

does not seem excessive. Thus, in order to provide the AAM and other interested parties ample time and opportunity to analyze the study presented in the notice and to express their views on the proposal, NHTSA believes that there is good cause for the extension of the comment period and that such extension is consistent with the public interest. Accordingly, the AAM request to extend the comment period for an additional 30 days is granted. The comment period will now close August 30, 2000.

Authority: 49 U.S.C. 322, 30111, 30115, 30117, and 30166; delegation of authority is at 49 CFR 1.50.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Fisheries; Additional Scoping Meetings

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

ACTION: Scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: On July 19, 2000, NMFS published a notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS); notice of availability

of Biological Opinion (BO); and an announcement of scoping meetings. NMFS also announced that additional scoping meetings may be scheduled at a later date. NMFS herewith announces two additional scoping meetings.

To accommodate people unable to attend a scoping meeting or wishing to provide written comments, NMFS also solicits written comments on these documents.

DATES: The additional scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Wednesday, August 16, 2000—Manteo, NC 7–9:30 p.m.
2. Thursday, August 18, 2000—Cape Canaveral, FL 7–9:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The locations for the additional scoping meetings are as follows:

1. N.C. Aquariums, Roanoke Island, Neptune Theater, 374 Airport Road, Manteo, NC 27954.
2. Radisson Resort at the Port & Conference Ctr. 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920.

Written comments on the proposal to prepare the SEIS and requests for copies of the BO should be sent to: Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to (301) 713-1917. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margo Schulze-Haugen or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, 301-713-2347; fax 301-713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background information about the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), the Biological Opinion, and a list of other scoping

meetings are contained in the announcement published July 19, 2000 (65 FR 44753) and is not repeated here.

Public Hearings and Special Accommodations

The public is reminded that NMFS expects participants at the public hearings to conduct themselves appropriately. At the beginning of each public hearing, a NMFS representative will explain the ground rules (e.g., alcohol is prohibited from the hearing room; attendees will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak; each attendee will have an equal amount of time to speak; and attendees should not interrupt one another). The NMFS representative will attempt to structure the hearing so that all attending members of the public will be able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the controversial nature of the subject(s). Attendees are expected to respect the ground rules, and, if they do not, they will be asked to leave the hearing.

Special Accommodations

The scoping meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Margo Schulze-Haugen or Karyl Brewster-Geisz (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the hearing or meeting.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*, and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 27, 2000.

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