

without charge from Ginny McBride, the Agency OMB Clearance Officer, at (202) 720-5778.

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Signed at Washington, DC., November 9, 2000.

Rich Allen,

Associate Administrator.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: November 14, 2000, 1:15 p.m.-4:45 p.m.; November 15, 2000, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose

information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or John Lindburg at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: November 2, 2000.

Carol Booker,

Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112100C]

Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Executive Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Demersal Species Committee meeting as a Council Committee of the Whole, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 12, to Thursday, December 14, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Trump Plaza Hotel, The Boardwalk and Mississippi Avenue, Atlantic City, NJ; telephone: 609-441-2708.

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:

Dates and Times of Meetings

Tuesday, December 12, 2000, 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m.-- the Council will meet

with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board.

Wednesday, December 13, 2000, 8:30 - 11 a.m.-- the Council will meet with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board.

December 13, 2000, 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.-- there will be an Information & Education Program.

December 13, 2000, 1:30 - 5:30 p.m.-- the Council will convene.

Thursday, December 14, 2000, 8 - 9 a.m.-- the Executive Committee will meet.

December 14, 2000, from 8 - 9 a.m.-- the Law Enforcement Committee will meet concurrently.

December 14, 2000, 9 a.m. until 1 p.m.-- the Council will meet.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Review and discuss Monitoring Committee recommendations and approve recreational management measures for 2001 for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational fisheries; review public comments, review and discuss Framework 2 management measures regarding conservation equivalency (Meeting 1), discuss and prioritize 2001 fishery management plan (FMP) actions for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries; review and discuss Joint Monkfish Committee's recommendations on monkfish management measures, develop and approve management measures for 2001/02 monkfish fishery; review and evaluate position paper for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP; review and discuss Joint Dogfish Committee's recommendations on spiny dogfish management measures, develop and approve management measures for 2001/01 spiny dogfish fishery; review and discuss the New England Council's request for opportunity to comment on the Council's annual specifications, review 2001 grant application, review 2001 Annual Work Plan; review Coast Guard/Law Enforcement Awards Program actions; review and approve proposed quota set-aside action; hear organizational and committee reports, and if available, comment on NMFS proposed rule regarding regulations impacting the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries in 2001. During the Regional Administrator's Report there will be time to take public comment on Rutgers University's Exempted Fishing Permits application, *i.e.*, mesh selectivity studies.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112100D]

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 Groundfish Committee and Scientific and Statistical Committee in December, 2000 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 held between Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Newburyport, MA and Portland, ME. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, December 18, 2000, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 19, 2000, 8:30 p.m.- Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue developing its recommendations for management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This will include recommendations on rebuilding programs, measures to address capacity issues, and the four broad approaches to management that are under consideration (status quo, adjustments to the status quo, area management, and sector allocation). The committees' recommendations will be reviewed by the Council at a future date. After approval by the Council, the proposed alternatives will be analyzed and a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and public hearing document will be prepared. The Committee will meet in a closed session to review advisory panel applications.

The Committee will also identify management alternatives for a framework adjustment to reduced discards of Gulf of Maine cod and ensure mortality objectives are met. The initial meeting for this framework adjustment will be the January 23-25, 2000 Council meeting. The final meeting will not be scheduled until after receipt of an updated Gulf of Maine cod assessment in summer, 2001. Finally, the committee will receive a report from the state of Maine on an experimental halibut fishery.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000, 10 A.M. - Scientific and Statistical Committee

Location: New England Fishery Management Council office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

Develop priorities in terms of how the committee might consider or handle the following issues or questions in the next year: review management reference points for monkfish; review management reference points for selected groundfish species; identify scallop assessment, science and management issues that should be addressed in the Council's management of scallops; review of skate overfishing definitions (to be developed); discuss biological-toxin issues such as questions about whether chemical contaminants affect the reproductive potential, survivability, and recruitment of Council-managed species; discuss questions about whether the ecosystem

can support all stocks at B_{msy} simultaneously and the feasibility of a single control rule for the entire multispecies fishery rather than for individual stocks; review of the monkfish assessment update (to be done by the Monkfish Plan Development Team); review a DNA study about monkfish stock delineation. The committee will also elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

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Dated: November 22, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111700A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modifications to existing permits (1113).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has issued modifications to scientific research permits to: Dr. Cheryl Woodley, NOS-Marine Forensics Laboratory - Charleston, SC (1113).

ADDRESSES: For permit 1113: Endangered Species Division, Office of