

recommend practices in the management and selection of systems. The earliest of these guidelines is nearly twenty years old, and the most recent guideline is ten years old. Information technology has changed considerably since they were issued during the era of centralized computing on mainframe computers. Today, Federal organizations use a wide variety of hardware, software, distributed systems, and networks, and there are many sources of information on all aspects of managing these resources.

NIST believes that it would not be cost effective to revise these standards and guidelines, thereby duplicating information that is broadly available from a variety of sources. Withdrawal means that the FIPS standards and guidelines will no longer be part of a subscription service that is provided by the National Technical Information Service, and that NIST will no longer be able to revise or answer questions about the FIPS.

Current voluntary industry standards should be used by agencies in their procurement actions where appropriate, in accordance with OMB Circular A-119, Federal Participation and Use of Voluntary Industry Standards. NIST will continue to provide information about good information technology practices through publications, electronic bulletin boards and Internet pages.

Prior to the submission of this proposed withdrawal to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, it is essential to assure that consideration is given to the needs and views of manufacturers, the public, and State and local governments. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

Interested parties may obtain copies of these standards and guidelines from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone (703) 487-4650.

DATE: Comments on this proposed withdrawal of these FIPS must be received on or before December 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Written comments concerning the withdrawal should be sent to: Director, Computer Systems Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 32 FIPS, Technology Building, Room A-231, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov.

Comments received in response to this notice will be made part of the public record and will be made available for inspection and copying in

the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 104-106.

Dated: August 28, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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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; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Demersal Species Committee, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board, and the Law Enforcement Committee will hold a public meeting. There will also be opportunity for Council to hear comments on the Maine mahogany ocean quahog experimental fishery.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 17-19, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Doubletree Guest Suites, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: (215) 365-6600.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 17, the Council will hold

Election of Officers between 8:00-8:30 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., the Demersal Species Committee will meet with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board as a Council Committee of the Whole. On September 18, the Demersal Species Committee with the ASMFC Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will meet again until noon. The full Council will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m. The Enforcement Committee will meet from 4:00-5:00 p.m. On September 19, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until early afternoon.

The NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator is seeking comment on a proposed experimental fishery for mahogany ocean quahogs in the Gulf of Maine. This experiment was jointly requested by the Council and the State of Maine to test the operational aspects of a management program under consideration for this fishery. This experimental fishery will provide information on the logistical operation of this management program prior to its adoption for implementation by the Council. Written comments must be received by this date.

The purpose of this meeting is to decide the 1997 allowable catch, commercial quota, commercial management measures, and recreational target harvest levels for summer flounder and scup; adopt the scup regulatory amendment for Secretarial approval; consider enforceable regulations for filleting at sea, and other fishery management matters.

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 least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: August 26, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 2 to permit 921 (P503P) and notification of withdrawal of an application for a permit (P510C).