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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 Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m.. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will at the Royal Sonesta Harbor Court, 550 Light Street, Baltimore, MD 21202; telephone: (410) 234-0550.

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

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to receive a report of the results of a stock assessment recently completed for black sea bass and to

make ABC recommendations to the Council for the species for the period 2017-19. In addition, the Council may request re-specification of the ABC recommendations for the previous years which were made based on *ad hoc* data poor methods, to evaluate fishery performance relative to catch limits developed using those methods. If time permits, the report of the CV Subcommittee of the SSC will be discussed.

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