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan addressing catch level adjustments for Spanish mackerel, and receive an update on plans to conduct port meetings for the mackerel fishery.

Dolphin Wahoo Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 10 a.m. Until 11 a.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Dolphin Wahoo AP and an update on the Management Strategy Evaluation for Dolphin.

Snapper Grouper Committee, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, 11 a.m. Until 5 p.m., and Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 8:30 a.m. Until 3:45 p.m.

The Committee will receive a briefing on Exempted Fishing Permit applications, an update on amendments to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan under development, a System Management Plan Workgroup update, and a report from the Wreckfish Advisory Group and Sub-Committee relative to Amendment 48 addressing wreckfish management. The Committee will consider recommendations from the Snapper Grouper AP for Amendment 46 addressing a private recreational permit for the snapper grouper fishery and consider approving the amendment for public hearings.

The Committee will address Regulatory Amendment 36 addressing gag and black grouper vessel limits and on-demand gear for black sea bass and consider approving for public scoping, and consider Snapper Grouper AP recommendations for Amendment 55 addressing management measures for scamp and yellowmouth grouper. The Committee will discuss Regulatory Amendment 35 addressing red snapper management and re-consider submitting the amendment for Secretarial review, and discuss yellowtail snapper management. The Committee will receive an update on Best Fishing Practices Outreach and AP recommendations on topics not on the agenda.

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 4 p.m.

Public comment will be accepted from individuals attending the meeting in person and via webinar on all items on the Council meeting agenda. The Council Chair will determine the amount of time provided to each commenter based on the number of individuals wishing to comment.

Citizen Science Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 8:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

The Committee will review and approve updated research priorities for the Council's Citizen Science Program, receive an update on the SciFish platform and a demonstration, and an update on the Citizen Science Program.

Habitat and Ecosystem Committee, Thursday, December 7, 2023, 10:30 a.m. Until 12 p.m.

The Committee will receive a report from the Habitat Advisory Panel and address plans for the 5-year Essential Fish Habitat Review. The Committee will receive an update on the Habitat Blueprint and review the draft workplan and annual report outline. The