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**Council Meeting Agenda  
November 6-7, 2007  
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***Please note this Council meeting has been changed to a two-day meeting.***

**Tuesday, November 6, 2007**

- 8:30 a.m. Introduction and Announcements** (Chairman John Pappalardo)
- 8:35 Reports on Recent Activities**  
Council Chairman, Executive Director, NMFS Regional Administrator, NOAA General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission
- 9:30 Monkfish Committee Report** (John Pappalardo)
- Approve final action on measures in Framework Adjustment 5 to the Monkfish FMP following a review of Monkfish Committee and Advisory Panel recommendations; this action will address revised biological reference points, days-at-sea carryover allowances, landing restrictions under the 3-hour gillnet rule, monkfish incidental catch limits on vessels fishing with large mesh and not fishing on a day-at-sea, and the requirement to hold a Letter of Authorization to fish for monkfish in the Northern Fishery Management Area;
  - Possible approval of a letter to the Regional Administrator concerning the impact of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Vessel Monitoring System requirement on vessels fishing on a monkfish day-at-sea
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:15 Opportunity for Public Comments** (Chairman John Pappalardo)  
Opportunity for brief comments from the public on items relevant to Council business, but not otherwise listed on the Council meeting agenda
- 1:30 Joint Dogfish Committee Report** (Frank Blount)  
Review updated spiny dogfish stock and fishery information; review recommendations from the Spiny Dogfish Monitoring Committee and the Mid-Atlantic Council and develop NEFMC recommendations for dogfish TACs and possession limits for the upcoming fishing year(s)
- 3:00 Research Steering Committee Report** (David Goethel)  
Review Cooperative Research Partners Program activities and any RSC recommendations concerning the Council's research set-aside programs, management reviews of final cooperative research reports, 2008 research priorities and the development of data sharing agreements
- 3:45 NEFMC Operations Handbook** (Paul Howard)  
Review and approve Council practices and policies as discussed at the September Council Meeting
- 5:00 Enforcement Committee Report** (Rodney Avila)  
Review recent committee meeting discussion topics including a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) information sheet and the dissemination of enforcement contact information to the public

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Times listed next to agenda items are estimates and subject to change.*

**Wednesday, November 7, 2007**

- 8:00 a.m. Council Work Priorities** (Paul Howard)  
Consideration and approval of management actions for 2007-2008
- 9:30 Multispecies (Groundfish) Oversight Committee Report** (Rip Cunningham)  
Report on Amendment 16 development to include among other issues:
- Approval of recommendations for types of effort controls to be developed into alternatives including revisions to the days-at-sea (DAS) program (differential DAS, counting DAS as a minimum of 24 hours, changes in the proportion of Category A and Category B DAS); possession limits; closed areas (both timing, location, and access to year round or seasonal closed areas); and other elements of the effort control program;
  - Preliminary discussion of Annual Catch Limit (ACL) requirements;
  - Reconsideration of a motion, tabled at the last Council meeting, on a process to develop additional groundfish sectors
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:00 Groundfish Committee Report** – *continued until all groundfish-related agenda items are addressed*
- 4:30 Other Business**

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