



June 2026 Council Meeting

Tuesday, June 16 – Thursday, June 18, 2026

Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria
(801 North Saint Asaph Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; 703-836-4700)
or via Webex webinar

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 the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/june-2026>.

Tuesday, June 16th

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| 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | 2026 Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem Report
Dr. Abby Tyrell, NEFSC
– Review and provide feedback | (Tab 1) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Risk Assessment Report
– Review and provide feedback | (Tab 2) |
| 4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Vessel Baseline Evaluation
– Update on working group progress
– Review summary of Advisory Panel meetings
– Discuss next steps | (Tab 3) |

Wednesday, June 17th

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| 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. | Unmanaged Commercial Landings Report
– Review report and provide feedback | (Tab 4) |
| 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | 2027 Golden Tilefish Specifications
– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff
– Review previously adopted 2027 specifications and management measures, and recommend changes if necessary | (Tab 5) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | 2027-2029 Blueline Tilefish Specifications
– Review recommendations from the Advisory Panel, SSC, Monitoring Committee, and staff
– Adopt specifications for 2027-2029
– Review and revise 2027-2029 commercial and/or recreational measures if needed | (Tab 6) |

- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. ----- LUNCH -----**
- 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. Overview of NEFSC Atlantic Mackerel Cooperative Research Initiative (“MackPack”) (Tab 7)**
Dr. Anna Mercer. NEFSC
– Review and provide feedback
- 1:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Overview of NEFSC Fisheries Monitoring and Research Division (FMRD) Programs (Tab 8)**
Katherine McArdle. NEFSC
– Review and provide feedback
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. Scup Winter I Framework (Tab 9)**
– Review preliminary analysis and draft alternatives
– Adopt range of alternatives for further development
- 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. NEFSC Surveys Update (Tab 10)**
Peter Chase, NEFSC
– Update on the 2025 and 2026 fishery-independent survey seasons
– Update on the Regional Industry Trawl Survey (RIBTS)
– Other survey related topics
- 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Acknowledgment of Outgoing Council Members**

Thursday, June 18th

- 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session**
- Committee Reports: (Tab 11)**
– Scientific and Statistical Committee
- Executive Director’s Report – Dr. Chris Moore (Tab 12)**
- Organization Reports:**
– NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NOAA Office of General Counsel, NOAA Office of Law Enforcement, US Coast Guard
- Liaison Reports: (Tab 13)**
– New England Council, South Atlantic Council
- Other Business and General Public Comment**

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