

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 092599G]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. and concluding at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 14, and Friday October 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607; telephone 813-877-6688.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619; telephone 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP will convene to review available social and economic data on red snapper and red grouper, and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches that may be recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP may recommend to the Council a total allowable catch for fishing year 2000.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal SEP action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (SEE **ADDRESSES**).

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 7, 1999.

Dated: September 28, 1999.

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. 092899C]

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 and its Dolphin/Wahoo Committee, Executive Committee, New England Jurisdictional Committee, Habitat Committee, Comprehensive Management Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Squid-Mackerel-Butterfish Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 1999, to Thursday, October 14, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Ramada Inn, 1701 South Virginia Dare Trail, Kill Devil Hills, NC; telephone: 800-635-1824.

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:

Tuesday, October 12, 1999, from 9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—the Dolphin/Wahoo Committee will meet.

Tuesday, October 12, 1999, from 10:00 a.m.-12 noon—the Executive Committee will meet.

Tuesday, October 12, 1999, from 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.—the New England Jurisdictional Committee will meet.

Tuesday, October 12, 1999, from 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.—the Habitat Committee will meet.

Wednesday, October 13, 1999, from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet.

Wednesday, October 13, 1999, from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—the Law Enforcement Committee will also meet.

Wednesday, October 13, 1999, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.—Full Council convenes as a Council Committee of the Whole for demersal species with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Board.

Wednesday, October 13, 1999, 3:00 p.m. there will be a presentation by Admiral John E. Shkor of the United States Coast Guard (USCG) 5th District followed by Council participation in a USCG vessel boarding from 4:00 until 5:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 14, 1999, 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.—the Squid-Mackerel-Butterfish Committee will meet.

Thursday, October 14, 1999, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.—Council will meet to receive various reports and

recommendations, and to address, among other things, submission of the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Secretarial review.

Agenda items for this meeting include: Review of the South Atlantic Council's actions regarding the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP; FY1999 budget status review, FY2000 grant application, Standard Operating Policies and Procedures update; recommendation on New England Council's advance notice of proposed rulemaking control date for multispecies and sea scallops, develop recommendation regarding proposed rule to implement Amendment 12 of the NEC's Multispecies Fisheries Management Plan; Hudson River Park Project review, general concurrence on NMFS permits, NMFS Habitat Workshop recap, tilefish essential fish habitat, industry advisors; exempted experimental fishing permit review, field program design approval; Council enforcement recognition program, compliance issues; summer flounder constant harvest, summer flounder conservation equivalency, scup allocations (annual and state-by-state); mackerel limited entry, seasons and real time management for *Illex*, spawning closures and control rule for *Loligo*, quota set asides; receipt of committee reports and other fishery management issues; receive Tilefish Committee report and consider adoption of Tilefish FMP for Secretarial submission.

The Regional Administrator (RA) is considering authorizing exempted experimental fishing activities to reduce scup bycatch in small mesh fisheries in areas of the Mid-Atlantic. Investigations should focus on possible fishing method(s), gear type(s), gear configuration(s), and fishing effort by area and season. Exempted

experimental fishing activities may be granted relief from one or more of the following restrictions of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Plans, including but not limited to, the Management Plans for Scup, *Loligo* Squid, Butterfish, and Atlantic Mackerel:

- Possession and landing limits associated with incidental catch permits
- Area closures (species specific, seasonal, or otherwise)
- Minimum mesh sizes
- Commercial trip limits
- Commercial minimum fish sizes
- Commercial landing limits
- Commercial gear restrictions
- Commercial harvest limits
- Catch limits that trigger mesh size modification

To be considered for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) under this notice, a complete and satisfactory exempted experimental fishing application as specified in CFR sections 600.745(b)(3)(i)(A) and (C); (b)(3)(ii)(B), (D), and (F); and (b)(3)(v)(B) and (E), must be submitted to the RA by December 31, 2000. If the RA determines that exempted experimental fishing activities under consideration would be of limited scope, magnitude and duration, with only short term effects on the environment, the requirements to submit an Environmental Assessment may be waived. At the RA's discretion, EFPs may be granted for the specific experimental activities and time periods documented in each individual exempted experimental fishing proposal that is approved. All catches during exempted fishing will be applied to appropriate total allowable levels of fishing or quotas. Upon NMFS approval of the application, plan specific EFPs would be issued to qualified vessels. Interested parties and the public will have an opportunity to comment or provide input regarding this announcement during the RA's report to the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council during its meeting session on October 14, 1999.

Although non-emergency 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 listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been

notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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: September 28, 1999.

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Baby-Bouncers, Walker-Jumpers, and Baby-Walkers

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval, for a period of three years from the date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), of information collection requirements in regulations regarding children's articles called baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, or baby-walkers. The collection of

information consists of requirements that manufacturers and importers of these products must establish and maintain records of inspections, testing, sales, and distributions to demonstrate that the products are not banned by rules issued under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act and codified at 16 CFR part 1500.

The CPSC will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting approval of this collection of information from OMB.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive written comments not later than December 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be captioned "Baby-Bouncers" and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at cpsc-os@cpsc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed extension of approval of the collection of information, or to obtain a copy of 16 CFR part 1500, call or write Linda L. Glatz, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0416, extension 2226.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Products called "baby-bouncers," "walker-jumpers," or "baby-walkers" are intended to support children younger than two years of age while they sit, bounce, jump, walk, or recline. Regulations issued under provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261, 1262) establish safety requirements for these products.

A. Requirements for Baby-Bouncers, Walker-Jumpers, and Baby Walkers

One CPSC regulation bans any such product if it is designed in such a way that exposed parts present hazards of amputations, crushing, lacerations, fractures, hematomas, bruises or other injuries to children's fingers, toes, or other parts of the body. 16 CFR 1500.18(a)(6).

A second CPSC regulation establishes criteria for exempting baby-bouncers, walker-jumpers, and baby-walkers from the banning rule under specified conditions. 16 CFR 1500.86(a)(4). The exemption regulation requires certain labeling on these products and their packaging to identify the name and address of the manufacturer or distributor and the model number of the