

vessel named in the AFA is using pelagic gear in the Bering Sea.

This meeting is open to the public, but NMFS is particularly seeking participation by people who are knowledgeable about operations aboard AFA catcher vessels and the feasibility of preventing loose fish from remaining on deck outside the codend.

Special Accommodations

The meeting will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jennifer Watson, 907-586-7537, at least 10 workdays prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 26, 2013.

Kara Meckley,

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-XC601

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council's Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Advisory Panel (AP) will meet to develop Fishery Performance Reports for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish fisheries in preparation for the Council's setting of specifications for 2014.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2013, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Baltimore/Arundel Mills; 7491 New Ridge Rd., Hanover, MD 21076; telephone: (410) 878-7200

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 meeting is to create

Fishery Performance Reports by the Council's Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Advisory Panel (AP). The intent of these reports is to facilitate structured input from the Advisory Panel members into the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish specifications process. The Advisory Panel will also review the findings of a recent workshop on squid management and may develop related recommendations.

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: March 26, 2013.

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-XC603

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Stock Assessment Review Panels (STAR Panels) will hold work sessions to review stock assessments using data-moderate methods, as well as tier 1 benchmark stock assessments for petrale sole and darkblotched rockfish, rougheye rockfish and aurora rockfish, shortspine thornyhead and longspine thornyheads, and cowcod and Pacific sanddabs, all of which are open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held April 22-26, 2013; May 13-17, 2013; July 8-12, 2013; July 22-26, 2013; and August 5-9, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Santa Cruz, CA and Seattle, WA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council), 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (541) 961-8475; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meetings will be held in April, May, July and August. The meeting dates and times are listed below.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for data moderate assessments will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, April 22, 2013 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 and will continue through Friday, April 26, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, April 26.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for Petrale sole and darkblotched rockfish stock assessments will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, May 13, 2013 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 and will continue through Friday, May 17, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, May 17.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the rougheye rockfish and aurora rockfish stock assessments will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, July 8, 2013 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 and will continue through Friday, July 12, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, July 12.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the shortspine thornyhead and longspine thornyhead stock assessments will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, July 22, 2013 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete

business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, July 23, 2013 and will continue through Friday, July 26, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, July 26.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the cowcod and Pacific sanddabs stock assessments will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m., Monday, August 5, 2013 and end at 5:30 p.m. or as necessary to complete business for the day. The Panel will reconvene on Tuesday, August 6, 2013 and will continue through Friday, August 9, 2013 beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business. The Panel will adjourn on Friday, August 9.

The meetings will be held in Santa Cruz, CA and Seattle, WA. The specific meetings and their locations are listed below.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the data moderate stock assessments will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the Petrale sole and darkblotched rockfish stock assessments will be held at the Silver Cloud University Inn, 5036 25th Avenue NE., Seattle, WA 98105; telephone: (206) 526-5200.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the roughey rockfish and aurora rockfish stock assessments will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science, The Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112-2097; telephone: (206) 860-3200.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the shortspine thornyhead and longspine thornyhead stock assessments will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science, The Auditorium, 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112-2097; telephone: (206) 860-3200.

The Stock Assessment Review Panel for the cowcod and Pacific sanddabs stock assessments will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Santa Cruz Laboratory, 110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060; telephone: (831) 420-3900.

The purpose of the Stock Assessment Review Panels is to review draft 2013 stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information for stock assessments using data-moderate methods as well as category 1 benchmark stock assessments for petrale sole, darkblotched rockfish, roughey

rockfish, aurora rockfish, shortspine thornyhead, longspine thornyhead, cowcod and Pacific sanddabs, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions; and produce Stock Assessment Review Panel reports for use by the Pacific Council family and other interested persons for developing management recommendations for 2015-16 fisheries. No management actions will be decided by the STAR Panels. The Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council at its June meeting in Garden Grove, CA and its September meeting in Boise, ID.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panels participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Stock Assessment Review Panel action during these meetings. Panel 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 Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

All visitors to the National Marine Fisheries Service science centers should bring photo identification to the meeting location. Visitors who are foreign nationals (defined as a person who is not a citizen or national of the United States) will require additional security clearance to access the NOAA facilities. Foreign national visitors should contact Ms. Stacey Miller at (541) 961-8475 at least 2 weeks prior to the meeting date to initiate the security clearance process.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 26, 2013.

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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 in conjunction with a joint meeting of the Mackerel, Squid, Butterfish and Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Advisory Panels. The purpose of the workshop is to facilitate development of spatial alternatives for deep sea coral protection areas for inclusion in Amendment 16 to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Thursday, April 18, 2013, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn Baltimore/Arundel Mills, 7491-A New Ridge Road, Hanover, MD, 21076; telephone: (410) 878-7200.

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: This workshop will address the need for a refined set of deep sea coral protection area options for inclusion in Amendment 16 to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (Protections for Deep Sea Corals). The Council will solicit the input of the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Advisory Panel, the Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Advisory Panel, additional deep sea coral experts, and additional fishing industry participants with an interest in or knowledge of fishing occurring in potential protection areas. Goals of the workshop include an enhanced understanding of fishing effort in relation to deep sea coral distribution in the Mid-Atlantic, and production of a jointly developed set of alternatives for deep sea coral protection