

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 070698B]

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Monitoring Committees will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, the Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Scup Monitoring Committee will meet from 2:00–4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, July 29, 1998, the Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and the Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet from 1:00–3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Westin Suites, 4101 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:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of these meetings is to recommend the 1999 commercial management measures, commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet to recommend commercial management measures, recreational management measures, and a commercial quota for bluefish for 1999.

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 of formal action during this meeting. 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.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 070298I]

**North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A joint committee of members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29–30, 1998 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Clarion Suites Hotel, 325 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will receive reports and discuss the following issues:

1. Halibut: Local area management plans for halibut; proposed moratorium on entry into the halibut charterboat fishery, and the charterboat logbook program.

2. Groundfish: Status report on State fisheries and recent Council and Board action with regard to salmon bycatch in groundfish fisheries, improved utilization and retention, fisheries closures, and proposals received for changes in regulations.

3. Habitat: Recent essential fish habitat amendments and regulatory actions taken.

4. Scallops: A change in the overfishing definition and a report on the proposed limited entry program.

5. Crab: A change in definitions of maximum sustainable yield, optimum yield, and overfishing, and a progress report on a vessel buyback program.

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**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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**South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold joint meetings of its Shrimp Committee and Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel and its Calico Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held from July 28-30, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC; telephone: (843) 571-1000.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: