

Groundfish Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team reports on a proposal to protect Gulf of Maine cod submitted by the Gulf of Maine Fishermen's Alliance; review of overfishing definitions, stock status, and effort reduction requirements to meet the Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements; development of related management options where appropriate.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998, 10 a.m.—Joint New England Fishery Management Council Herring Committee and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Herring Section Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Further development of management measures for inclusion in a Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) public hearing document.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 11-12, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Monkfish Committee Meeting

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

Development of recommendations for final management measures; review of draft submission documents for Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP.

Thursday, February 12, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Further development of essential fish habitat designations for Council-managed species.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998, 8:30 a.m.—Scallop Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

Development of management measures to address the requirement of the Sustainable Fisheries Act concerning overfishing; development of objectives for an open/closed area management program; development framework adjustments to the Multispecies and Scallop FMPs to open the areas of Georges Bank now closed to scallop fishing for groundfish conservation purposes.

Monday, February 23, 1998, 10 a.m.—Interspecies Committee Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion of long-range management strategies; update on efforts to eliminate inconsistencies in vessel upgrading provisions; development of policy statement concerning the introduction

of fish harvesting innovations and new fisheries technology.

Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 10 a.m.—Interspecies Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton Portsmouth, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300.

Same agenda as Advisory Panel meeting listed above.

Although other issues not contained in these agendas may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas listed in this notice.

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Dated: January 23, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 550-1441 (File No. P36D)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Bernd Wursig, Director, Marine Mammal Research Program, Texas A&M University, 4700 Avenue U/Building 303, Galveston, Texas 77551, has been issued a permit to take Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 29, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 56151), that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to harass bottlenose dolphins during the course of: (1) photo-identification and boat-based behavioral studies; (2) biopsy sampling of 100 individuals for genetic and contaminant studies; and (3) acoustic playback experiments to test the behavioral reaction of the dolphins to "pingers" used to deter marine mammal entanglement in commercial fishing gear. 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216).

Dated: January 21, 1998.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 1998.

LOCATION: Room 420, East-West Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

(Previously scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 1998)

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Bicycle Helmets: The Commission will consider options for a final safety standard for bicycle helmets.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.