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October 2025 Council Meeting

Tuesday, October 7 – Thursday, October 9, 2025

The Notary Hotel Philadelphia
 (21 North Juniper Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107, 215-496-3200)
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 Notary Hotel Philadelphia or virtually via Webex webinar. Webinar connection instructions and briefing materials will be available at: <https://www.mafmc.org/briefing/october-2025>.

Tuesday, October 7th

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.	Executive Committee (Closed Session)	(Tab 1)
	– Review 2025 Ricks E Savage Award nominations	
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Executive Committee (Open Session)	(Tab 2)
	– Review draft deliverables of 2026 Implementation Plan	
12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.	----- LUNCH -----	
1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Recreational Tilefish Permitting and Reporting Framework Meeting #1	(Tab 3)
	– Review current reporting requirements and recommendations from the 2024 program evaluation	
	– Provide guidance on preliminary draft alternatives	
2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)	(Tab 4)
	– Review recent program actions, including Fishing Effort Survey (FES) improvements	
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Mackerel Rebuilding and 2026-2027 Specifications Framework, Including River Herring and Shad Cap: Meeting #1	(Tab 5)
	– Review draft alternatives	
	– Adopt range of alternatives for further development and analysis	

Wednesday, October 8th

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| 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review and approve public hearing document | (Tab 6) |
| 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Gear Marking/On-Demand Gear Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Update from Plan Development Team/ Fishery Management Action Team (PDT/FMAT)– Consider final action | (Tab 7) |
| 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. | ----- LUNCH ----- | |
| 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. | Joint MAFMC-NEFMC Spiny Dogfish Framework (Including Accountability Measures Modifications and 2026-2027 Specifications) Meeting #2: Final Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review joint Committee recommendations– Review recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), Monitoring Committee, Advisory Panel, and staff– Select preferred alternatives and take final action | (Tab 8) |
| 3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m. | Joint NEFMC-MAFMC Monkfish Specifications Framework: Final Action <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) actions– Review joint Committee recommendations– Review recommendations from the NEFMC SSC, Plan Development Team (PDT), and Advisory Panel– Select preferred alternatives and take final action | (Tab 9) |
| 3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment: Monkfish Provisions <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Review the monkfish sections of the Omnibus and NEFMC's preferred alternatives– Select preferred monkfish alternatives and take final action | (Tab 10) |
| 4:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. | Habitat Activities Update – Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Habitat and Ecosystem Services Division <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Presentation on activities of interest in the region | (Tab 11) |
| 4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Atlantic Coast Regional Fisheries Compensation Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Updates on development of a regional offshore wind fisheries compensation program | (Tab 12) |

Thursday, October 9th

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Business Session

Committee Reports: (Tab 13)

- Scientific and Statistical Committee

Executive Director's Report – Dr. Chris Moore (Tab 14)

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 15)

- New England Council, South Atlantic Council

Other Business and General Public Comment

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

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