

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061598B]

Mid-Atlantic 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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the New England Fishery Management Council will hold a Joint Dogfish Committee meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 8, 1998, from 9:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, E. Boston, MA; telephone: 617-569-5250.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review analyses conducted by the Technical Committee concerning the stock rebuilding options, revised discard mortality estimates, and alternate minimum size limits. Management options to be included in the public hearing draft of the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan will be finalized.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 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.

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 (see

ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Bruce C. Morehead,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061698A]

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 number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in July, 1998 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 July 7 and July 29, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Saugus, Peabody and Mansfield, MA, and Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates and Agendas**

Tuesday, July 7, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—
Aquaculture Committee Meeting
Location: New England Fishery Management Council Office conference room, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906; telephone (781) 231-0422.

Discussion of agency coordination procedures for applicants, project evaluation criteria and a review of the status of the American Norwegian Fish Farm project.

Wednesday, July 8, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—
Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion about presenting the essential fish habitat (EFH) information at public hearings and a briefing on NMFS recommendations concerning the Council's proposed EFH designations.

Thursday, July 9, 9:30 a.m.—

Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting
Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

Preparation of formal comments on the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Amendment 9 public hearing document and Environmental Assessment; discussion of alternative management strategies for Gulf of Maine cod, an action that could be implemented through the annual framework adjustment process; comments on a proposal to include cusk and wolffish in the multispecies fishery management unit; and discussion of a proposal to allow the transfer of multispecies days-at-sea between vessels.

Wednesday, July 15, 9:30 a.m. and

Thursday, July, 16, 8:30 a.m.—
Multispecies Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

Review of comments on the Amendment 9 public hearing document and Environmental Assessment and development of recommendations to the Council for final measures; discussion of alternatives and a management strategy for management of Gulf of Maine cod fisheries; consideration of a proposal to include cusk and wolffish in the multispecies fishery management unit; and discussion of a proposal to the allow transfer of multispecies days-at-sea between vessels.

Monday, July 27, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—
Whiting Committee Meeting

Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

Review of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and approval of a draft public hearing document containing measures to manage whiting under the Northeast Multispecies FMP.

Tuesday, July 28, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—
Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion of comments received during the public hearing process.

*Tuesday, July 28, 10:00 a.m.—*Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401)-732-9309.

Development of recommendations concerning proposed management measures to be included in Amendment 7 of the Sea Scallop FMP for final Council action at its August 10-11 meeting.

Wednesday, July 29, 9:30 a.m.—
Scallop Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401)-732-9309.

Development of recommendations concerning proposed management measures to be included in Amendment 7 of the Sea Scallop FMP for final Council action at its August 10-11 meeting.

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 listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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Dated: June 18, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061998A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 6 to incidental take permit 844.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit that would authorize an incidental take of a threatened anadromous fish species.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before July 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Protected Resources Division (PRD), F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400); and

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, PRD, in Portland, OR.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Koch, PRD (503-230-5424).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: IDFG requests a permit modification under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Permit 844 authorizes IDFG an incidental take of adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally produced, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the State of Idaho's sport-fishing programs. For modification 6, IDFG requests an additional incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a limited salmon sport fishery on the upper South Fork of the Salmon River. The fishery will target non-listed, artificially propagated, summer chinook salmon. The primary source of take would be the incidental catch, handling, and release of ESA-listed adult fish with an associated catch and release mortality. The specifics of the fishery, including season dates, duration, locations, and mitigative activities are tailored to provide the appropriate level of protection for ESA-listed fish in the watershed. The fishery is proposed to be terminated when quotas are reached or before the onset of spawning activities. The additional take of ESA-listed adult fish associated with the proposed upper South Fork Salmon River salmon fishery is requested in 1998 only. Permit 844 expires on December 31, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the application should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061898C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 684-1458

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Donald B. Siniff, Ph.D., Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108, has applied in due form for a permit to take Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossi*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), and Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 24, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should