

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and its Habitat Committee, Large Pelagics/Sharks Committee, and Demersal Species Committee will hold public meetings.

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

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 27-29, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Hotel Islandia, 3635 Express Drive North, Hauppauge, Long Island, NY 11788; telephone: 516-232-3000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 27, the Habitat Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. and the Large Pelagics/Sharks Committee will meet from 3:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. On June 28, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m., followed by the Demersal Species Committee meeting from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. On June 29, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

The following topics may be discussed:

- (1) Artificial Reef Policy.
- (2) Bluefin tuna management.
- (3) Review of public comments on Amendment 7 to the Summer Flounder Fishery Management Plan (FMP).
- (4) Review hearing material for Amendment 7 to the Summer Flounder FMP.
- (5) Possible adoption of Amendment 7 to the Summer Flounder FMP for Secretarial approval.

(6) Other fishery management matters. The Council meeting may be revised, lengthened or shortened based on the progress of the meeting. The Council may go into closed session to discuss personnel or national security matters.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis on (302) 674-2331, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 7, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 19-23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Palm Beach Gardens Marriott, 4000 RCA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410; telephone: (407) 622-8888.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Coste, telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

June 19

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.; The Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee will hold a closed meeting to consider new appointments to the Golden Crab, Mackerel, Shark, Spiny Lobster, and Sea Scallop APs.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.; The Finance Committee will meet to discuss the budget for FY 1996 (part of meeting closed).

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; Joint meeting of the Highly Migratory Species Committee and the Billfish AP to discuss International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas research and management objectives and review the results of the public scoping meetings on options to amend the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Billfish. The AP will be developing recommendations for the Billfish Plan. Both groups will hear a report on how reauthorization of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act will affect highly migratory species.

7:00 p.m.; The Council will hold public scoping meetings to receive comments on the sale of bag limit (recreational) caught fish, bycatch in the

shrimp fishery, developing an FMP for the calico scallop fishery, and wreckfish recreational catch and commercial bycatch. These scoping meetings will be announced separately in the **Federal Register**.

June 20

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; The Shrimp Committee will meet to finalize recommendations for Amendment 1 (Rock Shrimp) to the Shrimp FMP. It will also be choosing options for Amendment 2 (Bycatch) to the Shrimp FMP to be taken to public hearings.

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.; The Council will be participating in a U.S. Coast Guard law enforcement flight over southeastern Florida to learn how the Coast Guard patrols offshore waters.

June 21

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; The Mackerel Committee will meet to discuss recommendations on options for Amendment 8 to the Mackerel FMP and approve the options for public hearings. It will also discuss the legality of net gear being used to harvest king mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Florida and the mackerel quota adjustment proposed by NMFS.

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.; The Snapper Grouper Committee will meet to discuss recommendations on options for Amendment 8 to the Snapper Grouper FMP and approve the options for public hearings. It will also review snapper grouper assessment related reports.

June 22

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; The Snapper Grouper Committee meeting will continue.

1:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.; The full Council will convene to hear Committee reports and recommendations. It will make appointments to the APs and finalize the budget for FY 96. It will finalize recommendations to NMFS on the Billfish FMP, take final action on Amendment 1 (Rock Shrimp) to the Shrimp FMP, and approve options for Amendment 2 (Bycatch) to the Shrimp FMP to be taken to public hearings. It will also approve options for Mackerel Amendment 8 and Snapper Grouper Amendment 8 for public hearings.

Beginning at 1:45 p.m., the full Council will be present for a final public hearing on Amendment 1 (Rock Shrimp). Public hearings will be announced separately in the **Federal Register**.

June 23

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; The full Council meeting will continue.

Except for scheduled public hearings and scoping meetings this agenda is subject to change.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Sharon Coste at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by June 5, 1995.

Dated: June 9, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures

Pursuant to section 302(f)(6) of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, each Regional Fishery Management Council (Council) is responsible for carrying out its functions under the Magnuson Act, in accordance with such uniform standards as are prescribed by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary). Further, each Council must make available to the public a statement of its organization, practices and procedures (SOPP).

Secretarial guidelines for the organization, practices, procedures, and operations of the Councils established by the Magnuson Act are set forth in 50 CFR part 601 and 605. Section 605(g)(2)(i) allows Councils to establish in their SOPPs the maximum number of days and contribution per day of unused sick leave a Council will pay to an employee's retirement fund upon their retirement or death.

The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) approved a revision to the NPFMC's SOPP, which was originally published on March 1, 1977 (42 FR 11858). The revision specifies that a maximum of 100 days of unused sick leave may be converted into retirement benefits upon an employee's retirement or death. Interested parties may obtain a copy of the NPFMC's revised SOPP by contacting Clarence G. Pautzke, Executive Director, North Pacific Fishery Management Council, P.O. Box 102136, Anchorage, AK 99501; telephone (907) 271-2809.

Dated: May 24, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

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

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit (P532B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Randall W. Davis, Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, Galveston, TX 77553-1675, (Co-Investigators: Drs. Michael A. Castellini, Institute of Marine Science, University of Alaska, and Terrie M. Williams, Naval Ocean Systems Center) has been issued a permit to take Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, Federal Annex, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221); and

Director, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMML, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (206/526-4047).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 16, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 14271) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named individuals. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 was

based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the Endangered Species Act.

Dated: June 8, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of modification request for a scientific research permit (P537).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fred Sharpe, Behavioral Ecology Research Group, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia V5A 1S6 has requested a modification to permit 866 to take the marine mammals listed below for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 17, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, Silver Spring, MD 20910 within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Barone (301-713-2289).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.