

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement on the Proposed Minnesota Coastal Management Program**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the intent to prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on the proposed approval of the Minnesota Coastal Management Program (MCMP, or Program) under the provisions of Section 306 of the Federal Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1455, and distribute it in June, 1998.

Federal approval of the MCMP would make the State eligible for program administration grant funds and require that Federal actions be consistent with the Program.

The Program is the culmination of several years of development and consists of numerous State policies on diverse management issues which are prescribed by statute and made enforceable under State law. The Program should improve the decision making process for determining appropriate coastal land and water uses in light of resource considerations. The program should increase public awareness of coastal resources. Federal alternatives will include delaying or denying approval if certain requirements of the Coastal Zone Management Act have not been met. State alternatives include the possibility of modifying parts of the Program or withdrawal of the request for Federal approval.

In order to determine the scope and significance of issues to be addressed in the DEIS, the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) hereby solicits comments on the proposed action, particularly with respect to the following issues:

- (1) The adequacy of the scope and geographic coverage of the Program's laws and regulations to manage impacts on shorelands, water quality, wetlands, and other vulnerable natural resources;
- (2) The adequacy of the mechanisms for State agency coordination and consultation in order to effectively implement the MCMP; and
- (3) The adequacy of the mechanisms for ensuring State agency consistency

with the policies of the MCMP and resolving conflicts between agencies.

The manner in which the State proposes to address the above requirements was presented in the State public review Draft Program Document of the MCMP, in February, 1997. The State has considered all comments submitted in response to that document in the preparation of the MCMP Draft Program Document to be released with the DEIS in June, 1998. Copies of the State draft document are available from OCRM.

DATES: Persons or organizations wishing to submit comments on these or other issues should do so by May 7, 1998. Any comments received after that time will be considered in the response to comments received on the DEIS.

ADDRESSES: Requests for the above described documents and all comments should be made to: Neil Christerson, Coastal Programs Division, Great Lakes Region, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, 1305 East-West Highway (N/ORM3), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; tel. 301/713-3113, ext. 167, e-mail: neil.christerson@noaa.gov.

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Dated: April 2, 1998.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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

[I.D. 033198D]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 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) and its Habitat Committee (meeting with the Coastal Migratory Committee, Demersal Committee, Dogfish Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee, Habitat Advisors, and Scientific and Statistical Committee), Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, Demersal Species Committee, Executive Committee, Committee Chairmen,

Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Information and Education Committee, and Comprehensive Management Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held Tuesday, April 21, 1998 to Thursday, April 23, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Wilmington Hilton, I-95 and Naamans Road, Claymont, DE; telephone: 302-792-2700.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Meeting Dates**

Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.—The Habitat Committee (meeting with the Coastal Migratory Committee, Demersal Committee, Dogfish Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Atlantic Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee, Habitat Advisors, and Scientific and Statistical Committee).

Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 1:00-4:00 p.m.—The Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 4:00-5:00 p.m.—The Information and Education Committee will meet.

Tuesday, April 21, 1998, 5:00-6:00 p.m.—The Demersal Species Committee will meet.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998, 7:00-9:00 a.m.—The Executive Committee will meet.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998, 9:00-10:00 a.m.—The Committee Chairmen will meet.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998, 10:00 a.m. until noon—The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet.

Wednesday, April 22, 1998, 1:00-5:00 p.m.—Council will meet.

Thursday, April 23, 1998, 7:00-9:00 a.m.—The Comprehensive Management Committee will meet.

Thursday, April 23, 1998, 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.—Council will meet.

Agenda items include recommendations on bluefish essential fish habitat (EFH); recommendations on EFH for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; discussion on distribution and abundance of scup, black sea bass, dogfish, surfclams, ocean quahogs, squid, mackerel and butterfish; review and possible recommendations

on request from Gulf Council that NMFS impose a limited access program for highly migratory species vessels for hire in the Gulf of Mexico in conjunction with a similar action being taken by the Gulf Council for fisheries under its jurisdiction; description and analysis of current fleet of vessels holding permits in the Northeast Region fisheries; review of fleet analysis and economic analysis of the commercial Atlantic mackerel fishery; discuss and possibly adopt qualifying criteria for limited entry to the commercial Atlantic mackerel fishery; review and comment on proposed management measures for silver hake and winter flounder public hearing documents; review 1998 work schedule; review of potential Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee advisors; discussion of economic issues for Council's annual surfclam and ocean quahog quota setting; possible modification of the Council's surfclam and ocean quahog quota setting policy; review and possible recommendations on proposed Federal lobster regulations; review and possible adoption of Monkfish Fishery Management Plan; review and possible recommendations on sea scallops management measures; approval of additional Scientific & Statistical Committee member; review issue one of Council Newsletter; view demonstration of Council's website; discuss possible involvement in trade shows; and review comprehensive management matrix.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031898A]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Cancellation of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) has cancelled the public meeting of the Coastal Migratory Committee and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board that was scheduled for Wednesday, April 8, 1998. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial notice published on March 24, 1998 (63 FR 14068). The meeting is being cancelled because more time is required to develop specific recommendations on the status of the bluefish stock.

Dated: April 2, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

April 1, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the

Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being reduced for carryforward used.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 64361, published on December 5, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 1, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 1, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1998 and extending through December 31, 1998.

Effective on April 8, 1998, you are directed to reduce the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
338/339	2,080,417 dozen.
347/348	1,889,626 dozen.
433	3,160 dozen.
443	38,664 numbers.
634	431,199 dozen.
638/639	2,196,928 dozen.
647/648	1,140,182 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).