

Library, Third and E Streets, Santa Rosa, California 95404-4400, (707) 545-0831; South San Francisco Public Library, 840 W. Orange Avenue, South San Francisco, California 94080-3124, (650) 829-3872; Tehama County Library, 645 Madison Street, Red Bluff, California 96080-3383, (530) 527-0607; Trinity County Free Library, 211 N. Main Street, Weaverville, California 96093-1226, (530) 623-1373; Ventura County Library Services, 800 S. Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California 93009, (805) 662-6756; Central Library, 801 SW. 10th Avenue, Portland, Oregon 97205, (503) 248-5123; Houston Public Library, 500 McKinney Street, Houston, Texas 77002, (713) 247-2222; National Clearinghouse Library, 624 Ninth Street, NW, 600, Washington, D.C. 20425, (202) 376-8110; and New York Public Library, 455 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York 10016, (212) 340-0849.

Dated: January 11, 1999.

**Michael J. Spear,**

Manager, California Nevada Operation Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Sacramento, California.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

**Kevin Collins,**

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011499C]

**Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Public Hearings; Advisory Panel Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings and Advisory Panel meetings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold 26 public hearings to receive comments from fishery participants and other members of the public regarding proposed regulations to implement the draft Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (HMS FMP), and draft Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan (Billfish Amendment).

NMFS previously published Notices of Availability for the HMS FMP (63 FR 57093) and for the Billfish Amendment (63 FR 54433). NMFS extends the

comment period for the HMS FMP and reopens the comment period for the Billfish Amendment to coincide with the comment period on the forthcoming proposed rule.

To accommodate people unable to attend a hearing or wishing to provide additional comments, NMFS also solicits written comments on the proposed rule.

NMFS will hold consecutive meetings of the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs), with a half-day joint meeting, to discuss comments and advise NMFS on the HMS FMP and Billfish Amendment, respectively.

**DATES:** The HMS AP meeting will be held from 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday, February 22, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24. The Billfish AP meeting will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 25, and from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Friday, February 26. A joint session of the HMS and Billfish APs will be held from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, February 24.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations of the public hearings. Written comments on the proposed rule must be received on or before March 4, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The APs will meet at the NOAA Science Center, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Informational materials related to the AP meetings are available from Alicon Morgan, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the public hearing locations. Written comments on the proposed rule should be sent to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Clearly mark the outside of the envelope "FMP comments."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alicon Morgan at 301-713-2347, or Sarah McLaughlin at 978-281-9146.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed regulatory amendments, draft HMS FMP and draft Billfish Amendment that are the subject of the hearings are necessary to address requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, implement recommendations of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas as

required by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, and consolidate existing regulations, organized by species, for the conservation and management of highly migratory species into one part of the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), organized by theme, as part of the President's Regulatory Reinvention Initiative.

A complete description of the measures, and the purpose and need for the proposed actions, is contained in the proposed rule, to be published February 20, 1999 and is not repeated here. Copies of the proposed rule may be obtained by writing (see **ADDRESSES**) or calling one of the contact persons (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**Dates, Times, and Locations of Public Hearings**

The public hearing schedule is as follows:

*Wednesday, February 3, 1999, Charleston, SC, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Department of Natural Resources  
Marine Research Institute Auditorium  
217 Fort Johnson Road  
Charleston, SC 29412

*Wednesday, February 3, 1999, St. Augustine, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Northeast Florida Marlin Association  
Clubhouse  
30 Harbor Drive  
St. Augustine, FL 32095

*Wednesday, February 3, 1999, Old San Juan, PR, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Club Nautico  
482 Fernandez Juncos Avenue  
Old San Juan, PR 00905

[Note: This public hearing will be conducted in English]

*Thursday, February 4, 1999, Red Hook, St. Thomas, USVI, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

U.S.V.I. Game Fishing Club  
6501 Red Hook Plaza, Suite 201  
Red Hook, St. Thomas, USVI 00802

*Friday, February 5, 1999, Brunswick, GA, 7-10 p.m.*

Comfort Inn I-95  
5308 New Jesup Highway  
Brunswick, GA 31523

*Monday, February 8, 1999, Miami, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel  
495 Brickell Avenue  
Miami, FL 33131

[Note: This public hearing will cover the Billfish Amendment only.]

*Tuesday, February 9, 1999, Key West, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Holiday Inn Beachside Resort and Convention Center

3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard  
Key West, FL 33040  
*Tuesday, February 9, 1999, Houma, LA,  
6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Holiday Inn Holidome  
210 S. Hollywood Road  
Houma, LA 70360

*Wednesday, February 10, 1999, New Orleans, LA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Crowne Plaza  
333 Poydras Street  
New Orleans, LA 70130

*Thursday, February 11, 1999, Port Aransas, TX, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

University of Texas at Austin  
Marine Science Institute  
750 Channel View Drive  
Port Aransas, TX 78337

*Monday, February 15, 1999, Fairhaven, MA, 7-10 p.m.*

Seaport Inn  
110 Middle Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

*Monday, February 15, 1999, Madeira Beach, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

City Hall  
300 Municipal Drive  
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

*Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Nags Head, NC, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Ramada Inn  
1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail  
Nags Head, NC 27948

*Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Panama City, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Panama City Laboratory  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
3500 Delwood Beach Road  
Panama City, FL 32408

*Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Fort Pierce, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Radisson Resort North Hutchinson Island  
2600 North A1A  
Fort Pierce, FL 34949

*Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Norfolk, VA, 7-10 p.m.*

Quality Inn Lake Wright Resort  
6280 Northampton Boulevard  
Norfolk, VA 23502

*Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Orange Beach, AL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Hilton Garden Inn  
23092 Perdido Beach Boulevard  
Orange Beach, AL 36561

*Thursday, February 18, 1999, Montauk, NY, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Montauk Fire Department  
12 Flamingo Avenue

Montauk, NY 11954

*Thursday, February 18, 1999, Barnegat Light, NJ, 7-10 p.m.*

Barnegat Light Firehouse  
corner of West 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Central Avenue  
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006

*Friday, February 19, 1999, Freeport, NY, 7-10 p.m.*

Freeport Recreational Center  
130 East Merrick Road  
Freeport, NY 11520

*Friday, February 19, 1999, Toms River, NJ, 7-10 p.m.*

Quality Inn  
290 State Highway 37 East  
Toms River, NJ 08753

*Wednesday, February 24, 1999, Silver Spring, MD, 7-10 p.m. NOAA Science Center*

1301 East-West Highway  
Silver Spring, MD 20910

*Tuesday, March 2, 1999, Gloucester, MA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.*

Sawyer Free Library  
2 Dale Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999, West Bath, ME, 7-10 p.m.*

New Meadows Inn  
360 Bath Road  
West Bath, ME 04530

*Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Ocean City, MD, 7-10 p.m.*

City Hall  
Third Street and Baltimore Avenue  
Ocean City, MD 21842

*Thursday, March 4, 1999, Rockport, ME, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Maine Fishermen's Forum*

Samoset Resort  
220 Warrenton Street  
Rockport, ME 04856

#### Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rebecca Lent (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

**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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#### New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in February, 1999 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between February 4 and February 9, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA, Warwick, RI, and New London, CT. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Thursday, February 4, 1999, 9:30 a.m.*—Joint meeting of the Habitat Oversight Committee and Advisors  
Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Rt. 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960, telephone: (978) 535-4600; fax: (978) 535-8238

The Habitat Committee and their Advisors will discuss the approach and content of the Habitat Annual Review Report. Council staff will provide an update on the status of the essential fish habitat amendment submission.

*Monday, February 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.*—Scallop Advisory Panel meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000

Recommendations for management options for opening groundfish closed areas to fishing for scallops. The Scallop Plan Development Team will