



Mid-Atlantic Council Update

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Key Management Actions

- Framework to adjust risk policy
 - ABC increases without OFL
- 2-year tilefish specifications
- Initiating a plan to protect deep sea corals
 - Voted to initiate MOU with NEFMC and SAFMC to coordinate management measures.



Other Actions

- Advisory panels re-constituted
- Webinars / public listening sessions
 - MRIP, BOEM
- Launch of new website planned June 2012
 - Twitter (ongoing), Facebook (upcoming)



2012 Priorities (1)

- Visioning / Strategic Planning
 - Data collected, being analyzed
 - Email distribution tripled from Visioning
- Ecosystem planning / EBFM
 - Non-regulatory guidance document
- RSA program improvement
 - Role of SSC in priorities, framework for project selection
- Sturgeon ESA 



2012 Priorities (2)

- Amendment 3 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP
 - RSA, Allocation Issues, EFH, Reg. Rollover
- Amendment 15 to SC/OQ
 - Data collection program (excessive shares), PSP
- Amendment 14 to MSB
 - River Herring/Shad – Hearings in May, action in June
- Amendment 6 to Monkfish
 - Control date for catch shares
- Amendment 17 – Black Sea Bass (Rec)



2012 Priorities (3)

- Fishery Performance Reports for all plans
- Scup allocation analysis
- MRIP
- SBRM
- New assessment timelines
- NEPA-specifications concision
- Continued communication and outreach program development



Questions?