

March 7, 2005, from 9:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on March 8, 2005, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. and from 11 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on March 7, 2005, from 3:30 p.m. to approximately 6 p.m. and on March 8, 2005, from 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 3:15 p.m. to 4:15 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel Washington-Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD, 20910, 301-589-5200.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erika Carlsen at (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive and discuss information on (1) the 2004 ICCAT meeting results and U.S. implementation of ICCAT decisions; (2) 2005 ICCAT and NMFS research and monitoring activities; (3) 2005 ICCAT activities; (4) the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act required consultation on the identification of countries that are diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT; (5) the NMFS Recreational Fishery Landings Estimates Review; (6) the results of the meetings of the Committee's Species Working Groups; and (7) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species. The public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, but there will be no opportunity for public comment.

The Committee will meet in its Species Working Groups for a portion of the afternoon of March 7, 2005 and of the morning of March 8, 2005. These sessions are not open to the public, but the results of the species working group discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's morning and afternoon open session on March 8, 2005. The Committee may also go into executive session on the afternoon of March 8, 2005, to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming intersessional meetings of ICCAT. This session would also be closed to the public.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Erika Carlsen at (301) 713-2276 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 23, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022205C]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Committee; its Ecosystems Committee; its Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee; its Executive Committee; its Research Set-Aside Committee; and, its Tilefish Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will begin on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, and continue through Thursday, March 17, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times and meeting agendas.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be at the Ramada Inn Outer Banks Resort and Conference Center, 1701 S. Virginia Dave Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948, telephone 252-441-2151.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, March 15, 2005

12 noon to 1 p.m., the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Committee will meet.

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the Ecosystems Committee will meet.

3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet.

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the Executive Committee will meet.

9 a.m. through 12 noon, the Council will convene and approve the January Council meeting minutes and action items from the January Council meeting, hear organizational and liaison reports, and hear the Executive Director's Report and the status of the Council's Fishery Management Plans (FMP).

1 p.m., the Council will address Amendment 14/Framework 6 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP.

3 p.m. to 4 p.m., the Council will review and discuss Framework 1 to the Dogfish FMP.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Council will review and discuss Amendment 2 to NMFS' Highly Migratory Species (HMS) FMP.

Thursday, March 17, 2005

8 a.m. to 9 a.m., the Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee will meet.

9 a.m. to 10 a.m., the Tilefish Committee will meet.

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., the Council will convene and conduct a scoping meeting to address the possible need for a Controlled Access System for Atlantic Mackerel.

11 a.m., the Council will receive committee reports, and address any new and/or continuing business.

Meeting Agendas

Tuesday, March 15

The Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Committee will review a list of committee-approved changes to be considered during MSA reauthorization and develop and adopt a motion for Council consideration and action. The Ecosystems Committee will receive an update on the tools available for implementation of ecosystem based fishery management, and will receive a presentation by the Chesapeake Bay Program Office regarding its ecosystem based approach to Chesapeake Bay restoration. The Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will review the status of Amendment 9 to the FMP, consider and adopt management measures proposed by the technical team, and discuss options for a possible mackerel controlled access system.

Wednesday, March 16

The Executive Committee will review the New England Fishery Management Council's (NEFMC) position regarding joint FMP responsibilities. Following this committee meeting, the Council will convene to approve the January Council meeting minutes and approve action items from the January Council meeting. The Council will also hear organizational and liaison reports, the Executive Director's report and a report on the status of the MAFMC's FMPs. Council will address Amendment 14/Framework 6 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP in light of actions taken by Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board (Board) regarding Addendum 17. The Council will discuss implications of the Board's actions regarding prioritization of Amendment

14 and/or Framework 6, and adopt a modified plan of action for Amendment 14, Framework 6, or both. The Council will review options regarding multi-year setting of specifications for spiny dogfish as proposed in Framework 1 to the Dogfish FMP, and review and comment on the principal measures contained in Amendment 2 to NMFS' FMP for Highly Migratory Species (HMS), i.e., Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks.

Thursday, March 17

The Research Set-Aside Committee will review the 2006 request for proposal (RFP), and review and comment on changes to NOAA's grant process. The Tilefish Committee will review and discuss items to be addressed in a scoping document to be used in the development of Amendment 1. The Council will convene at 10 a.m. and conduct a scoping meeting to address the possible need for a Controlled Access System for Atlantic mackerel; hear committee reports; and, act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo (302-674-2331) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 24, 2005.

Peter H. Fricke,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022305F]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting, of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Non-Target Species Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee will meet at the Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 14, 2005, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and March 15, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the AFSC, 7600 Sand Point Way North East, Building 4, Room 2143, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will: (1) review and provide comments on a discussion paper to separate the Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands other species category into squid, shark, skate, sculpins, and octopus groups for total allowable catch setting; (2) draft a problem statement for (target and non-target) rockfish management; and (3) draft an outline for a discussion paper to address problem(s) in the rockfish fisheries. The committee will report to the Council at the April 2005 Council meeting.

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 identified 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 24, 2005

Peter H. Fricke,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022305G]

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Gulf Rationalization Community Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 30, 2005, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, Fireweed Room, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK 99501.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nicole Kimball, Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will address design elements of the Community Fisheries Quota (CFQ) Program and Community Purchase Program proposed under the North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf rationalization amendment package.

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