

catch by species. Catch rates would be calculated for target and bycatch species and compared with historical and current catch rates. If it is determined that whiting catch rates are commercially viable, with minimal bycatch rates, GMRI would work on developing and obtaining funding to conduct more robust research in the future.

Whiting catch would be landed and sold and all catch of stocks allocated to Northeast multispecies sectors will be deducted from the sector's annual catch entitlement for each stock. Discards would be identified, weighed, measured, and returned to the sea as quickly as possible. The participating vessels would be required to comply with all other applicable requirements and restrictions specified at 50 CFR part 648, unless specifically exempted in this EFP.

If approved, 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.*

Dated: May 20, 2014.

**James P. Burgess,**

*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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### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Pacific Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a webinar to discuss items on the June Pacific Council meeting agenda (see <http://tinyurl.com/mg4p59h>). The meeting is open to the public, but is not intended as a public hearing.

**DATES:** The webinar will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m., or when business for the day has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar. Join the meeting by visiting this link: <http://www.joinwebinar.com>. Enter the Webinar ID: 936-920-471. Please enter your name and email address (required). Once you have joined the webinar, choose either your computer's audio or select "Use Telephone." If you do not select "Use Telephone" you will be connected to audio using your computer's microphone and speakers (VoIP). It is recommended that you use a computer headset as GoToMeeting allows you to listen to the meeting using your computer headset and speakers. If you do not have a headset and speakers, you may use your telephone for the audio portion of the meeting by dialing this TOLL number 1-646-307-1722 (not a toll-free number); phone audio access code 694-418-350; audio phone pin shown after joining the webinar.

**Pacific Council Address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384. A public listening station will also be provided at the Pacific Council office.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kelly Ames, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The GMT will hold a webinar to discuss items on the June Council meeting agenda (see <http://tinyurl.com/mg4p59h>) with specific focus on electronic monitoring regulatory development and exempted fishing permits. Public comments will be taken at the discretion of the GMT chair as time allows. The GMT is scheduled to report their recommendations to the Pacific Council at their June 2014 meeting in Garden Grove, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Technical Information

PC-based attendees must use Windows 7, Vista, or XP. Mac-based

attendees must use Mac OS X 10.5 or newer. Mobile attendees must use an iPhone, iPad, Android phone, or Android tablet. You may also send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt or contact him at (503) 820-2425 for technical assistance.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820-2425 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 20, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XD305**

### 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) will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2014 through Thursday, June 12, 2014. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Radisson Hotel Freehold, 50 Gibson Place, Freehold, NJ 07728; telephone: (732) 780-3400.

**Council Address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526-5255.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Tuesday, June 10, 2014

10 a.m. until 12 p.m.—The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet.

1 p.m. until 4 p.m.—The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will meet.

**Wednesday, June 11, 2014**

- 8:30 a.m.—The Council will convene.
- 8:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications will be discussed.
- 9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.—The Demersal Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole.
- 1 p.m. until 2 p.m.—A Framework to open the Recreational Black Sea Bass Fishery in Wave 1 (Framework Meeting 1) will be discussed.
- 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.—The River Herring & Shad Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole.
- 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole.
- 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.—A Listening Session will be held.

**Thursday, June 12, 2014**

- 8 a.m.—The Council will convene.
- 8 a.m. until 9 a.m.—The Omnibus Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) Framework (Framework Meeting 2) will be discussed.
- 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.—The Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review will be discussed.
- 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, June 10- The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee with review the most recent information to determine if adjustments are needed for the 2015–16 fishing year and review draft alternatives for Amendment 17 (Cost Recovery Amendment) and provide input to the Fishery Management Action Team for continued Amendment development. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will receive presentations on National and Regional habitat initiatives and discuss developing/enhancing the role of the Committee under the 2014–18 Strategic Plan.

On Wednesday, June 11—Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Specifications will be reviewed for 2015–16. Framework Meeting 1 to open the recreational black sea bass fishery in Wave 1 options will be reviewed. The River Herring and Shad Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review and develop recommendations for the river herring/shad cap and review the progress on river herring/shad conservation. The Mackerel, Squid, and

Butterfish Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole to review the Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations for the 2015 specifications, develop 2015 specifications and related management measures, and review the slippage provisions in Framework 9 relative to the slippage provision in Framework 4 of the Herring Fishery Management Plan. The Listening Session will focus on NOAA Recreational Policy.

On Thursday, June 12—Framework Meeting 2 of the Omnibus ABC Framework will be held to review suggested modifications to the ABC Omnibus Framework and take action as appropriate (multiyear ABC's, assessment level designations, reference points). The Research Set-Aside Program Review will discuss the timing of RSA quota availability (potential for availability in January–March), progress on the implementation of Council recommendations to improve the RSA program, recent enforcement activities, and the future direction of the RSA Program. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the New England and South Atlantic Council Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

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 these meetings. 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 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 aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526–5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 20, 2014.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy 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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**Nominations to the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** Nominations are being sought for appointment by the Secretary of Commerce to fill vacancies on the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC or Committee) beginning in the fall of 2014. MAFAC is the only Federal advisory committee with the responsibility to advise the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on all matters concerning living marine resources that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The Committee makes recommendations to the Secretary to assist in the development and implementation of Departmental regulations, policies, and programs critical to the mission and goals of NMFS. Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties involved with or representing interests affected by NMFS actions in managing living marine resources. Nominees should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the management of living marine resources and be able to fulfill the time commitments required for two annual meetings and subcommittee work. Individuals serve for a term of three years for no more than two consecutive terms if re-appointed. NMFS is seeking qualified nominees to fill upcoming vacancies being created by term limits.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked or have an email date stamp on or before July 7, 2014.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Heidi Lovett, Executive Director (Acting), MAFAC, Office of Policy, NMFS F–14438, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Heidi Lovett, MAFAC Executive Director (Acting); (301) 427–8004; email: [heidi.lovett@noaa.gov](mailto:heidi.lovett@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The establishment of MAFAC was approved by the Secretary on December 28, 1970, and subsequently chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, on February 17, 1971. The Committee meets twice a year with supplementary subcommittee meetings