

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

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**Mid-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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT) will hold a public meeting regarding Amendment 15 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, 407 Squire Rd., Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200).

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331, extension 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to initiate work on Amendment 15 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 15 will be a comprehensive document which addresses issues relevant to the commercial and recreational fisheries for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

**Special Accommodations**

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

Dated: December 19, 2007.

**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**

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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 a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The work session will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15 and from 8:30 a.m. until the business of the meeting is finished on Wednesday, January 16, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The work session will be held at the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Large Conference Room, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, telephone: (858) 546-7000.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HMSMT will discuss two major topics: (1) developing a range of alternatives for a limited entry program to allow a shallow-set longline fishery, which targets swordfish, to be prosecuted on the high seas from the West Coast and (2) a draft report on Council recommendations in response to overfishing of Eastern Pacific yellowfin tuna, as required by Section 304(i) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The Council is scheduled to take up both these issues at their March 2008, meeting in Sacramento, CA. Time permitting, the HMSMT may discuss additional items to include PacFIN/RecFIN data issues and preparation of the Highly Migratory Species Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: December 19, 2007.

**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**

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**Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Limited Access Privilege (LAP) Program Exploratory Workgroup.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its LAP Program Exploratory Workgroup in North Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** The meetings will take place January 15-16, 2008 and February 12-13, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Charleston Airport, 5265 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (877) 782-9444 or (843) 308-9330; fax: (843) 308-9331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@safmc.net](mailto:kim.iverson@safmc.net).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Members of the LAP Program Exploratory

Workgroup will meet from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on January 15, 2008, and from 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. on January 16, 2008. The Workgroup will also meet from 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. on February 12, 2008 and from 8:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. on February 13, 2008.

These meetings are being convened to address issues relevant to the Council's consideration of implementing a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAP) for the commercial snapper grouper fishery in the South Atlantic region.

Items for discussion by the Workgroup January 15-16, 2008 include: (1) Analyses completed on initial allocation methodologies for several economically important species and (2) Preferred ownership caps for various species.

Items for discussion by the Workgroup February 12-13, 2008 include: (1) Sector allocation programs, cooperatives, ownership of LAPs by regional fishery associations and communities and 2) Finalization of the LAP Workgroup Working Document.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: December 19, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

### Patent and Trademark Office

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#### Change in Publication Format of Patent and Trademark Office Notices and Changes in Display of Patent and Trademark Office Notices in Electronic Official Gazette

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is discontinuing the separate weekly publication in paper form of Patent and Trademark Office notices, and the annual publication in paper form of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures. In addition, notice is hereby

given that the weekly electronic Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office—Patents (the eOG:P) will display the Patent and Trademark Office notices with volume/page numbers, and the last weekly eOG:P of each calendar year will include the annual publication of consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures.

**DATES:** The last separate weekly publication in paper form of Patent and Trademark Office notices will be December 25, 2007. The last annual publication in paper form of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be December 25, 2007. Volume/page numbers will be displayed in the notices in the weekly eOG:P beginning January 1, 2008. The first annual publication in the eOG:P of the consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be December 30, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Electronic Information Products Division at (571) 272-5600 or e-mail at [IPD@uspto.gov](mailto:IPD@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 10 and the Presidential E-Government Initiatives to utilize technology in ways that will improve how Federal Agencies serve the public, the USPTO will begin electronically publishing the weekly Patent and Trademark Office notices in 2008. The separate weekly publication in paper form of the Patent and Trademark Office notices will be discontinued after December 25, 2007.

In the period since the last paper version of the weekly Official Gazette on September 24, 2002, the separate weekly paper publication of the notices has shown the notices with volume/page numbers while the display of the notices in the weekly eOG:P has not. Beginning January 1, 2008, the volume/page numbers that have been shown in the separate weekly paper publication of the notices will be carried forward to the notices as they are displayed in the weekly eOG:P. The presence of volume/page numbers in the notices as they are displayed in the weekly eOG:P will enhance the readability of the electronic notices and will facilitate citations of them.

As with the weekly Patent and Trademark Office notices, the annual publication of the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will occur electronically, not in paper, beginning in 2008. The last listing of consolidated notices in paper form will be published December 25, 2007. Thereafter the last

weekly eOG:P of each calendar year will include the consolidated listing of notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures. The first such annual publication of the consolidated notices in the eOG:P will take place December 30, 2008.

The eOG:P displaying the weekly notices with volume/page numbers will be available on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog> each Tuesday beginning January 1, 2008.

The first annual publication in the eOG:P of the consolidated notices pertaining to USPTO practices and procedures will be available on the USPTO Web site at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/patents/patog> on December 30, 2008.

The eOG:P on CD-ROM with the above-described changes will be published and distributed close to issue date. The eOG:P CD-ROM product with the above-described changes will be available from the Information Products Division, Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, as an annual subscription for \$460 per year and as single copies for \$20 per issue.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

**Jon W. Dudas,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 08-29]

#### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 08-29 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.