

The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, has implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. SEDAR includes three workshops: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Stock Assessment Workshop, and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop and the Stock Assessment Workshop is a stock assessment report. This report is then peer reviewed at the Review Workshop, and a final consensus report and an advisory report are prepared that includes strengths and weaknesses in the stock assessment and recommendations to fishery managers for future data and research needs. The process includes data collectors, biologists, fishermen, environmental representatives, database managers, stock assessment scientists, and Council members and staff.

Atlantic and Gulf King Mackerel SEDAR Workshop Schedule

December 1–5, 2003—SEDAR Data Workshop

December 1, 2003, 2 p.m.–6 p.m.; December 2–4, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.; and December 5, 2003, 8:30 a.m.–3 p.m.

An assessment data set will be developed during the Data Workshop for Atlantic and Gulf King mackerel. The assessment data set will include catch statistics, fishery sampling, independent monitoring, life history, and logbook information.

February 16–20, 2004—SEDAR Assessment Workshop

February 16, 2004, 2 p.m.–6 p.m.; February 17–19, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; and February 20, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–12 noon

Using the data set resulting from the Data Workshop, participants will develop population models, evaluate the status of the stock, and create a report for review.

April 5–8, 2004—SEDAR Review Workshop

April 5, 2004, 2 p.m.–5 p.m. and April 6–8, 2004, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

The Review Workshop involves a peer review of the report created from the earlier two workshops. Two reports will be produced: (1) a consensus report and (2) an advisory report.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: November 12, 2003.

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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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Marine Mammals; File No. 1048-1717

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a public meeting regarding the scientific research proposed by Dr. Peter J. Stein, Scientific Solutions, Inc., Nashua, New Hampshire, in an application for a scientific research permit and analyzed in a draft environmental assessment.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 20, 2003 at 1 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NOAA Silver Spring Metro Center Complex, Room 1W611, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tammy Adams or Steve Leathery, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 5, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 62563) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by Dr. Stein to conduct studies to validate and improve the ability of short-range high-frequency whale-finder sonar systems to detect marine mammals without adversely affecting them. A draft Environmental Assessment (EA) was prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. Comments on the application and/or the draft EA must be

received by December 5, 2003. NMFS will hold a public meeting to inform interested parties of the proposed research and solicit comments on the application and accompanying draft EA. Please be advised that a valid government-issued photo-identification will be required for entry through building security.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tyrone Stuckey or Dee Jenkins, 301-713-2289 (voice) or 301-713-0376 (fax), at least five business days before the scheduled meeting date.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Department of Defense Mandatory Declassification Review Addresses

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Information Security Oversight Office's Classified National Security Information Directive No. 1, this notice provides Department of Defense addresses to which Mandatory Declassification Review requests may be sent. This notice benefits the public in advising them where to send such requests for declassification review.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Charlie Talbott, 703-697-4325.

The following chart identifies the offices to which mandatory declassification review requests should be addressed:

OSD/JS: Washington Headquarters Services, Director Freedom of Information & Security Review, RM 2C757, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1155.
Army: Department of the Army, Declassification Activity, Attn: TAPC-PDD, Suite 509, 4600 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1553.

Navy: Department of the Navy, Chief of Naval Operations, N09B11, RM 1D469, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350-2000.