

expected to impact subsistence hunting of bowhead whales prior to that date. After August 31, 1998, Western Geophysical will initiate aerial survey flights for bowhead whale assessments, and take other actions to avoid having an unmitigable adverse impact on subsistence uses. Appropriate mitigation measures to avoid an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of bowhead whales for subsistence needs is the subject of consultation between Western Geophysical and subsistence users. As a result of discussions between the two parties, a C&AA has been completed. This Agreement consists of three main components: (1) Communications, (2) conflict avoidance, and (3) dispute resolution.

Summer seismic exploration in the U.S. Beaufort Sea has a small potential to influence seal hunting activities by residents of Nuiqsut. However, NMFS believes that, because (1) the peak sealing season is during the winter months, (2) the main summer sealing is off the Colville delta, and (3) the zone of influence by seismic sources on beluga and seals is fairly small, the 1998 Western Geophysical seismic survey will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses.

Since NMFS is assured that the taking would not result in more than the incidental harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of small numbers of certain species of marine mammals, would have only a negligible impact on these stocks, would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses, and would result in the least practicable impact on the stocks, NMFS has determined that the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA have been met and the authorization can be issued.

Authorization

Accordingly, NMFS has issued an IHA to Western Geophysical for the above described seismic survey during the 1998 open water season provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described in the authorization are undertaken.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072298B]

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 (Council) Bluefish Advisory Panel, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Advisory Panel, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Four Points Hotel, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA, telephone: 215-492-0400.

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 discuss the public hearing document for Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan and possible bluefish management measures for 1999.

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 23, 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. 071098H]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to a public meeting notice.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the meetings of the oversight committees and advisory panels of the New England Fishery Management Council (Council) was published on July 16, 1998. The document contained an incorrect date. **DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 3 and August 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director;(781) 231-0422.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of July 16, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-19010, on page 38390, in the third column, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, in the 1st and the 14th lines, "July 3, 1998" is corrected to read "August 3, 1998."

Dated: July 22, 1998.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071598D]

Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of a foreign fishing application submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Comments must be received by August 12, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Send comments (or requests for a copy of the application) to NMFS,