

possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting.

On Wednesday, January 30, there will be a scoping meeting for Amendment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils propose to amend the Monkfish FMP. The amendment process will serve two purposes: it will enable the Councils to modify the FMP rules as needed and to update the analysis of the cumulative impact of the FMP on the human environment. In the process, the Councils will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) as described in the National Environmental Policy Act for the amendment. This notice is to inform you that the Councils will gather information for the preparation of the SEIS and to ask for your input on the range of issues to be addressed and alternatives to be considered. The Councils are taking this action for the following reasons: (1) to address updated scientific information on the status of the stocks, (2) to address problems with the implementation and enforcement of the current management program, (3) to evaluate the impact of the rebuilding program on the human environment, (4) to consider proposals for providing controlled access to the monkfish resource south of the North Carolina/Virginia border to vessels from that area that are currently excluded, and (5) to comply with a federal Court Order to update the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) elements of the FMP. You may comment at any of the public Council or committee meetings where Amendment 2 is on the agenda, or you may submit written comments by February 11, 2002 to:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: 978-465-0492, fax: 978-465-3116.

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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

#### 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 (see **ADDRESSES**) least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

**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. 010302F]

#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting to plan the annual management cycle and strategize on 2002 Council initiatives. This meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT working meeting will convene on Monday, February 4, 2002 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 5 through Thursday, February 7 until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The GMT working meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220; 503-326-6352.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384, 503-326-6352.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John DeVore, Fishery Management Staff Officer for Groundfish, 503-326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT working meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2002 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2002. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the winter and spring months, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's

groundfish strategic plan, consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, review new groundfish stock assessments and survey results, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice requiring emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

**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. 121901A]

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing and Scientific Research Permits

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of 2002 Exempted Fishing and Scientific Research Permits; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the intent to issue Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) and Scientific Research Permits (SRPs) for the collection of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). These EFPs/SRPs would authorize collections of a limited number of tunas, swordfish, billfishes, and sharks from Federal waters in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico for the purposes of scientific data collection and public display. Generally, the EFPs will be valid

through December 31, 2002. NMFS also announces the intent to issue EFPs upon receiving applications from U.S. fishermen whose vessels fish for Atlantic HMS while operating under contract within the Exclusive Economic Zone of other nations. These EFPs would allow a U.S. fishing vessel to fish so as to be consistent with another country's regulations without violating U.S. regulations, and would ensure that such vessels report to the proper authorities.

**DATES:** Written comments on these collection, research and fishing activities will be considered by NMFS in issuing such EFPs/SRPs if received on or before January 28, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The EFP/SRP applications and copies of the regulations under which EFPs/SRPs are issued may also be requested from this address. Comments also may be sent via facsimile (fax) to (301) 713-1917. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sari Kiraly, 301-713-2347; fax: 301-713-1917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** EFPs and SRPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic HMS.

Issuance of EFPs and/or SRPs may be necessary because possession of certain shark species is prohibited, possession of billfishes on board commercial fishing vessels is prohibited, and because the commercial fisheries for bluefin tuna, swordfish and large coastal sharks may be closed for extended periods, during which collection of live animals and/or biological samples would otherwise be prohibited. In addition, NMFS regulations at 50 CFR 635.32 regarding implantation or attachment of archival tags in Atlantic HMS require prior authorization and a report on implantation activities.

NMFS also seeks public comment on its intention to issue EFPs for the purpose of collecting biological samples under at-sea fisheries observer programs. NMFS intends to issue EFPs to any NMFS or NMFS-approved observer to bring onboard and possess,

for scientific research purposes, biological sampling, measurement, etc., any Atlantic swordfish, Atlantic shark, or Atlantic billfish, provided the fish is a recaptured tagged fish, a dead fish prior to being brought onboard, or specifically authorized for sampling by the Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries at the request of the Southeast Fisheries Science Center or Northeast Fisheries Science Center. On average, several hundred swordfish and sharks are collected by at-sea observers under such EFPs any given year.

Collection of bluefin tuna would be authorized for scientific research age and growth, genetic, and spawning studies. In 2001, five permits for bluefin tuna archival tagging and research were issued. In 2002, pursuant to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) recommendations calling for research that addresses bluefin tuna spawning locations, NMFS intends to issue SRPs and/or EFPs for U.S. participation in an international program that could involve the landing of up to 15 metric tons of bluefin tuna and other regulated HMS for scientific sampling. This would be in addition to SRPs and EFPs issued for other tuna research.

In 2001 NMFS issued one EFP allowing commercial fishing vessels to assist NOAA scientists, and one SRP involving NOAA research vessels, in order that experiments in the Northeast Distant Waters of Grand Banks and in the DeSoto Canyon area of the Gulf of Mexico, respectively, could be conducted. These experiments addressed gear modifications to reduce bycatch in the Atlantic HMS pelagic longline fisheries.

NMFS also intends to continue to issue EFPs to vessel operators requesting offloading windows in the Atlantic Swordfish fishery, in the event the swordfish fishery is closed and a vessel is not equipped with a vessel monitoring system that would enable it to remain at sea after the announced closure date. NMFS anticipates that commercial EFP applicants would be captains of larger vessels out on extended trips at the time of a closure announcement. These applicants would benefit from delayed offloading by avoiding market gluts and cold storage problems.

NMFS also seeks public comment on its intention to issue EFPs for distant water pelagic longline vessels for the purpose of expanding access of U.S. vessels into other markets while continuing to collect information about U.S. fishing effort and landings. NMFS would consider applications from any U.S. Atlantic pelagic longline vessel.

NMFS intends to issue such EFPs to any U.S. vessel fishing under contract to another nation, provided its landings and discards are consistent with ICCAT recommendations and, due to the requirements of the contract, those landings are being reported to ICCAT by that other nation or otherwise appropriately accounted for.

NMFS is also seeking public comment on its intention to issue EFPs for the collection of restricted species of sharks for the purpose of public display. In the Final Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish and Sharks (HMS FMP), NMFS established a public display quota of 60 metric tons wet weight for this purpose. NMFS has preliminarily determined that up to 3,000 sharks could be taken with this current quota and such harvest would be consistent with the most recent environmental impact statement prepared for this fishery. NMFS believes that harvesting this amount for public display will have a minimal impact on the stock. In 2001, nine EFPs were issued for the collection of sharks for display purposes.

Generally, the authorized collections or exemptions would involve activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the HMS FMP and Amendment 1 to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan. The EFPs, if issued, may authorize recipients to fish for and possess tunas, billfishes, swordfish and sharks outside the applicable Federal commercial seasons, size limits and retention limits, or to fish for and possess prohibited species.

NMFS intends to undertake rulemaking to revise certain aspects of the procedures for issuing EFPs and complying with EFP requirements for Atlantic HMS. Permits may be issued under the current regulations and be valid until new regulations become effective, at which time revised permits may be issued. A final decision on issuance of any EFPs/SRPs will depend on the submission of all required information about the proposed activities, NMFS' review of public comments received on this notice, conclusions in the Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and any subsequent Environmental Assessments (EAs) or EISs contained in the Final HMS FMP (64 FR 13575; March 19, 1999) and any consultations with any appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, or Federal agencies. NMFS does not anticipate any environmental impacts from the issuance of these EFPs other than impacts already assessed in the Final HMS FMP and subsequent EAs.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: January 7, 2002.

**Jonathan M. Kurland,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Notice of Closed Meeting

**AGENCY:** Defense Intelligence Agency, Joint Military Intelligence College, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Joint Military Intelligence College Board of Visitors has been scheduled as follows:

**DATES:** Tuesday, January 8, 2002, 0800 to 1700; and Wednesday, January 9, 2002, 0800 to 1200.

**ADDRESSES:** Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. A. Denis Clift, President, DIA Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington, DC, 20340-5100 (202/231-3344).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed. The Board will discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, as to the successful accomplishment of the mission assigned to the Joint Military Intelligence College.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to alter systems of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Air Force is proposing to alter a system of records notice in its existing inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended. The alteration will expand the category of individuals covered, and add a (j)(2) exemption to the system of records. The exemption is intended to increase the value of the system of records for law enforcement purposes.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 11, 2002 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Air Force Privacy Act Manager, CIO-BIM/P, 1155 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mrs. Anne Rollins at (703) 601-4043 or DSN 329-4043.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Air Force systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system reports, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 28, 2001, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

#### F090 AF IG B

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Inspector General Records (June 8, 1999, 64 FR 30492).

##### CHANGES:

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Delete last sentence and replace with 'All individuals who are or have been subjects of reviews, inquiries, or investigations.'

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##### EXEMPTIONS CLAIMED FOR THE SYSTEM:

Add to entry 'Parts of this system may be exempt pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(j)(2) if the information is compiled

and maintained by a component of the agency which performs as its principle function any activity pertaining to the enforcement of criminal laws.'

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#### F090 AF IG B

##### SYSTEM NAME:

Inspector General Records.

##### SYSTEM LOCATION:

Office of the Inspector General, Office of the Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/IG), 1140 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1140. Headquarters of major commands and at all levels down to and including Air Force installations. Official mailing addresses are published as an appendix to the Air Force's compilation of record systems notices.

##### CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

All those who have registered a complaint, allegation or query with the Inspector General or Base Inspector on matters related to the Department of the Air Force. All individuals who are or have been subjects of reviews, inquiries, or investigations.

##### CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:

Letters/transcriptions of complaints, allegations and queries; letters of appointment; reports of reviews, inquiries and investigations with supporting attachments, exhibits and photographs; record of interviews; witness statements; reports of legal review of case files, congressional responses; memoranda; letters and reports of findings and actions taken; letters to complainants and subjects of investigations; letters of rebuttal from subjects of investigations; finance; personnel; administration; adverse information, and technical reports.

##### AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

10 U.S.C. 8013, Secretary of the Air Force: Powers and duties; delegation by, 10 U.S.C. 8020, Inspector General, and E.O. 9397 (SSN).

##### PURPOSE(S):

Used to insure just, thorough, and timely resolution and response to complaints, allegations or queries, and a means of improving morale, welfare, and efficiency of organizations, units, and personnel by providing an outlet for redress. Used by the Inspector General and Base Inspectors in the resolution of complaints and allegations and responding to queries involving matters concerning the Department of the Air Force and in some instances the Department of Defense. Used in