

Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Industry Advisors will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, December 5, 2001, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn BWI, 890 Elkridge Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090, telephone 410-859-8400.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904. Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 1444 Eye Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone 302-674-2331, ext. 19. Jack Dunnigan, Executive Director, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, 202-289-6400, ext. 304.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2002 recreational management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the 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 the Mid-Atlantic Council Office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 15, 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. 111401E]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Scallop Oversight Committee in December, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between December 7-11, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Wakefield and Boston, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Friday, December 7, 2001, 9:30 a.m. – Research Steering Committee Meeting.

Location: Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

The Council's Research Steering Committee plans to review its roles and responsibilities with respect to its relationship to the Council and NMFS. Further discussion about coordination of previously funded projects is scheduled. The committee also will review the impact of the experimental/exempted fishing permit program on collaborative research; and if time permits there will be a discussion of a 2002 Request for Proposals relative to the Northeast groundfish resource.

Friday, December 7, 2001, 9:30 a.m. – Scientific and Statistical Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway,

Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

The SSC will discuss several issues raised with respect to the Consensus Summary of Assessments of the 33rd Northeast Stock Assessment Workshop and provide guidance to the Council. The Stock Assessment Workshop estimated biomass reference points associated with Maximum Sustainable Yield for Gulf of Maine cod, using an age structured model and assumptions about the relationship between spawning stock and recruitment. The new estimates also included discards and recreational catch. The SSC will consider the stock-recruitment relationship used by the Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC), the contribution of several factors to the large change in the biomass target and whether a biomass target based on spawning stock biomass (SSB_{MSY}) is more robust. The SSC also will consider the basis for the SARC's determination that the stock was overfished and that overfishing was occurring. Finally the SSC will consider (1) whether the assessment included all sources of significant catch to estimate mortality and stock size; (2) what was the contribution of discards and recreational catch; (3) were there sufficient reasons for not estimating these sources of mortality. With respect to the redfish assessment the SSC will consider whether there is sufficient rationale for using mortality threshold more conservative than $F_{0.1}$ and whether adopting a new proxy for F_{MSY} implies a new B_{MSY} proxy. With respect to the white hake assessment, the SSC will consider whether trends in abundance and exploitation of fish larger than 60 cm adequately characterize the stock condition, whether the assessment accounted for sources of removals other than fishing, and why the abundance of fish less than 60 cm increased, while the abundance of fish greater than 60 cm decreased over the assessment.

Monday, December 10, 2001 at 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 11, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. – Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn, Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

The Oversight Committee will continue development of management alternatives for Draft Amendment 10 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The committee discussion will focus on measures (bycatch Total Allowable Catch (TACs), gear modifications, etc.) to reduce bycatch and habitat impacts, a potential bag tag

system to monitor landings, measures to manage scallop fishing by vessels with General Category permits, a 12-day maximum trip length proposal, a minimum 120-day allocation principal, restrictions on future use of unused day-at-sea allocations and Confirmation of Permit Histories, and hardship exemptions for carrying forward day-at-sea allocations. The Oversight Committee will also hold a closed session to review Advisory Committee applications and recommend appointments to new terms. Other issues and measures associated with Amendment 10 may also be developed.

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Dated: November 15, 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. 110201A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 774-1649-00

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, California 92038 (Principal Investigator: Rennie Holt, Ph.D.) has been issued a permit to take Antarctic pinnipeds for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018;

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 22, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 44120) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Antarctic pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: November 14, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Czech Republic

November 16, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-

openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in the Czech Republic and exported during the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2002 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Information regarding the availability of the 2002 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 16, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2002, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in the Czech Republic and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2002 and extending through December 31, 2002, in excess of the following limits:

Category	Restraint limit
410	1,701,501 square meters.
433	6,682 dozen.
435	4,396 dozen.
443	81,462 numbers.
624	3,111,021 square meters.