

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

RIN: 0648-XA604

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 Visioning Committee and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, August 16 through Thursday, August 18, 2011. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Sheraton Suites, 422 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, DE 19801; *telephone:* (302) 654-8300.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901-3910; *telephone:* (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Christopher Moore, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (302) 674-2331 ext. 255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, August 16, the Visioning Committee will meet from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. There will be a Public Listening Session from 5 until 6:30 p.m. On Wednesday, August 17, the Executive Committee will meet from 8 until 9 a.m. The Council will convene at 9 a.m. Swearing in of new and reappointed Council members and election of Council Officers will be from 9 until 9:15 a.m. From 9:15 a.m. until 4 p.m., the Council will finalize scup, black sea bass, summer flounder, and bluefish management measures for 2012 in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass, and Bluefish Boards. From 4 until 5 p.m., Research Set Aside priorities will be discussed for 2013. On Thursday August 18, the Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. From 8:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., the Council will conduct its regular Business Session, receive Council Liaison Reports, Monkfish Amendment 6 Overview, Organizational Reports, Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are: On Tuesday, August 16, the Visioning Committee will discuss an overview of the Visioning project and the expected outcomes, an update on the Communications and Data Gathering Plans, data gathering logistics, maximizing stakeholder participation, review of survey instrument, and discuss any focus group topic areas. There will be a Public Listening Session where the Council invites the public to engage Council leadership and NMFS representatives in a Q & A roundtable session. Those in attendance will be able to ask questions or comment on any issue related to Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management including annual specifications, ecosystem management, bycatch reduction, catch shares, etc. On Wednesday, August 17, the Executive Committee will meet to receive an update on SSC Ecosystems Sub-Committee activities. New and reappointed Council members will be sworn into office and there will be an election of Council Officers. The Council in conjunction with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, Black Sea Bass and Bluefish Boards will review the Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) and the associated Monitoring Committee's and Advisory Panel's specification recommendations for 2012 and adopt 2012 commercial and recreational harvest levels and commercial management measures for the summer flounder, scup, black sea bass and bluefish fisheries. Research Set-Aside Priorities will be discussed for 2013. The Council will hold its regular Business Session to approve the June 2011 minutes and address any outstanding actions from the June 2011 meeting, receive Liaison Reports, receive an overview of Amendment 6 to the Monkfish FMP and Council recommendations to the Monkfish O/S Committee, Organizational Reports to include the SAW/SARC 52 report, the Executive Director's Report, the Science Report, Committee Reports, and any continuing and/or new business.

**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 Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 22, 2011.

**Tracey L. Thompson,***Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**Marine Mammals; File No. 16443**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that David Honig, Nicholas School of the Environment, Duke University Marine Laboratory, 135 Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516, has applied in due form for a permit to collect, receive, import, export, possess, and conduct analyses marine mammal specimens for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before August 29, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16433 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by e-mail to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include File No. 16433 in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed

above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Morse or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The objectives of this research are to study the ecological importance of whales and characterize the impacts of whaling on animals nutritionally dependent on sunken whale remains in the Antarctic. Research will involve collection, import, export, possession, and analyses of bones of sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and minke (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) whales which originated from Sweden and Chile. Collection would involve retrieval of a lander on which the whale bones have been placed on the bottom of the Weddell Sea, Antarctica by foreign researchers and under other authorizations. Bones would be imported into the U.S. for analyses. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 22, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits,**

*Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**United States Patent and Trademark Office**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 35).

*Agency:* United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

*Title:* Patent Examiner Employment Application.

*Form Number(s):* None.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection.

*Burden:* 5,000 hours annually.

*Number of Respondents:* 10,000 responses per year.

*Avg. Hours per Response:* The USPTO expects that it will take the public approximately 30 minutes (0.50 hours) to gather the necessary information, create the document, and submit the completed request, depending upon the type of request and the method of submission (electronic or paper).

*Needs and Uses:* The Patent Examiner Employment Application, as administered through Monster Hiring Management (MHM) provided by Monster Government Solutions, is used by the public to apply for entry-level patent examiner positions through a user-friendly process. The USPTO uses the electronic transmission of this information to review and rate applicants on-line almost instantaneously. It is also used by the USPTO to expedite the hiring process by eliminating the time used in the mail distribution process, thereby streamlining labor and reducing costs.

The information supplied to the USPTO by an applicant seeking a patent examiner position assists the Human Resources Specialists and hiring managers in determining whether or not an applicant possesses the basic qualifications for that position.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Nicholas A. Fraser, e-mail:

*Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov.*

Once submitted, the request will be publicly available in electronic format through the Information Collection Review page at <http://www.reginfo.gov>.

Paper copies can be obtained by:

- *E-mail:*

*InformationCollection@uspto.gov.*

Include "0651-0042 copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before August 29, 2011 to Nicholas A. Fraser, OMB Desk Officer, via e-mail to *Nicholas\_A.Fraser@omb.eop.gov*, or by fax to 202-395-5167, marked to the attention of Nicholas A. Fraser.

Dated: July 25, 2011.

**Susan K. Fawcett,**

*Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meetings**

**Federal Register** Citation of Previous Announcement: Vol. 76, No. 142, Monday July 25, 2011, page 44307.

**ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF OPEN MEETING:**

10 a.m.-12 p.m., Wednesday, July 27, 2011.

**CHANGES TO OPEN MEETING: REVISED AGENDA:**

Matters to be Considered: (1) Decisional Matters: (a) Phthalates notice of requirements; (b) 100ppm lead enforcement statement; (2) Briefing Matter: Virginia Graeme Baker Pool and Spa Safety Act; Incorporation by reference of ANSI successor standard.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-7948.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814, (301) 504-7923.

Dated: July 26, 2011.

**Todd A. Stevenson,**

*Secretary.*

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**CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting Notice**

**TIME AND DATE:** Wednesday, August 3, 2011; 10-11 a.m.

**PLACE:** Hearing Room 420, Bethesda Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.