

1. A May 2013 discussion paper on increasing the use caps for sablefish “A” (freezer vessel) QS and identify other approaches to maximize use of all sablefish IFQs;

2. Two proposals previously submitted to the Council to revise Federal regulations to

a. Calculate maximum retainable allowances at the time of offload rather than during a fishing trip, as currently required and

b. Increase the halibut and sablefish IFQ vessel caps, as the amount of IFQs each vessel may harvest has declined over time under lower catch limits; and

3. An Observer Committee proposal to allow “clean up” of IFQ trips across IPHC Area 4 subareas. Committee recommendations will be provided for Council review during its December 2013 meeting. Information for the meeting is posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

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Special Accommodations

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee, and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Monday, December 9, 2013 through Thursday, December 12, 2013. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Westin Annapolis, 100 Westgate Circle, Annapolis, MD 21401, telephone: (410) 972–4300.

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:

Monday, December 9, 2013

3 p.m. until 5 p.m.—The HMS Committee will meet.

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—The Executive Committee will meet in a CLOSED SESSION.

9:30 a.m. until 12 p.m.—The Executive Committee will meet.

1 p.m.—The Council will convene.

1 p.m. until 1:10 p.m.—A photo of the Council will be taken.

1:10 p.m. until 2 p.m.—Framework 9 to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish (MSB) Fishery Management Plan (FMP) will be discussed.

2 p.m. until 3 p.m.—There will be a River Herring and Shad Approach discussion.

3 p.m. until 4 p.m.—A Data Portal Presentation will occur.

4 p.m. until 5 p.m.—A Surfclam Presentation will occur.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013

The Demersal Committee will meet as a Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission’s (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Board.

9 a.m. until 5 p.m.—The Council will finalize summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational management measures for 2014 in conjunction with the ASMFC’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board.

Thursday, December 12, 2013

9 a.m. until 9:30 a.m.—Spiny Dogfish Trip Limits will be discussed.

9:30 a.m. until 10 a.m.—A Stakeholder Survey on Ecosystem-based

Fisheries Management Presentation will occur.

10 a.m. until 1 p.m.—The Council will hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports, the South Atlantic and the New England 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 Monday, December 9—The HMS Committee will develop Council comments on Draft Amendment 7 (bluefin tuna management measures) for submission to NMFS.

On Tuesday, December 10—The Executive Committee will meet in a closed session to review the recommendations for the Ricks E Savage Award. The Executive Committee will meet to review the Draft Implementation Plan and public comments, and approve the 2014 Implementation Plan for Council consideration.

The Council will convene at 1 p.m. There will be a Council photo session. The Council will discuss Framework 9 to the MSB FMP to review and approve options to address unobserved slippage on observed trips. The Council will review and adopt plan to move forward with the river herring and shad strategy implementing the motion made at the October 2013 meeting. The Council will receive a Data Portal Presentation to review project goals, methods and illustrative draft maps of Mid-Atlantic fishing activity summarized by port and gear groups and provide advice to project team on best approaches and opportunities for engaging fishermen to review, discuss and improve project data and maps. The Council will receive a report of the National Science Foundation Coupled Natural and Human Systems Surfclam Study: Climate change and responses in a coupled marine system and an update on the Science Center for Marine Fisheries (SceMFIS).

On Wednesday, December 11—The Council in conjunction with the ASMFC’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will review the associated Monitoring Committee’s and Advisory Panel’s specification recommendations for 2014 and adopt 2014 recreational management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

On Thursday, December 12—The Council will review options for spiny dogfish trip limits in federal waters for the 2014–15 fishing years. The Council will receive a presentation on the Stakeholder Survey on Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management. The Council will

hold its regular Business Session to receive Organizational Reports to include an update on forms and process for data collection for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries, South Atlantic and New England Liaison Reports, the Executive Director's Report, Science Report, Committee Reports, and conduct any continuing and/or new business.

Special Accommodations

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North 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 of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Charter Management Implementation Committee.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Charter Implementation Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 9, 2013, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Room 205, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific

Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda is to identify a preferred management measure(s), from the following committee recommendations. For Regulatory Area 2C: (1) Annual limit combined with maximum size limit; (2) Annual limit combined with reverse slot limit; (3) Bag limit of one

fish with a maximum size limit; and (4) Status quo management of one fish less than 45 inches or greater than 68 inches. For Regulatory Area 3A: (1) Status quo management of a bag limit of two fish, with no size limit; (2) Bag limit of two fish, with a maximum size limit on second fish; (3) Annual limit, with bag limit of two fish; and (4) Prohibit retention of skipper/crew harvest. Committee recommendations will be incorporated into an analysis for Council review in December 2013. The Council will recommend a preferred measure(s) for each area for consideration by the International Pacific Halibut Commission for implementation in 2014.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Atlantic Shark Management Measures; 2014 Research Fishery

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for applications.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its request for applications for the 2014 shark research fishery from commercial shark fishermen with directed or incidental

shark limited access permits. The shark research fishery allows for the collection of fishery-dependent and biological data for future stock assessments to meet NMFS's shark research objectives. The only commercial vessels authorized to land sandbar sharks are those participating in the shark research fishery. Shark research fishery permittees may also land other large coastal sharks (LCS), small coastal sharks (SCS), and pelagic sharks. Commercial shark fishermen who are interested in participating in the shark research fishery need to submit a completed Shark Research Fishery Permit Application in order to be considered.

DATES: Shark Research Fishery Applications must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time, on December 23, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Please submit completed applications to the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Management Division at:

- *Mail:* Attn: Delisse Ortiz, HMS Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

- *Fax:* (301) 713-1917.

For copies of the Shark Research Fishery Permit Application, please write to the HMS Management Division at the address listed above, call (301) 427-8503 (phone), or fax a request to (301) 713-1917. Copies of the Shark Research Fishery Application are also available at the HMS Web site at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm>. Additionally, please be advised that your application may be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karyl Brewster-Geisz or Delisse Ortiz, at (301) 427-8503 (phone) or (301) 713-1917 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic shark fisheries are managed under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The 2006 Consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) is implemented by regulations at 50 CFR part 635.

The final rule for Amendment 2 to the Consolidated HMS FMP (Amendment 2) (73 FR 35778, June 24, 2008, corrected at 73 FR 40658, July 15, 2008) established, among other things, a shark research fishery to maintain time series data for stock assessments and to meet NMFS' research objectives. Since the shark research fishery was established in 2008, the research fishery has allowed for: the collection of fishery dependent data for current and future stock assessments; the operation of