

to fish each day after the closure (August 9, 1998) provided they report swordfish landings from the previous evening's driftnet set. The EFP would not be valid each day until the landings report was received by NMFS. Another condition of the EFP would be that, upon notice, all driftnet vessels must cease fishing and return to port for offloading of their catch.

It is expected that fewer than 12 vessels will apply for the EFPs. The proposed quota monitoring program involves activities (fishing after a closure) otherwise prohibited by Atlantic swordfish regulations. The applicants require daily authorization to fish for, and to possess, Atlantic swordfish with a driftnet outside the Federal commercial fishing season.

Based on 12 potential applicants, NMFS finds that this program warrants further consideration. A final decision on issuance of EFPs will depend on the submission of all required information, NMFS' review of public comments received on this notice, and on any consultations with any appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, or Federal agencies.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 17, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee and Industry Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, August 6, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Wilmington Hilton, 1-95 & Naamans Road, Wilmington, DE; telephone: 302-792-2700.

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 this meeting is to: (1) develop recommendations for the Council on the annual surfclam and ocean quahog quota recommendation to the Regional Administrator; (2) discuss potential industry economic data collection, and (3) present a recommendation on maintenance of or suspension of the minimum size limits for surfclams.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the 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. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 17, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

SUMMARY: The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President

designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as secretariat for the Committee.

Authority: Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, August 10, 1998 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is scheduled to take place in the Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

Media Inquiries: Please contact NTIA's Office of Public Affairs at 202-482-7002.

Agenda:

Monday, August 10

Opening remarks
Committee deliberations
Public comment
Closing remarks

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Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring a form of picture identification such as a driver's license or passport for clearance into the building on the day of the meeting. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at piac@ntia.doc.gov.

Members of the public may submit written comments concerning the