

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice defines guidelines for participating on the Committee and provides a tentative schedule of meetings and of important dates.

**DATES:** The June 5, 2000, Interagency Meeting will be held at 2 p.m. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for tentative 2000 meeting schedules.

**ADDRESSES:** The June 5, 2000, meeting will be held in room B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cathy Campbell, (202) 482-2652.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the June 5, 2000, Interagency Committee meeting is to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere. The U.S. Commissioner to the IWC has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of

information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

**Tentative Meeting Schedule**

The tentative schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 2000 follows.

*June 5, 2000 (Rm B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C.):* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

*June 12-13, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia):* IWC Scientific Committee Working Groups and Sub-committees.

*June 14-26, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia):* IWC Scientific Committee.

*June 28-July 1, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia):* IWC Commission Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups.

*July 3-6, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia):* IWC 52nd Annual Meeting.

**Special Accommodations**

Department of Commerce meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cathy Campbell (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 23, 2000.

**Art Jeffers,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting**

**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 Summer Flounder Working Group will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2000, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Sheraton BWI Airport, 7032 Elm

Road, Baltimore, MD; telephone: 410-691-9827.

*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 this meeting is to consider future management measures and possible actions for the summer flounder fishery.

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 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 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 Joanna Davis at the Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 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**

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**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit 1235.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit to the City of Seattle (City) that authorizes incidental take of Endangered Species Act-listed anadromous fish, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for