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Gary C. Matlock,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112398C]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Executive Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Large Pelagics Committee, Comprehensive Management Committee and Tilefish Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 to Thursday, December 17, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA, telephone: 610-521-5900.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, December 15th, the Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Large Pelagics Committee will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, December 16th, the Executive Committee will meet from

8:00-9:00 a.m. The Tilefish Committee and Law Enforcement Committee will meet simultaneously from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The Council, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 17th, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Council will meet from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Discussion and possible adoption of management measures for Atlantic mackerel, *Illex* and *Loligo* squids, and butterfish; review and adopt Amendment 1 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Secretarial submission; review public comments and adopt the Spiny Dogfish FMP for Secretarial approval; review Highly Migratory Species (HMS) FMPs and make possible recommendations; develop plans for Tilefish FMP development for 1999; review Monitoring Committee recommendations and develop recommendations on summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass 1999 recreational management measures; discussion of commercial management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; discuss plans for comprehensive management for 1999 and possible recommendation on scup discards; discuss law enforcement concerns regarding management measures for Mid-Atlantic FMPs; discussion and possible adoption of management measures for bluefish, species managed by the New England Council, and dolphin and wahoo, and other fishery management matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council 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 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: November 24, 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.112598A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (1187).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Stephen M.H. Connett, St. George's School, has applied in due form for a scientific research permit (1187) to take listed sea turtles.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (978-281-9250).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Rogers, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Stephen M.H. Connett, St. George's School, requests a scientific research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Mr. Connett has requested a five-year scientific research permit to take 200 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 300 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 200 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 5 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), 5 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and 5 olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles annually in the Northwestern Atlantic Ocean for the purpose of obtaining life history data on all turtles captured, and determining migratory behavior and habitat utilization of juvenile turtles captured on foraging grounds. Turtles will be captured by hand and/or dip net, weighed, measured, flipper tagged, tissue