

5:00 p.m., and on February 16, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway (US 17), Charleston, SC; telephone: (843) 571-1000 or 1-800-334-6660.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committees will review and discuss maximum sustainable yield and overfishing definitions for the dolphin and wahoo species; review general management measures and regional management measures contained in the public hearing draft of the fishery management plan (FMP) for dolphin and wahoo; discuss proposed highly migratory species pelagic longline closures, and revise both the general and regional measures for the dolphin and wahoo FMP.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 11, 2000.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

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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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the Council/Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Red Drum Stock Assessment Group (Group).

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 22, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 5:00 p.m.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to evaluate a stock assessment on the status of the red drum stocks in the Atlantic prepared by NMFS in cooperation with the South Atlantic states. The Group will consider available information, including but not limited to, commercial and recreational catches, natural and fishing mortality estimates, recruitment, fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data, and data needs. These analyses will be used to determine the condition of the stocks. Currently, it is illegal to harvest or possess red drum in Atlantic Federal waters.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

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Application of the Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis, L.L.C. for Designation as a Contract Market in the Illinois Waterway and St. Louis Harbor Barge Rate Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures contracts.

SUMMARY: The Merchants' Exchange of St. Louis, L.L.C. ("MESL" or "Exchange") has applied for designation as a contract market for the automated trading of deliverable Illinois Waterway and St. Louis Harbor barge rate futures contracts on an electronic trading system ("MESL System").

The Exchange has not previously been approved by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") as a contract market in any commodity. Accordingly, in addition to the terms and conditions of the two proposed futures contracts, MESL has submitted to the Commission a proposed trade-matching algorithm; proposed rules pertaining to MESL governance, disciplinary and arbitration procedures, trading standards and recordkeeping requirements; and various other materials to meet the requirements for a board of trade seeking initial designation as a contract market.

MESL has reached a preliminary agreement with, and is in the process of negotiating a definitive agreement with, the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation ("BOTCC") to provide all clearance and settlement functions. The National Futures Association ("NFA") would perform several of MESL's required regulatory functions.

Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Economic Analysis and the Division of Trading