

required to perform two steps: (1) The applicant organization self-certifies that it meets eligibility requirements with an eligibility form; and (2) the applicant organization prepares and completes an application package. BPEP will assist with or offer advice on any questions or issues that the applicant may have concerning the eligibility or application process. With the help of the Board of Examiners, BEP will use the eligibility forms and application package to assess and provide feedback on the applicant's performance excellence practices. These practices could lead to a MBNQA awarded by the President of the United States or his delegate.

The application to be a member of the Board of Examiners is a one-step, online process. Each year, BPEP recruits highly skilled experts in the fields of manufacturing, service, small business, health care, education, and nonprofit, the six Award eligibility categories, to evaluate the applications that BPEP receives. Examiners serve for a one-year term; participation on the board is entirely voluntary.

## II. Method of Collection

Award applicants must comply in writing according to the Eligibility Certification Form and Baldrige Award Application Form available at [http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/enter/how\\_to\\_apply.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/enter/how_to_apply.cfm). The application for the Board of Examiners can be found at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/examiners/index.cfm> and submitted electronically.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0693-0006.  
*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, health care, education, or other non-profit institutions; or individuals or households.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 850 (50 Applicants for the MBNQA; 800 Applicants for the Board of Examiners).

*Estimated Time per Response:* 74 hours for applications for the MBNQA, and 1 hour for applications for the Board of Examiners.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 8,200.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have

practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 21, 2012.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC419**

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport, 1739 West Nursery Road, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090; telephone: (410) 694-0808.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the SSC meeting is to address the Council's request that the SSC reconsider its acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for black sea bass for 2013-14.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 26, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC421**

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) announces its intent to hold a workshop. The purpose of the workshop is to consider options for improving the management of the longfin and Illex squid fisheries, with a focus on responsive harvest strategies that account for changing stock conditions over the course of the year. The Council intends for managers, scientists, and fishermen to collaboratively consider if responsive harvest strategies are feasible and appropriate for optimizing yield in these fisheries. Discussions at the workshop will culminate in a workshop report and a series of follow-up port meetings that will inform consideration of future management actions.

**DATES:** The workshop will be held from 1 p.m. Tuesday, January 15, 2013 until 1 p.m. Thursday, January 17, 2013.