

Northwest region Federal Fisheries Permits. Under the Fishery Management Plan, there are three (3) types of permits issued for the groundfish fishery off the states of Washington, Oregon, and California. These include the experimental fishing permits; limited entry permits; and at sea-processors. In addition, there is a permit requirement for mothership processing vessels over 125 feet. The information requested in the permit application form is used by several offices of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), and the U.S. Coast Guard and state fishery enforcement agencies under contract to NMFS. This information may be used in developing management measures and to control fishing effort.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 16, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from April 18 - 20, 2000.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. April 18, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
2. April 19, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
3. April 20, 2000, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at The Westin Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Lu Cano, Designated Federal Officer; telephone: (301) 713-2252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC and MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of the Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and of environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Matters to Be Considered

April 18, 2000

Multi-Disciplinary Science, Legislative, Budget, and Fisheries Overcapacity Subcommittee Meetings

April 19, 2000

Outreach/Communications Work Group and Vessel Monitoring Work Group Meeting, Steering Committee Views Paper Scoping Meeting, and TEAMWARE: Quick Place Program Presentation

April 20, 2000

Steering, Budget, Legislative, Multi-Disciplinary Science and Fisheries Overcapacity Committees, and Vessel Monitoring Systems, and Outreach/Communications Work Groups Reports and Recommendations

Time will be set aside for public comment on agenda items.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: March 16, 2000.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 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 (Council) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 5, 2000, from 1:00-4:00.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 901 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA; telephone: 703-683-6000.

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: The Council and Board will propose and address possible scup management measures for the summer 2000 fishery.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and Commission for discussion, these issues can 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other