

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

[I.D. 091906C]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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 (MAFMC) Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, its Advisors, and the Amendment 10 Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 18, 2006, from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Montauk Yacht Club Resort and Marina, 32 Star Island Road, Montauk, NY 11954, telephone: (888) 692-8668.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss management measures necessary to rebuild the overfished butterfish stock including bycatch reduction measures in the Loligo fishery.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders (302) 674-2331 extension 18 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 20, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

[I.D. 091906A]

Mid-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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council); its Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee; its Protected Resources Committee; its Law Enforcement Committee; and, its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2006 through Thursday, October 12, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at The Hilton Garden Inn, 5353 North Virginia Dare Trail, Kitty Hawk, NC 27949; telephone: (252) 261-1290.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Tuesday, October 10, 2006**

1 p.m. until 3 p.m.—The Research Set-Aside Committee will meet to review, discuss and establish RSA priorities for 2008, receive an update from NMFS on program administrative changes, discuss status of projects and additional project requirements.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m.—The Protected Resources Committee will meet to address issues regarding Atlantic Trawl Fisheries Take Reduction Team initiatives and potential impacts on Council managed species.

4 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.—The Law Enforcement Committee will meet to review Fishery Achievement Award (FAA) nominations and recommend recipients for recognition.

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

8:30 a.m.—The Council will convene for the swearing-in of new and reappointed Council members, and the elections of a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the Council. Following the

elections, the Council will receive a presentation by New England Council staff regarding its Marine Protected Areas (MPA), Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPC), Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) activities and their potential impacts on Mid-Atlantic Council constituents and jurisdiction.

10 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.—The Council will review alternatives for Framework 1 to the Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP) regarding adoption of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) and electronic reporting by clam industry.

12:30 p.m. until 3 p.m.—The Council will approve its August 2006 Council meeting minutes, review actions from the August Council meeting, and receive various reports provided to the Council during its regular business session.

3 p.m.—The Council will review and adopt the public hearing document for Amendment 14 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP regarding scup rebuilding.

Thursday, October 12, 2006

8 a.m. until 9 a.m.—The Executive Committee will meet to review the 2007 Annual Work Plan.

9 a.m.—The Council will convene to review Amendment 15 to the Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass FMP and refine the list of potential actions to be included in this Amendment.

1 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Council will receive a presentation from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on the state of the Atlantic marine environment and fish growth rates of various Council stocks, review and approve the public hearing document for the Omnibus Amendment to Council's FMPs regarding Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM), and address any continuing or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council and its Committees for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council or Committee action during this meeting. Council and Committee 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 Act provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to M. Jan Saunders at (302) 674-2331 extension 18 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 20, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091906B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Halibut Stakeholder Committee will meet on October 16-18, 2006, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on October 16, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., October 17, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and October 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the North Pacific Research Board, 1007 West 3rd Avenue, Suite 100 Anchorage, AK 99501.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review: (1) 2005 charter halibut harvests and status of the guideline harvest level (GHL) from Statewide Harvest Survey and pending legislation with State Legislature and Congress; (2) implementation plan for 5-halibut annual limit in Area 2C and NOAA Fisheries request to reconsider its June 2006 preferred alternative; (3) moratorium discussion paper; and (4) permanent solution discussion paper (DiCosimo and King).

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 Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091306B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1034-1854

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Markus Horning, Ph.D., Department of Fisheries & Wildlife, Oregon State University, Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 SE Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365, has been issued a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*).

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 29, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 37060) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dr. Horning has been issued a 5-year permit to study aging in Weddell seals in Antarctica. Specifically, researchers will capture and sedate seals to attach instruments and take tissue samples to compare oxygen handling, body condition, muscle physiology, and foraging behavior of young and old adults. Incidental harassment and mortality may occur during these activities. Samples will be imported into the U.S. for analyses.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 19, 2006.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Limitations of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary ATPDEA Countries from Regional Country Fabric

September 21, 2006.

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

ACTION: Publishing the New Cap on Duty and Quota Free Benefits

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 3103 of the Trade Act of 2002; Presidential Proclamation 7616 of October 31, 2002 (67 FR 67283).

Section 3103 of the Trade Act of 2002 amended the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) to provide for duty and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA)