

measures necessary to implement the moratorium, such as prohibition on possession of American shad in South Carolina waters and a prohibition on landing American shad in South Carolina. Delaying the effective date of the moratorium until January 5, 2001, will allow South Carolina time to complete its legislative process, and have the Commission review the new regulations for compliance. This delay will not significantly diminish American shad conservation efforts because the fishery will not begin again until January 2001.

If the moratorium goes into effect, NMFS will terminate it as soon as possible upon determination that the State has taken appropriate remedial actions to bring it into compliance with the ISFMP.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Penelope D. Dalton,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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ICCAT Advisory Committee; Summer Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) announces a September 2000 workshop on compliance and rebuilding issues. More information on the workshop can be found in the **DATES** and **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** sections of this notice.

DATES: The Advisory Committee Workshop on Compliance and Rebuilding will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 12, 2000, and from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on September 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn Silver Spring, located at 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick E. Moran or Kimberly Blankenbeker at 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: At its September workshop, the Advisory

Committee will consider compliance and stock rebuilding issues in preparation for the upcoming ICCAT annual meeting, to be held on November 13-20, 2000, in Marrakech, Morocco. Given the sensitive nature of the issues to be discussed, the Advisory Committee will be in executive session for the duration of the workshop. No sessions of the workshop, therefore, will be open to the public.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Patrick E. Moran at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in September, 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 be held between September 6 and September 20, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Danvers, Mansfield and Wakefield, MA and Warwick, RI. 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

Wednesday, September 6, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Capacity Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, Mansfield, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

The Capacity Committee will review analyses of proposals to allow the more flexible transfer of fishing permits among fisheries and effort allocations in the multispecies. One proposal would allow multispecies permit holders to acquire additional days-at-sea (DAS) from other permit holders with different rates of reduction of DAS on transfer for active and inactive DAS. Two other proposals would allow the transfer of fishing permits among different fisheries but not allow vessels in the monkfish, scallop and multispecies to acquire additional DAS. A fourth proposal would reduce unused DAS by a small percentage each year unless the DAS were put under a freeze until groundfish stocks were rebuilt.

Monday, September 11, 2000 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, September 12, 2000 at 9:00 a.m.—Joint Meeting of the Groundfish Committee and Advisors.

Location: King's Grant Inn, Route 128 at Trask Lane, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 774-6800; fax: (978) 774-6502.

The Committee and Advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Since April, the Committee has been identifying a wide range of possible management measures for this Amendment. The Committee and Advisors will now refine those measures into coherent management programs that will be developed into a draft supplemental environmental impact statement and public hearing document. The Committee and Advisors are focusing on three broad approaches to groundfish management: revisions to the measures currently in place, an area-based management system, and a sector allocation system. All three approaches will be discussed at this meeting and choices will be made on the specifics of each proposal that will be recommended to the Council later this year. In addition, the Committee and Advisors will review updated assessment information on groundfish stocks, if available, and may develop preliminary recommendations on the rebuilding schedules that will be used in this Amendment. The Committee and Advisors will also consider information from the Council's Groundfish Overfishing Definitions Review Panel

and will consider, and develop recommendations for, further review or changes to specific overfishing definitions.

Tuesday, September 19, 2000 at 9:30 a.m.—Joint Meeting of the Groundfish Committee and Advisors.

Location: Sheraton Colonial Hotel, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300; fax: (781) 245-0842.

On September 19, The Committee and Advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Further selection and development of the management measures under consideration will continue. The Committee and Advisors are focusing on three broad approaches to groundfish management: revisions to the measures currently in place, an area-based management system, and a sector allocation system. All three approaches will be discussed at this meeting and choices will be made on the specifics of each proposal that will be recommended to the Council later this year. In addition, the Committee and Advisors will review updated assessment information on groundfish stocks, if available, and may develop preliminary recommendations on the rebuilding schedules that will be used in this Amendment. The Committee and Advisors will also consider information from the Council's Groundfish Overfishing Definitions Review Panel and will consider, and develop recommendations for, further review or changes to specific overfishing definitions. The Committee and Advisors may also consider preliminary information from the Multispecies Monitoring Committee.

Wednesday, September 20, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.—Skate Committee Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

At its first meeting, the Skate Committee will review the Skate Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report, which will be presented by the Skate Plan Development Team (PDT). The Committee will discuss some of the details regarding the development of the Skate Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and will identify issues for staff to develop into a "scoping" document for the Skate FMP. At the end of the meeting, the Committee will convene a closed session to review Advisory Panel applications and nominate individuals to serve on the Skate Advisory Panel.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: August 10, 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

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North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 6, 2000 through September 11, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Sheraton Hotel, 401 E. Sixth Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at

8:00 a.m., Wednesday, September 6, and continue through Friday, September 8. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, September 6, and continue through Thursday, September 7.

The Council will begin their plenary session at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, September 8, continuing through Monday, September 11.

All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

Council

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Oath of office to newly appointed members.

2. Election of officers.

3. Reports.

(a) Executive Director's report.

(b) Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization issues.

(c) Socio-economic Data Committee report.

(d) Report on the stakeholder process for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC).

(e) Report on the status of Western Alaska salmon stocks.

4. Observer Program:

(a) Report on independent review of the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.

(b) Report from the Council's Observer Advisory Committee and Council discussion of program.

5. Initial review of amendment analyses on Steller sea lion/Pacific cod interactions and provide comments to NMFS.

6. Review of discussion paper and final action on crab processing sideboards.

7. Final action on amendment to prohibit non-pelagic trawl gear in Cook Inlet.

Advisory Meetings

Advisory Panel: The agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above, with the exception of the oath of office and election of officers.

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The Scientific and Statistical Committee will address the following items on the Council agenda:

1. Observer Program issues.

2. Steller sea lion/Pacific cod interactions.

3. HAPC stakeholder process.

4. Socio-economic Data Committee report.