

Mid-Atlantic Council

Update

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

13 Species, 7 Plans



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Key Management Actions

- ACL/AM Omnibus (MSRA/NS1)
 - Submitted October 2010
 - Created mechanisms to set ABC, ACLs, and AMs
 - Formalized processes for addressing uncertainty
 - Established Council risk policy
 - System to review performance



Key Management Actions

- Submitted Atl. mackerel limited access
- Initiated actions for river herring/shad incidental catch management
- Butterfish/squid bycatch cap implementation
- Annual or multi-year specifications for all species



Other Council Actions

- Catch shares workshop
- Habitat and ecosystems workshop
- Research-set-aside workshop
- Excessive share definition review



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Habitat and Ecosystems Workshop

- Importance of ecosystem and habitat issues
- Regional Ecosystem Discussion - first of its kind
- Wide participation by states, feds, industries, and private-sector
- Developing proceedings as a NOAA Tech Memo
- Next steps



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Other Council Actions (SSC)

- SSC adopted ABC Control Rule Framework
- SSC/Council 5-year research plan
- SSC Social/Economic Subcommittee
- SSC Ecosystems Subcommittee



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2011 Priorities - Actions

- River herring/shad incidental catch in Atl. mackerel and *Loligo* squid fisheries
- Excessive shares, cost recovery, etc. for surfclam and ocean quahogs
- Spiny Dogfish (allocation, limited access)
- Monkfish catch shares
- Scup allocation issues



2011 Priorities - Other

- RSA program review
- AP fishery performance reports (in consultation with SSC)
- Visioning/strategic planning project
- Ecosystem based FMP project
- Communications and outreach
- MARCO representation issues

