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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 19, 2005 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 60796) that a request for a scientific research permit to take green, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, leatherback, olive ridley, and unidentified hardshell sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The SEFSC will handle, measure, weigh, photograph, flipper tag, passive integrated transponder tag, skin biopsy, and release green, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, leatherback, olive ridley, and unidentified hardshell (combination of green, loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, olive ridley, or hybrids that would not be able to be identified at the time of capture) sea turtles. In addition, a limited number of turtle carcasses (including tissues or parts from them) will be collected annually from the fisheries or activities for which incidental lethal take has been previously authorized. The applicant will sample turtles captured incidentally during other activities including the shark gillnet fishery, longline fisheries, the shrimp trawl fishery, and surveys during oil/gas platform removal. The capture will be authorized by the incidental take statements of the biological opinions or section 10(a)(1)(B) permits that cover these activities. The research will provide data on the turtles that interact with these activities and provide data useful to better understanding turtle migration, habitat use, genetics, and population dynamics. The information will be used to develop, implement, and evaluate conservation recovery efforts for sea turtles. The research will take place in the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, and their tributaries. The permit is issued for 5 years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that

such permit (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 31, 2006.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032106D]

Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) its Enforcement Committee and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on April 26-27, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Ponce Hilton Hotel, 1150 Caribe Avenue, Ponce, Puerto Rico 00716.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will convene on Wednesday, April 26, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Administrative Committee will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., on that same day. The Enforcement Committee will meet on April 27, 2006, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Council will reconvene on Thursday, April 27, 2006, from 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., approximately.

The Council will hold its 120th regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

April 26, 2006

9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 120th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription

- Executive Director's Report
- ICAAT Presentation
- Models for Ecosystem Based Management Approach - Monica Valle
- Revised Regulations SFA, PR, USVI

5:15 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting

- AP/SSC/HAP Membership
- Budget 2006, 2007
- Other Business

April 27, 2006

9 a.m. - 12 noon

Enforcement Committee Meeting

1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m.

- Enforcement Reports
- Puerto Rico
- U.S. Virgin Islands
- NOAA
- U.S. Coast Guard
- Administrative Committee Recommendations - April 26, 2006
- Meetings attended by Council members and staff
- Other Business
- Next Council Meeting

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. However, simultaneous translation (English-Spanish) will be provided. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032106E]

Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Advisory Panel (AP), Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Habitat Advisory Panel (HAP), will hold meetings.

DATES: The SSC, HAP and AP meetings will be held on April 25, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Ponce Hilton Hotel, 1150 Caribe Avenue, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AP, SSC and HAP will meet to discuss the items contained in the following agendas:

SSC/HAP Meeting

- Call to order
- Models for Ecosystem Based Management Approach - Monica Valle
- Jurisdiction Separation for Assessment Purposes in the Caribbean
- Limited Entry - Scientific Issues in the U.S. Caribbean
- Other Business

AP Meeting

- Call to Order
- Revised SFA, PR, USVI Regulations
- Issues with closed areas/season
- Limited Entry Update
- Other Business

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. However, simultaneous interpretation (Spanish-English) will be available during the AP meeting. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

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Dated: April 3, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033006F]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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's (Council) Tilefish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 24, 2006, beginning at noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel, 1850 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 738-4000.

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 the meeting is to recommend the 2006/07 tilefish quota.

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 Jan Saunders at (302) 674-2331 ext. 18, at the Council office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 3, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033106B]

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 Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 27, 2006, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. and April 28, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel,