

a small number of harbor seals, would have a negligible impact on the harbor seal stock, and would not have an adverse impact on the availability of this stock for subsistence uses.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Michael Payne,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122398D]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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 joint public meetings.

DATES: On Tuesday, January 19, 1999, the Mid-Atlantic Council and New England Council Scientific & Statistical Committees will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. On Wednesday, January 20, 1999, the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 45 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA; telephone: 610-521-2400.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings is to review the overfishing definition for spiny dogfish and consider alternatives for spawning stock biomass rebuilding targets.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committees 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 Mid-Atlantic Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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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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 public meetings of its Herring and Groundfish Oversight Committees and Groundfish Advisory Panel in January, 1999 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 on January 21, January 25 and 26, 1999, respectively. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA and Portsmouth, NH. 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, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, January 21, 1999, 10 a.m.—Herring Oversight Committee Meeting

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

Consideration of Atlantic herring management issues including “grandfathering” provisions for large fishing vessels (over 165 feet), and, for the Gulf of Maine, a Total Allowable Catch “set-aside” for small otter trawl vessels and spawning closure boundaries.

Tuesday, January 25, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

Review of the draft final document for the annual plan adjustment (Framework Adjustment 27) to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and development of advice to the Groundfish Committee on a preferred alternative for consideration by the Council. The panel also will discuss and advise the Groundfish Committee on priorities for 1999. Topics will include, but may not be limited to action to address rebuilding programs as needed under the new overfishing definitions for all multispecies stocks, implementation of a two-tiered permit system to address latent fishing effort, industry proposals for scientific research and conservation engineering programs, and modification of the annual plan adjustment schedule and a possible change to the fishing year.

Tuesday, January 26, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

Review of the draft final document for the 1999 annual plan adjustment (Framework Adjustment 27) to the Northeast Multispecies FMP and development of a preferred alternative for consideration by the Council. The Groundfish Committee also will discuss and recommend priorities for 1999. Issues or topics will include, but may not be limited to action to address rebuilding programs as needed under new overfishing definitions for all multispecies stocks, implementation of a two-tiered permit system to address latent fishing effort, industry proposals for scientific research and conservation engineering programs, and modification of the annual adjustment schedule and possible change to the fishing year.

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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: December 23, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121898A]

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 March 31, 1999.

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 50 CFR 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: December 24, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Solicitation of Applications for Membership on Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office seeks five members for the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs. Each member will serve a three-year term. A member must be an organization that is representative of the intellectual property community, e.g., a bar group, an intellectual property organization, a business organization or an academic institution. Interested organizations should respond by a letter that includes the information requested in the Supplementary Information section of this notice.

DATES: Submit applications on or before January 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Mail letters of request to participate in the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs to The Honorable Q. Todd Dickinson, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Deputy Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sharon Marsh, Trademark Administrator, by telephone at (703) 308-8910 ext. 45; by fax at (703) 308-9395; or be e-mail to sharon.marsh@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Committee is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). Its purpose is to advise the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on ways to increase the Office's efficiency and effectiveness and to provide a continuing flow of insights and perceptions from the private sector to the Office in the areas of domestic and international trademark law.

The Office amended the charter of the Committee in 1996 to make the

Committee more diverse and more representative of trademark owners, trademark practitioners and the Intellectual Property community as a whole. Accordingly, the Commissioner will select five representative organizations from among intellectual property organizations, bar groups, business-related organizations and academia. The five organizations whose terms will expire on December 31, 1998, are not precluded from responding to this notice.

Each organization's letter to the Commissioner should explain the nature, size and characteristics of the organization and what insights and perspective it would bring to the work of the Committee.

The members will be selected based on the following criteria: (1) Organization's familiarity with the operations of the Patent and Trademark Office relating to trademarks and trademark rules, trademark practices, and the administration of the trademark operations; (2) the organization's experience practicing before the Patent and Trademark Office in trademark matters; and (3) evidence of the organization's interest in trademark practices, such as established committees designed to improve trademark operations, or legal education activities regarding trademark practices.

Dated: December 22, 1998.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce and
Deputy Commissioner of Patents and
Trademarks.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Bilateral Textile Consultations with the Government of Pakistan

December 24, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on categories for which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);