



## 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 a joint session with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Policy Board.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, February 10 through Wednesday, February 11, 2026. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** This will be a fully virtual meeting. Council members, other meeting participants, and members of the public will participate via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at:

*<https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/february-2026>.*

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; *<https://www.mafmc.org>.*

**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, February 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Executive Committee – Closed session*

Review Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) membership applications

*River Herring & Shad (RHS) Update – Dr. Janet Nye and Kaitlynn Wade, University of North Carolina Institute of Marine Sciences*

Review progress update on Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) project that is currently forecasting river herring bycatch risks

*Introduction to Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO) Illex Quota Issue*

Review background information

Endorse evaluation approach

*New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) Planning Update*

Review ongoing work on NEFMC's new Risk Policy and NEFMC's new strategic plan

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*Legal Review, Financial Disclosure and Recusal Training – John Almeida, NOAA Fisheries General Counsel*

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

*Updates on Recreational Fisheries Issues*

Review draft workshop plans and action plan updates for the Recreational Sector

Separation Amendment

Review draft outline of Recreational Data Collection White Paper

Update on Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Fishing Effort

Survey revisions

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

**Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Business Session*

Committee Reports (Executive); 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.*

Dated: January 20, 2026.

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