

program will characterize the environmental quality and the occurrence and abundance of living resources. Monitoring is designed to determine baseline status and trends in habitat quality and the health of important resource species.

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Environmental Management, 55 South Reserve Drive, Prudence, Rhode Island 02872. (401) 683-6780.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Grimm, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3132, Extension 107.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111799A]

#### 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 Comprehensive Management Committee, Habitat Committee, Dogfish Committee, Information and Education Committee, Executive Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, will hold a public meeting.

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

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD; telephone 1-800-523-2888.

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 items for this meeting are: Use of observers in small mesh fisheries; review status of small mesh gear research efforts; review with advisors NMFS's Proposed Final Rule for essential fish habitat (EFH); develop committee recommendations regarding the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Proposed Final Rule for EFH; develop committee recommendations for dogfish regarding 2000 and 2001 management measures, i.e. quotas, trip limits, size limits; review New England Council's action regarding NMFS's disapproval of Dogfish Fishery Management Plan's  $B_{msy}$  target; review Council policy regarding quarterly newsletter, brochures, white papers and regulatory information sheets; participate in NMFS review of its actions regarding implementing regulations for the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan; address Council policy regarding use and role of industry advisors; review FY1999 budget; approve FY2000 grant application package; review and discuss Monitoring Committee recommendations for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; develop and approve management measures for 2000 recreational specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass.

#### Dates and Times of Committee Meetings

On Tuesday, December 7, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Habitat Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Dogfish Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Information and Education Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Council will meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to decide on dogfish management measures for 2000-2001. On Wednesday, December 8, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Demersal Species Committee will meet as a Council Committee of the Whole, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Management Board, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 9, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 17, 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

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Meetings AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory bodies will meet in Anchorage, Alaska the week of December 6, 1999. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through Wednesday, December 8. The Advisory Panel will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through December 9. The Council will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, and continue through Monday, December 13. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

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