

and implementation. The ESA specifies that recovery plans must include: (1) a description of site-specific management actions that may be necessary to achieve the plan's goals for the conservation and survival of the species; (2) objective, measurable criteria, which when met, would result in the species being removed from the list of threatened and endangered species; and (3) estimates of the time and costs required to achieve the plan's goal and achieve intermediate steps toward that goal. In addition, NMFS has developed interim recovery planning guidance (NMFS, 2004) that provides additional information to ensure consistency among recovery plans that are developed for all species managed by NMFS. The guidance also stresses the importance of involving stakeholders in the recovery planning process. NMFS will take into consideration all information we receive during this comment period in the preparation of draft recovery plans for salmon and steelhead in California.

In order to develop recovery plans that address multiple species in an ecosystem context, NMFS has organized its recovery planning activities in California into four recovery areas or "domains" (Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast, North-Central California Coast, South-Central California Coast, and California Central Valley). Each domain will have one or more recovery plans that address all the listed salmon ESUs and/or steelhead DPSs within it. While each recovery plan will meet the requirements of the ESA and will use consistent scientific principles, plan(s) for individual planning domains are expected to be different because of differences in species, the amount and quality of information regarding the species and habitat conditions, and differences in ongoing and planned conservation efforts such as CalFed in the Central Valley, the State of California coho salmon recovery plan on the north coast, and many other local planning efforts and initiatives.

To develop key technical products for all salmon ESUs and steelhead DPSs and to provide general science support, NMFS formed separate teams of scientists (called Technical Recovery Teams) for each of the four recovery planning domains described above. These teams are developing technical information on population structure of individual ESUs and DPSs, viability criteria for individual populations within ESUs and DPSs and for ESUs and DPSs as a whole, recommendations for future research, and a framework for monitoring the listed ESUs/DPSs.

Finally, NMFS has developed a schedule for producing draft recovery plans in each recovery domain by June 2007 and final recovery plans by January 2008. Because draft recovery plans may be developed using different approaches in the four domains and because of differences in information on the species in each domain, the level of detail in these draft recovery plans is expected to vary. NMFS will publish draft recovery plans in the **Federal Register** and public comment will be sought for each proposed plan.

NMFS requests relevant information from the public that should be addressed during preparation of draft recovery plans. Such information should address: (a) Biological and other criteria for removing the ESUs or DPSs from the list of threatened and endangered species; (b) factors that are presently limiting or threaten to limit survival of the ESUs or DPSs; (c) actions to address limiting factors and threats; (d) estimates of time and cost to implement recovery actions; and (e) research, monitoring, and evaluation needs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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's (MAFMC) Dogfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 26, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel, 1850 Post Rd., Warwick, RI 02886, telephone: (401) 824-0670.

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, extension 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to consider the appropriateness of making changes, if any, to management measures currently in place for the upcoming (2007-08) fishing year for spiny dogfish. Management measures that will be discussed may include, but may not necessarily be limited to, quotas and daily landing limits.

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 MAFMC'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 M. Jan Saunders, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 6, 2006.

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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's (Council) Aleutian Island Ecosystem Team will meet in Seattle, WA.