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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Building on the regulatory philosophy set forth in Executive Order No. 12866, President Clinton recently asked Executive Branch agencies to report to him by June 1, 1995 on ways to improve the regulatory process. Specifically, the President requested that agencies: [1] Cut obsolete regulations; [2] reward agency and regulator performance by rewarding results instead of red tape; [3] create grassroots partnerships by meeting, outside of Washington, D.C., with those affected by regulations; and [4] use consensual rulemaking, such as regulatory negotiation, more frequently. This notice solicits comments and announces public outreach responsive to the President's directives.

FRA is committed to a railroad regulatory program that achieves safety goals while being cost-effective, user-friendly and customer-focused. Consistent with the President's Initiative, our 1995 Safety Action Plan aspires to cut red-tape, improve communications, foster cooperation and emphasize performance-oriented decision making with:

- Annual safety plans from each major railroad developed consensually with management, labor and FRA;
- Uniform and consistent safety assurance methods;
- Continued efforts to improve the effectiveness of our communications and customer response; and
- Streamlining of our regulatory process with a focus on data-based decision making.

Through roundtables, innovative rulemaking procedures (including negotiated rulemaking), and direct contacts with industry groups, FRA seeks to ensure open lines of communication and active collaboration of all affected persons in the development of its safety programs.

In response to the President's initiative, FRA invites participation from the regulated community in the creation of grassroots partnerships. The meetings in Chicago and Newark will be informal, intended to produce a dialogue between agency regulators and those persons directly affected by the rail safety program and regulations. These public forums are intended to elicit information and views at a grassroots level—from working railroad employees, supervisors and managers in those major railroad terminal areas.

Because FRA believes the President's call for regulatory review provides rich opportunities for eliminating or

improving regulations, FRA is seeking comments, either at the public meetings or in writing, discussing methods of improving the regulations to make the rail safety program more performance-oriented, flexible and cost-effective. Any comments should contain a current priority order for those areas in need of improvement. By focusing on matters of greatest concern to those who carry regulatory burdens, FRA can best balance its responsibilities for regulatory reinvention and completion of statutorily mandated rulemaking proceedings.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; 1995-96 King and Spanish Mackerel Specifications; Hearing

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

ACTION: Public hearing.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public hearing on the total allowable catch, quotas, and bag limits for king and Spanish mackerel for the 1995-96 fishing year.

DATES: The hearing will be held on Thursday, April 13, 1995 at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The hearing will be held at the Holiday Inn Savannah- Midtown, 7100 Abercorn Expressway, Savannah, GA 31406; telephone: 1-800-255-8268 or 1-912-352-7100.

Requests for special accommodations may be sent to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sharon Coste, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: 1-803-571-4366 or fax: 1-803-769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This public hearing is being held in conjunction with public meetings held by the Council on April 10-14, 1995. The hearing will be held to receive

comments on the total allowable catch, quotas, and bag limits for king and Spanish mackerel for the 1995-96 fishing year. These measures will be developed by the Council according to framework regulatory procedures established by the Fishery Management Plan for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. Under this procedure, the Council will submit proposed measures to NMFS for review, approval, and implementation. NMFS' review will involve a public comment period before final agency action.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 5, 1995.

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Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan; Public Hearings; Supplement 1 to Amendment 5

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

ACTION: Public hearings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold public hearings to allow for input on Supplement 1 to Amendment 5 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery. The Council will also accept comments prepared for Amendment 7 for inclusion in the Environmental Impact Statement on the matters contained in Supplement 1.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 1, 1995. The hearings are scheduled as follows:

1. April 18, 1995, 7 p.m., Virginia Beach, VA;
2. April 24, 1995, 7 p.m., Galilee, RI;
3. April 25, 1995, 7 p.m., Cape May Courthouse, NJ.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments to David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management

Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

The hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. Virginia Beach—Holiday Inn, 39th and Oceanfront, Virginia Beach, VA 23451;

2. Galilee—Dutch Inn, 307 Great Island Rd., Galilee, RI 02882; and

3. Cape May Courthouse—Cape May County Extension Office, Dennisville Rd., Route 657, Cape May Courthouse, NJ 08210.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these supplementary

hearings is to obtain public input on several changes to Amendment 5 that were not included in the original hearing draft. These changes involve the provisions of the moratorium on entry into the *Illex* fishery, the provisions of the moratorium on entry into the *Loligo* and butterfish fisheries, the provisions of the minimum net mesh in the *Loligo* fishery, a provision that vessel owners/operators and dealers could lose their permits, if they falsified data to qualify for a moratorium permit, and a provision that only vessels with moratorium permits could transfer squid and butterfish at sea.

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

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All hearings will be tape recorded and the tapes will be filed as the official transcript of the hearing.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 5, 1995.

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Director of Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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