

program are funded by the AMS. Participating universities provide the fellowship awardees with a tuition waiver. The recipient can apply the entire amount to the cost of the first year of graduate study. Ultimately, the awardee has the opportunity to make significant contributions to the atmospheric, oceanic, and hydrologic sciences sooner than if the fellowship awards were not available.

Subject to the availability of fiscal year 1999 funds, the NWS intends to support a single awardee beginning with the 1999 academic year.

Executive Order 12866. It has been determined that this notice is not significant under Executive Order 12866.

(Authority: 15 U.S.C. 313 and 15 U.S.C. 1540)

Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance: Refer to Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 11.449, which addresses Independent Education and Science Projects and Programs.

Dated: May 4, 1999.

**John E. Jones, Jr.,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

**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 and its Tilefish Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 76 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA; telephone: 610-521-9600.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda item for this meeting is approval of the

Tilefish Fishery Management Plan for public hearings.

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, such issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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: May 4, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting 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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#### North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in Anchorage, AK the week of June 7, 1999.

**DATES:** See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) of the Council will meet at the Fishermen's Hall, 503 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK.

The Advisory Panel (AP) of the Council (AP) will meet at the Elk's Lodge, 102 Marine Way, Kodiak, AK.

The Council will meet at the Best Western Kodiak Inn, 236 Rezanof Drive West, Kodiak, AK.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

1. The SSC will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7, continuing through Wednesday, June 9, 1999.

2. The AP will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 7, and continue through at least Thursday, June 10, 1999.

3. The Council will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 9, continuing through at least Monday, June 14, and possibly continue into Tuesday, June 15, if necessary to complete the agenda.

Other workgroup or committee meetings may be held during the week. Notices of these meetings will be posted at the meeting location. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions, which may be held during the noon hour during the meeting week, if necessary, to discuss personnel, international issues, or litigation.

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. The Council will receive the following reports, taking action if required:

a. Reports from NMFS and the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) on the current status of the groundfish fisheries off Alaska.

b. Reports from the U.S. Coast Guard and NMFS Enforcement on recent enforcement activities.

2. Final review and approval of alternatives and options for implementation of Steller sea lion protection measures for 2000 and beyond.

3. Final review and approval of fishery management plan amendments to conform with requirements of the American Fisheries Act (AFA), and final review and approval of an amendment package for fishery management measures to mitigate impacts of the AFA on non-pollock fisheries.

4. The Council will receive a committee report on implementation issues surrounding the development of inshore cooperatives.

5. The Council will hold an initial discussion of potential amendments to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

6. Under Groundfish Management, the Council will consider the following subjects:

a. Initial review of an analysis for a halibut mortality avoidance program, if available.

b. Review a request for an experimental fishing permit for a bait testing project for Pacific cod fisheries.

c. Initial review of an analysis for allocation of Bering Sea/Aleutian