

proposed research location. The requested exemption would help ensure that adequate densities of fish are present to conduct valid testing and provide sound statistical evidence of gear performance within that area. Additionally, work outside the Special Access Program (SAP) area could offer further possibilities for an extended whiting fishery. An exemption from the use of NE multispecies DAS is necessary because, due to the small mesh size of the raised footrope trawl, landing NE multispecies under the DAS possession limits would be prohibited and thus inconsistent with the purposes of charging DAS. In lieu of fishing under a NE multispecies DAS, the project would be required to adhere to a multispecies bycatch cap of 10 percent of the total weight of fish caught overall during the course of the research. No NE multispecies would be landed for sale, with the exception of small-mesh multispecies. An exemption from the GOM Rolling Closure areas is necessary so that the net may be tested when targeted species are present in order to prove successful avoidance. Additionally, this EFP would include a temporary exemption from multispecies minimum size limits at § 648.86 for sampling purposes only. This exemption would allow measurement and recording biological information of undersized specimens prior to their discard.

Small-mesh multispecies caught during the research would be landed and sold, up to the current possession limit, to provide additional funding for the project. All other organisms, including small-mesh multispecies with high expected survival rates, would be released as quickly and carefully as practicable. The applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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Kristen C. Koch

Acting 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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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 Committee (RSA), its Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee (SMB), its Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, and Tilefish Committee, its Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee, its Executive Committee, and its Annual Catch Limits (ACL) and Accountability Measures (AM) Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Monday, June 8, 2009 through Thursday, June 11, 2009. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Radisson Martinique on Broadway, 49 West 32nd Street, New York, NY 10001; telephone: (212) 736-3800.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New St., Room 2115, 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 ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, June 8 (in closed session) the RSA Committee will meet with NMFS officials from noon until 3 p.m. The RSA Committee will meet (in open session) NMFS Cooperative Research staff from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. On Tuesday, June 9, the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 8 a.m. until 11 a.m. The Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, and Tilefish Committee will meet from 11 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will meet from 1:30 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. A scoping session for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to the Atlantic Trawl Fisheries will be held from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. On Wednesday, June 10, the Council will hold its Business Session from 8 a.m. until 9:45 a.m. From 9:45 a.m. until 10:30 a.m., NMFS officials will provide a presentation regarding the agency's Sea Turtle Conservation

and Recovery Strategy. From 10:30 a.m. until 12 p.m., the Council will discuss Amendment 11 to Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). From 1 p.m. until 3 p.m., the Council will discuss Amendment 5 to the Monkfish FMP. From 3 p.m. until 4:30 p.m., Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Specifications for 2010 will be developed and adopted. From 4:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m., Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications for 2010 will be developed and adopted. On Thursday, June 11, the Executive Committee will meet from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. The ACL/AM Committee will meet from 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. The Council will convene at 10:30 a.m. to receive a presentation on the New England Council's Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment from 10:30 a.m. until noon. From 1 p.m. until 1:30 p.m., the Council will receive a presentation from Rutgers University Scientists regarding "Developing Ecological Indicators for Spatial Fisheries Management". NMFS' officials will provide a Marine Debris Program presentation from 1:30 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. From 2:30 p.m. until 4 p.m., the Council will receive Committee Reports and discuss and act on any continuing or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are: Monday, June 8, the RSA Committee with the NMFS' Cooperative Research Staff will hold a closed session to review and comment on 2010 RSA proposals. In open session, the RSA Committee will receive a presentation from the NMFS' Cooperative Research Staff on NMFS' draft Cooperative Research Strategic plan, review and discuss Mid-Atlantic RSA program performance and ways to improve program coordination with other cooperative research efforts, and develop comments as appropriate for Council consideration. On Tuesday, June 9, the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will meet with Advisors to review the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) advice and Monitoring Committee's recommendations for the 2010 quota levels and associated management measures; develop quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action; review and address status of Amendment 11; and, review and discuss butterfish bycatch in Hudson Canyon. The Surfclam, Ocean Quahog, and Tilefish Committee will meet with Advisors to review staff recommendations for the 2010 quota specifications and associated

management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs; and, develop quota specifications and associated management measures for Council consideration and action. The Ecosystem and Ocean Planning Committee will meet to review and discuss NMFS' Report to Congress [State of Science to Support an Ecosystem Approach to Regional Fishery Management—MSA Section 406(f)]; receive an update on status of proposed LNG facilities in the Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction off New Jersey/New York; and, receive an overview of NMFS' role and responsibilities regarding non-fishery uses of the ocean. An evening scoping session for Sea Turtle Conservation and Recovery in Relation to the Atlantic Trawl Fisheries will be held. On Wednesday, June 10, the Council will convene to conduct its regular Business Session, receive Organizational, Council Liaison, Executive Director Reports, and receive a report on the status of MAFMC's FMPs. A presentation will be provided by NMFS officials on Sea Turtle Strategy and Potential Impacts on Mid-Atlantic Fisheries. The Council will review alternatives associated with the proposed management measures and select preferred alternatives for Amendment 11 to the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP. The Council will also review and adopt the Public Hearing Document (PHD) and associated Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) regarding Amendment 11. The Council will review the Monkfish Advisory Panel, Oversight Committee, and the SSC recommendations, and identify measures to be developed and considered in the DEIS for Amendment 5 to the Monkfish FMP. The Council will review the SMB Committee's recommendations for 2010 quota specifications and associated management measures, and develop and adopt 2010 quota specifications and associated management measures for Atlantic mackerel, squids, and butterfish. The Council will review the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee's recommendations for 2010 quota specifications (year 3 of the existing 2008–10 multi-year quota specifications) and associated management measures, and, as appropriate, adopt any changes to the 2010 quota specifications. On Thursday June 11, the Executive Committee will meet to review highlights of the May 2009 Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting, review and discuss proposed rules for Marine Protected Areas (MPA) designations and Council operations Statement of Operating

Practices and Procedures (SOPP), and consider scheduling a one-day meeting to address ACL/AM options. The ACL/AM Committee will review comments received during the current scoping period, and discuss possible additions, deletions, or modifications to description of alternatives to be considered in the Omnibus Amendment based on comments received. The Council will then receive a presentation by a New England Council official regarding its Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment and potential impact on Mid-Atlantic Fisheries. The Council will receive a presentation by Rutgers University Scientists regarding "Developing Ecological Indicators for Spatial Fisheries Management" and a presentation by a NMFS' official regarding its Marine Debris Program. The Council will then hear Committee Reports and conduct any continuing and new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these 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 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 action to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: May 19, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

Bureau of Industry and Security

Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Regulations and Procedures Technical Advisory Committee (RPTAC) will meet June 9, 2009, 9 a.m., Room 3884, in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW.,

Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on implementation of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) and provides for continuing review to update the EAR as needed.

Agenda:

Public Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the Public.
3. Opening remarks by Bureau of Industry and Security.
4. Export Enforcement update.
5. Regulations update.
6. Working group reports.
7. Automated Export System (AES) update.

Closed Session

8. Discussion of matters determined to be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3).

The open session will be accessible via teleconference to 20 participants on a first come, first serve basis. To join the conference, submit inquiries to Ms. Yvette Springer at Yspringer@bis.doc.gov no later than June 2, 2009.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate the distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials prior to the meeting to Ms. Springer via email.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 23, 2009, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. 2 section (10)(d)), that the portion of the meeting dealing with matters the disclosure of which would be likely to frustrate significantly implementation of an agency action as described in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(a)(1) and 10(a)(3). The remaining portions of the meeting will be open to the public.

For more information, call Yvette Springer at (202) 482–2813.

Dated: May 18, 2009.

Yvette Springer,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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