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**Karen Brown,**

*Acting Director, NIST.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032101D]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Red Drum Stock Assessment Panel (RDSAP).

**DATES:** The Council's RDSAP will meet on Monday, April 10, 2001 from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the New Orleans Airport Hilton, 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, LA 70062; (504)465-1157.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Peter B. Hood, Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The RDSAP will convene to develop a standardized stock assessment methodology that can accept area (state)-specific data and work with these within the context of a Gulf stock assessment. In addition, the RDSAP will hear about new life history research conducted by Louisiana State University personnel and will consider available data on shrimp-trawl bycatch mortality and historic length composition of the commercial catch that may have not been used in the last stock assessment conducted by NMFS. A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813)228-2815.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the RDSAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

those issues may not be the subject of formal action by the RDSAP during this meeting. The RDSAP's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is open to the public and 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 April 3, 2001.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

**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. 032101B]

#### Mid-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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Comprehensive Management Committee (CMC) will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2001, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 9000 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; (610) 561-1776.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 South New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to address the development of future committee activities and actions, and provide priority recommendations to the Council regarding its future activities and actions. For purposes of establishing Council priorities, the committee will review and discuss the following items:

1. Consider utility of ecosystem management;

2. Address implications of Marine Protected Areas (sea mapping data review);

3. Identify possible effort management scenarios;

4. Consider economic impacts of management measures (highest and best use of the resource);

5. Address managing a recovering fishery;

6. Analyze and redesign the fishery management infrastructure;

7. Address economic and social impacts of fishery management;

8. Achieve maximum harvest while minimizing impacts;

9. Achieve maximum harvest while using minimum fuel;

10. Manage harvest for the maximum economic benefit to the nation;

11. Develop a stable year-round infrastructure;

12. Resolve dilemma whereby fishery management can't support all traditional entities and/or communities;

13. Address utility of Individual Transferable Quota applications;

14. Consider conducting a management experiment whereby a selected number of boats fish under a particular format to test fundamental changes in management approaches;

15. Consider fishing as farming and manage activity accordingly;

16. Evaluate the extent and scope of the Mid-Atlantic fishery as to actual and potential capacity in terms of number of boats, number of permits, landings, etc.; and

17. Explore the notion of cumulative trip limits and associated impact on bycatch

Other issues and items that arise during this meeting can become part of the rating and ranking process that will ultimately be reduced to writing as a set of priorities to be recommended to the Council for its consideration and action.

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, those 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 Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 21, 2001.

**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. 031601B]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit 1231 and modification #1 to permit 1201.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit 1231 to Dr. Lewis Ehrhart, University of Central Florida and NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit #1201 to Dr. Thane Wibbels, University of Alabama at Birmingham.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on April 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the

ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

##### Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

#### Permits and Modified Permits Issued

##### Permit #1231

Notice was published on December 29, 2000 (65 FR 82977) that Dr. Lew Erhart, of the University of Central Florida applied for a modification to permit #1231. The applicant holds a five-year permit to take and conduct research on green, hawksbill, Kemp's ridley, Leatherback and loggerhead turtles living in the Indian River Lagoon Estuary of central Florida in Brevard and Indian River counties. The data provided by the study will include information regarding habitat requirements, seasonal distribution and abundance, movement and growth, feeding preferences, sex distribution and the prevalence and severity of fibropapilloma. Modification #1 authorizes attaching satellite tags to no more than eight large juvenile green turtles. Modification #1 to Permit 1231 was issued on March 9, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1231 expires March 31, 2005.

##### Permit #1201

Notice was published on December 14, 2000 (65 FR 78146) that Dr. Thane Wibbels, University of Alabama at Birmingham applied for a modification to permit #1231. Modification #1 extends the expiration date of the permit from February 28, 2001 to February 28, 2003. The applicant possesses a two-year scientific research permit to take up to 50 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 100 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) and 100 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*) turtles annually in large mesh tangle nets. The purpose of the research is to evaluate the abundance, movements, and location of sea turtles in the estuaries of Alabama, and to potentially identify specific foraging areas. The presence of juvenile sea turtles in estuaries represents a potential conflict for fisheries and coastal development. However, there is little information about this issue for the estuaries of Alabama. The proposed research is a prerequisite to determining if the estuaries of Alabama represent a developmental habitat for sea turtles, and will benefit the species by providing information critical to developing a prudent management strategy which protects sea turtles while sustaining the productivity of the fisheries. Modification #1 to Permit 1201 was issued on March 9, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1201 expires February 28, 2003.

Dated: March 20, 2001.

**Phil Williams,**

*Acting 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. 031401C]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 731-1509.

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 731-1509-01, issued to Robin W. Baird, Ph.D., C201-2747 S. Kihei Road, Kihei, HI 96753, was amended.

**ADDRESSES:** (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**)