

from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time. This meeting will focus on several topics and is being held in conjunction with a workshop for MEP Center Board members. The MEP Advisory Board agenda will include an information exchange between the two groups. The MEP Advisory Board will receive an update on Hollings MEP programmatic operations, as well as provide guidance and advice to Hollings MEP senior management on the development of the 2017–2022 Strategic Plan. The MEP Advisory Board will also provide input to Hollings MEP on developing protocols that will connect user facilities, research, and technologies at NIST and other federal laboratories with the help of the Hollings MEP national network to support small and mid-size manufacturers, and make recommendations on the establishment of a Hollings MEP Learning Organization. This encompasses an effort to strengthen connections by sharing best practices and building Working Groups and Communities of Practice for furtherance of the Hollings MEP Program's mission. The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>. Admittance Instructions: Anyone wishing to attend the MEP Advisory Board meeting must submit their name, email address and phone number to Cheryl Gendron ([Cheryl.Gendron@nist.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Gendron@nist.gov) or 301–975–2785) no later than Monday, April 24, 2017, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the MEP Advisory Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting. Speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be no more than three to five minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, or those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the MEP Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards

and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–4800, via fax at (301) 963–6556, or electronically by email to [Cheryl.Gendron@nist.gov](mailto:Cheryl.Gendron@nist.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XF337**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar to discuss the SEDAR assessment schedule, progress on SEDAR projects, and the research track approach. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Friday, May 5, 2017.

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*Meeting address:* The Steering Committee meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact John Carmichael at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 24 hours in advance to request webinar access information.

*SEDAR address:* South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; [www.sedarweb.org](http://www.sedarweb.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, Deputy Director for Science and Statistics, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520; email: [john.carmichael@safmc.net](mailto:john.carmichael@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The items of discussion are as follows:

1. Review and consideration of ongoing SEDAR projects.
2. Review and consideration of the proposed research track process, including guidance on applying the process to 2018 assessments.

3. Review and consideration of the SEDAR assessment schedule including future priority assessment projects.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action 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) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: April 3, 2017.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XF338**

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

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public hearings and comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold nine public hearings in April and May 2017 to solicit public input on an amendment to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The amendment focuses on the plan's longfin squid and *Illex* squid fisheries. The Council is also soliciting written comments on the amendment through May 18, 2017.

**DATES:** The public hearings will be held between April 24, 2017 and May 11, 2017. The dates and times of each hearing are listed in **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. The comment period closes 11:59 p.m. on May 18, 2017.

**ADDRESSES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for locations of the hearings.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331; Web site: [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:** The Council will hold nine public hearings:

1. *April 24, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* The Greater Ocean City Chamber of Commerce, 12320 Ocean Gateway, Ocean City, MD 21842, phone: (410) 213-0144.
2. *April 25, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring St., Portland, ME 04101, phone: (207) 775-2311.
3. *April 26, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station, 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930, phone: (978) 282-0308.
4. *May 2, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* Congress Hall, 200 Congress Place, Cape May, NJ 08204, phone: (609) 884-8421.
5. *May 3, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* DoubleTree by Hilton Tinton Falls, 700 Hope Road, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724, phone: (732) 544-9300.
6. *May 4, 2017, 6–8 p.m.:* Webinar, <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/squid2017/> phone: (800) 832-0736, Rm: \*7833942#. A listening station will be available at Virginia Marine Resources Commission, 2600 Washington Avenue, 3rd Floor, Newport News, VA 23607, phone: (757) 247-2200.
7. *May 8, 2017, 5–8 p.m.:* University of Rhode Island, Corless Auditorium, Watkins Building, 218 Ferry Rd., Narragansett, RI 0411-874-6222.
8. *May 9, 2017, 4:30–7 p.m.:* Doubletree by Hilton Cape Cod—Hyannis, 287 Iyannough Rd., Hyannis, MA 02601, 508-771-1700.
9. *May 11, 2017, 5–7 p.m.:* Hyatt Place Long Island/East End, 431 East Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901, 631-208-0002.

*Addresses for written comments:* Written comments may be sent through mail, email, fax, or online through 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

—Mail to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 North State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901 (please write “Squid Amendment Comments” on the outside of the envelope);  
—Fax to Dr. Chris Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery

Management Council at 302-674-5399 (please include “Squid Amendment Comments” in the subject line);

—Email to [squid@mafmc.org](mailto:squid@mafmc.org);

—Online at <http://www.mafmc.org/comments/squid-amendment-public-comments>.

The purpose of the meetings and comment period is gather input from the public on the alternatives in the amendment. The objectives of this action are to:

A. Consider the appropriate number of vessels in the directed longfin squid and *Illex* squid fisheries and design appropriate management measures for permitted vessels. The Council is considering this action because there is considerable latent effort in both fisheries—a relatively small portion of vessels with limited access (“moratorium”) squid permits account for the majority of landings in most years. The Council is concerned that activation of latent permits in the squid fisheries could lead to excessive fishing effort (shortening seasons) on these semeparous, sub-annual species, and increased catch of non-target species.

B. Re-evaluate the management of longfin squid in Trimester 2. The Council is considering this action because the productivity of the longfin squid stock may be negatively impacted if excessive fishing effort in T2, which occurs on the inshore spawning grounds, does not allow sufficient spawning and/or hatching from egg mops. Additional information and relevant background documents are available on the Council’s Web site at <http://www.mafmc.org/actions/squid-capacity-amendment>. The public hearing document, which describes and analyzes the alternatives, will be posted there by April 18, 2017.

**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 days prior to any meeting date.

Dated: April 3, 2017.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Science Advisory Board (SAB); Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held Monday, April 24, 2017 from 9:45 a.m. EDT to 5:45 p.m. EDT and on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. EDT to 12:00 p.m. EDT. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page [www.sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx](http://www.sab.noaa.gov/SABMeetings.aspx) for the most up-to-date meeting times and agenda.

*Place:* The meeting will be held at The DoubleTree by Hilton, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on April 25th from 10:45–11:00 a.m. EDT (check Web site to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of two (2) minutes. Individuals or groups planning to make a verbal presentation should contact the SAB Executive Director by April 17, 2017 to schedule their presentation. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director’s Office by April 17, 2017, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after April 17, 2017, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seating at the meeting will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.