

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

[I.D. 070698B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Monitoring Committees will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, the Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and the Scup Monitoring Committee will meet from 2:00–4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, July 29, 1998, the Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon, and the Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet from 1:00–3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Westin Suites, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-365-6600.

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 these meetings is to recommend the 1999 commercial management measures, commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass. The Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet to recommend commercial management measures, recreational management measures, and a commercial quota for bluefish for 1999.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed 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.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

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. 070298I]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: A joint committee of members of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, July 29–30, 1998 beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 29.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Clarion Suites Hotel, 325 West 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will receive reports and discuss the following issues:

1. Halibut: Local area management plans for halibut; proposed moratorium on entry into the halibut charterboat fishery, and the charterboat logbook program.

2. Groundfish: Status report on State fisheries and recent Council and Board action with regard to salmon bycatch in groundfish fisheries, improved utilization and retention, fisheries closures, and proposals received for changes in regulations.

3. Habitat: Recent essential fish habitat amendments and regulatory actions taken.

4. Scallops: A change in the overfishing definition and a report on the proposed limited entry program.

5. Crab: A change in definitions of maximum sustainable yield, optimum yield, and overfishing, and a progress report on a vessel buyback program.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 7, 1998.

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. 070298H]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold joint meetings of its Shrimp Committee and Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel and its Calico Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meetings will be held from July 28-30, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. The meeting will be held at the Town & Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC; telephone: (843) 571-1000.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax:

(843) 769-4520; email:
susan.buchanan@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

*July 28, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
& July 29, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon*

The Shrimp Committee and Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel will review and provide comments on the Comprehensive Habitat Amendment and the Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment, provide detailed input on rock shrimp catch by area for use in determining impacts, and hear a presentation on vessel monitoring systems before discussing any other business.

*July 29, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
& July 30, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon*

The Calico Scallop Committee and Calico Scallop Advisory Panel will hear a presentation on vessel monitoring systems, review and provide comments on the Comprehensive Habitat Amendment and the Sustainable Fisheries Act Amendment and on the Calico Scallop Fishery Management Plan, and provide detailed input on calico scallop catch by area for use in determining impacts before discussing any other business.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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) by July 20, 1998.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

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. 070198C]

Marine Mammals; File No. P79H

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 887, issued to Institute of Marine Sciences, LML, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (Principal Investigator: Ronald J. Schusterman, Ph.D.), was amended to extend the expiration date to December 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment 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 provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: July 7, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062998B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 782-1455

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Douglas P. DeMaster, Ph.D., Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, has been issued a permit to take northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*),

and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) 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 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150);

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

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 26574) that a request for a scientific research permit to take northern fur seals, Steller sea lions, and California sea lions, had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-227), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 8, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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