DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council’s Comprehensive Management Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, February 27, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Westin Suites Philadelphia Airport, 401 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-365-6600.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items are vessel replacement criteria and comprehensive management matrix development.

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

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 the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.


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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Preparation of a Draft Theater Missile Defense Extended Test Range Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; Eglin Gulf Test Range

AGENCY: DOD, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization (BMDO).

ACTION: Notice of availability (NOA).

SUMMARY: This notifies the public that BMDO is issuing a Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for the Eglin Gulf Test Range (EGTR). The DSEIS assesses the potential impacts associated with developmental and operational flight testing of Theater Missile Defense (TMD) systems. The proposed action and alternatives would allow for the development and testing of TMD systems to protect U.S. forces, friends, and allies around the world from attacks by ballistic missiles. As the Executing Agent, the Air Force Development Test Center (AFDTC), Eglin Air Force Base (AFB), Florida, is managing the DSEIS for BMDO. The U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (USASMD), Huntsville, Alabama, is preparing the DSEIS documentation for the AFDTC. The DSEIS analyzes additional missile launch options and support locations, facility construction, launch preparation activities, missile flight tests, radar and optical tracking operations, and intercept tests in the Gulf of Mexico not analyzed in the TMD Extended Test Range Final Environmental Impact Statement, November 1994.

The Record of Decision on the TMD Extended Test Range Final Environmental Impact Statement, March 21, 1995, documented only the selection of U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, republic of the Marshall Islands, and the White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico, for TMD tests. However, additional intercepts and target missile launch options have been identified for the EGTR. These additional alternatives are within treaty and technology limitations. The EGTR alternatives would provide greater flexibility in test scenarios than is possible if testing remains limited to existing ranges, and would permit more realistic testing of TMD interceptor systems. Copies of the TMD Extended Test Range Final Environmental Impact Statement, are available at various locations within the interested communities. The exact locations can be provided by contacting the point of contact listed below. The purpose of expanding the EGTR’s missile defense testing capability is to