



## 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 of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public meetings of the Council including joint sessions with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Interstate Fishery Management Programs (ISFMP) Policy Board and the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, December 16 through Thursday, December 18, 2025. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be an in-person meeting with a virtual option. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will have the option to participate in person at Le Méridien Washington DC – The Madison (1177 15<sup>th</sup> St NW, Washington, DC 20005) or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at:

<https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/december-2025>.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255. The Council's website, <https://www.mafmc.org>, also has details on the meeting location, proposed agenda, webinar listen-in access, and briefing materials.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the agenda, although agenda items may be addressed out of order (changes will be noted on the Council's website when possible.)

**Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

*Atlantic Mackerel Framework including Rebuilding, 2026-2027 Specifications, and River Herring / Shad Cap*

Review joint Committee (Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish; and River Herring and Shad) recommendations

Review recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff

Select preferred alternatives and take final action

*Joint MAFMC-NEFMC Spiny Dogfish Framework (Including Accountability Measures Modifications and 2026-2027 Specifications*

Review NEFMC final action and consider if any modifications to October 2025 MAFMC actions are warranted

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***Council Convenes with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC's) Policy Board***

*Recreational Sector Separation Amendment*

Review draft alternatives and recommendations from the Fishery Management Action Team/Plan Development Team, Advisory Panels, and Commission's Law Enforcement Committee

Provide input to refine draft alternatives for inclusion in Draft Amendment/Public Hearing Document

***Council and ASMFC Policy Board Adjourn***

***Council Convenes with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board***

*2026-2027 Summer Flounder Recreational Measures*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Determine percent change in expected harvest required under the Percent Change Approach for 2026-2027

Recommend conservation equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2026-2027

Provide preliminary guidance on development of state measures proposals if necessary

**Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>**

*2026-2027 Scup Recreational Measures*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Determine percent change in expected harvest required under the Percent Change Approach for 2026-2027

Recommend 2026-2027 recreational management measures for Federal waters

Provide preliminary guidance on development of state measures proposals if necessary

*2026-2027 Black Sea Bass Recreational Measures*

Review Advisory Panel and Monitoring Committee recommendations

Determine percent change in expected harvest required under the Percent Change Approach for 2026-2027

Recommend conservation equivalency or coastwide management and associated measures for 2026-2027

Provide preliminary guidance on development of state measures proposal if necessary

***ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board Adjourns***

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*Recreational Tilefish Permitting and Reporting Framework*

Review and provide input on the modified draft range of alternatives

*2026 Implementation Plan*

Review and approve 2026 Implementation Plan

*Ricks E Savage Award Presentation*

Presentation of the 2025 Ricks E Savage Award

**Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Governance Projects Presentation*

Overview of East Coast Council governance projects and planned activities

*Business Session*

Committee Reports (SSC); Executive Director's Report; Organization Reports;  
and Liaison Reports

*Other Business and General Public Comment*

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. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c).

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are 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.

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

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