

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 review staff analyses and provide input and advice regarding fishing level recommendations for the 2009 fishing year for the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish fisheries.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's 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 M. Jan Bryan at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office, (302) 674-2331 extension 18, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 2008.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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's (Council) Summer Flounder Monitoring

Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and Bluefish Monitoring Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Friday, August 1, 2008, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Philadelphia Airport, 4509 Island Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19153; telephone: (215) 365-4150.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings is to review staff analyses and the Scientific and Statistical Committee's fishing level recommendations for summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish, and recommend annual catch limits and associated accountability measures for the 2009 commercial and recreational sectors of these species. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meetings. Actions 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice advises the public that the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a meeting of the American Samoa Archipelago Advisory Panel and a meeting of the American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team in Pago Pago, American Samoa. The Council will also convene a public scoping meeting to solicit comments on minimizing sea turtles interactions in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery.

DATES: The meeting date for the public scoping meeting on minimizing sea turtles interactions in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery will be Monday, July 21, 2008. The meeting date for the American Samoa Archipelago Advisory Panel will be Tuesday, July 22, 2008. The meeting dates for the American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team will be Wednesday, July 23, 2008 and Thursday July 24, 2008. For the specific date, time, and agenda for each meeting, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Utulei Convention Center in Pago Pago, American Samoa.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Monday, July 21, 2008, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Public Scoping Meeting

U.S. pelagic longline fisheries in the Western Pacific accidentally catch small numbers of sea turtles, all species of which are listed under the Endangered Species Act. The Endangered Species Act permits a limited take of sea turtles through a Biological Opinion or BiOp, which is prepared by the NMFS. The most recent BiOp which includes the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery was published in 2004. The level of turtle interactions in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery has been estimated to be higher than specified in the 2004 Biological Opinion. During the 18-month period from April 2006 to September 2007, 7.6 percent of the sets