

discuss the purpose and need for the Council Listening Sessions, receive a Council Coordination Committee meeting overview, and discuss the Council budget. The Surfclam, Ocean Quahog and Tilefish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review and consider changes to the 2012 and 2013 quota specifications for surfclams and ocean quahogs. The Visioning Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review and finalize governance structure for the project, discuss plans for initial awareness phase of project and review the approach for the data collection phase of the project. The SMB Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to develop 2012 quota specifications and associated management measures, clarify Council intent on any Amendment 11 regulatory issues if necessary, receive an update from NERO regarding August 4, 2010 Council letter asking NMFS to pursue a Transboundary Resource Sharing Agreement with Canada for Atlantic mackerel. The Council will consider a request from the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control for special management zones. The Council will hold a Council Listening Session.

On Thursday, June 16—The Council will convene to receive an update on MRIP implementation and an update on Council staff involvement in 2011 MRIP projects. The Council will receive a presentation on National Standard 10 from a NMFS Official. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the April 2011 minutes, receive Organizational Reports, receive an update on OLE Activities from Mitch MacDonald, receive the New England Liaison Report, receive an update on Amendment 6 to the Monkfish FMP, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA459

International Whaling Commission; 63rd Annual Meeting; Announcement of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the dates, times, and locations of the public meetings being held prior to the 63rd annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

DATES: The public meetings will be held June 14 and June 27, 2011, at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The June 14 meeting will be held at Anchorage Federal Building Conference Room B, 222 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska 99513. The June 27 meeting will be held in the NOAA Auditorium, 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Wulff, 202-482-3689.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies.

Once the draft agenda for the annual IWC meeting is completed, it will be posted on the IWC Secretariat's Web site at <http://www.iwcoffice.org>.

NOAA will hold meetings prior to the annual IWC meeting to discuss the

tentative U.S. positions for the upcoming IWC meeting. Because the meeting discusses U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation.

Persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating positions and are a necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings.

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Special Accommodations

Both meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ryan Wulff, 202-482-3689, by June 10, 2011, for the Anchorage meeting, or by June 20 for the meeting in Silver Spring.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a joint meeting of its Executive/Finance Committees; meetings of its Standard Operating, Policy and Procedures (SOPPs) Committee; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) Committee; Law Enforcement