

Council's intent to take 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 Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 7, 2001.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Habitat Committee and Habitat Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, March 12, 2001, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Hotel Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 610-521-5900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to initiate development of Council policy and guidelines for species fishery management plan (FMP) committees to draw upon to investigate the use of marine protected areas (MPAs) as a management tool, and to develop a framework that requires mandatory coordination with the Council for any MPAs in the mid-Atlantic exclusive economic zone (EEZ) waters. It will also address essential fish habitat (EFH) requirements regarding the Council's

current FMPs and proposed amendments thereto.

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

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee and Red Crab Committee in March, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Friday, March 9, 2001, and Tuesday, March 13, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA and New London, CT. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Friday, March 9, 2001, 9:30 a.m.— Research Steering Committee

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600

The agenda will include discussion and development of a coordination mechanism between the Research Steering Committee and the industry-based survey (and related projects), cod tagging and bycatch/discard/conservation engineering programs currently under consideration. The committee also will discuss mechanisms for future funding of regional research efforts.

Tuesday, March 13, 2001, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.— Red Crab Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Hotel, 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard, New London, CT 06320; telephone: (860) 443-7000.

The committee will hear a report from the Red Crab Plan Development Team. The committee will discuss the goals and objectives for the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and will begin to identify the types of management measures and alternatives to be considered in the development of the FMP.

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