

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

RIN: 0648-XE96

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 Mid-Atlantic Bycatch Committee, its Research Set-Aside Committee, its Ecosystems Committee, its Protected Resources Committee, its Executive Committee, and its Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Committee, will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2008 through Thursday, January 31, 2008. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666; telephone: (888) 484-4722.

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, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Tuesday, January 29, 2008**

11 a.m. until 1 p.m. - The Bycatch Committee will meet.

1 p.m. until 3 p.m. - The Research Set-Aside (RSA) Committee will meet.

3 p.m. until 5 p.m. - The Ecosystems Committee will meet.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

8 a.m. until 9 a.m. - The Protected Resources Committee will meet.

9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. - The Executive Committee will meet.

10:30 a.m. until noon - The Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Committee will meet.

1 p.m. - The Council will convene to receive a Marine Debris presentation and a (Northeast Monitoring Program) NEAMAP Trawl Survey presentation.

7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. - A Public Hearing for Amendment 1 to Tilefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) will be held.

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Council will convene at 9 a.m. and conclude approximately at 1 p.m.

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

Tuesday, January 29, 2008

The Bycatch Committee will review the use of circle hooks in various fisheries, review hook manufacturing survey results, review use of buoy gear to reduce bycatch, and address the bycatch consequence of highgrading. The RSA Committee will discuss alternative approaches to reviewing project final results and incorporating them into the management process; discuss restructuring the RSA program to a "Cooperative Agreement" instead of traditional "Grant"; and, discuss development of a Mid-Atlantic Consortium similar to the Northeast Consortium. The Ecosystems Committee will receive an EPA report on National Coastal Condition, and receive and discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Ecosystem Workshop report.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008

The Protected Resources Committee will receive a report on Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Team activities, and receive a status update on the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Program. The Executive Committee will review the outcome from the most recent Council Coordination Committee meeting and review the proposed changes to the Council's Statement of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPP) regarding the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC). The Surfclam/Ocean Quahog Committee will consider issues/actions to be addressed in Amendment 14 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP. The Council will convene to receive a presentation regarding marine debris and the results of the most recent NEAMAP Trawl Survey. A Public Hearing regarding Amendment 1 to the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan will be held in the evening.

Thursday, January 31, 2008

The Council will convene at 9 a.m. and remain in session until approximately 1 p.m. to receive various reports.

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 these meetings. 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 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 Bryan, (302) 674-2331 ext. 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 8, 2008.

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**

RIN: 0648-XE95

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold public hearings to allow for input on Amendment 1 to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Tilefish Fishery.

DATES: The hearings will be held on Wednesday, January 30, 2008 through Wednesday, February 6, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, locations, and times of hearings. Written comments will be accepted until February 11, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director of the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Suite 2115 Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904; fax: (302) 674-5399; e-mail: info@mafmc.org. Please indicate the subject as Tilefish 1.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the hearings is to receive public input on management actions under consideration in Amendment 1 to the Tilefish FMP. There are 19 proposed

management actions in this Amendment. The proposed management actions could: (1) implement an individual fishing quota (IFQ) program/allocation; (2) establish IFQ permanent transferability of ownership; (3) establish IFQ temporary transferability of ownership; (4) establish IFQ share accumulation guidelines or limitations; (5) implement commercial trip limits in the part-time category; (6) address fees and cost recovery; (7) establish flexibility to revise/adjust the IFQ program; (8) establish IFQ reporting requirements; (9) modify the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) reporting requirements; (10) revise commercial vessel logbook reports; (11) address hook size restrictions in the commercial fishery; (12) implement recreational permits and reporting requirements; (13) implement recreational bag-size limits; (14) improve monitoring of tilefish commercial landings; (15) expand the list of management measures that can be adjusted via the framework adjustment process; (16) modify essential fish habitat (EFH) designation; (17) modify (HAPC (habitat areas of particular concern) designation; (18) implement measures to reduce gear impacts on EFH; and (19) establish methods for collecting royalties under a Tilefish IFQ system.

Dates and Locations of Public Hearings

- *Wednesday, January 30, 2008:* Hampton Roads Convention Center, 1610 Coliseum Drive, Hampton, VA 23666, telephone: (888) 484-4722
- *Monday, February 4, 2008:* Holiday Inn Express East End, 1707 Old Country Road, Riverhead, NY 11901, telephone: (631) 548-1000
- *Tuesday, February 5, 2008:* Hilton Garden Inn, Providence Airport, One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02882, telephone: (401) 734-9600.
- *Wednesday, February 6, 2008:* Holiday Inn Toms River, 290 State Highway 37 East, Toms River, NJ 08753, telephone: (732) 244-4000

All hearings begin at 7 p.m. and will be tape recorded with the tapes filed as the official transcript of the hearing.

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Dated: January 9, 2008.

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

RIN: 0648-XE94

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 Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel will meet beginning at 8.30 a.m., Monday, February 11, 2008 and will continue through Thursday, February 14, 2008. The meetings will end at 5:30 p.m. each day or until business for each day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting will be held at the Hotel Deca, 4507 Brooklyn Avenue N.E., Seattle WA 98105; telephone: 1-800-899-0251.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, NMFS Northwest Fisheries Science Center; telephone: (206) 437-5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel for Pacific hake/whiting is to review draft 2008 stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information for Pacific whiting, work with the Stock Assessment Team to make necessary revisions, and produce a Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel report for use by the Council family and other interested persons for developing management recommendations for 2008 fisheries. No management actions will be decided by the Panel. The Panel's role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its March meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Joint Canada-U.S. Review Panel action during this meeting. Panel 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 Panel participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This 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.

Dated: January 8, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to deliberate on the 2007 findings and recommendations, brief the 2007 report, and discuss the Committee's 2008 agenda. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Point of Contact listed below at the address detailed below NLT 5 p.m., Friday, 25 January 2008. If a written statement is not received by Friday, 25 January 2008 prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered