

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Public Hearing on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California

AGENCY: The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Public hearing notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) prepared on the proposed designation of the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California. The Supplement to the DEIS/DMP addresses research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the proposed reserve.

The Estuarine Reserves Division will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on February 13th, at Pittsburg, California City Hall, 65 Civic Avenue, Pittsburg, CA 94565.

The views of interested persons and organizations on the adequacy of the Supplement to the DEIS/DMP are solicited, and may be expressed orally and/or in written statements. Presentations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-heard basis, and may be limited to a maximum of five (5)

minutes. The time allotment may be extended before the hearing when the number of speakers can be determined. All comments received at the hearing will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan.

The comment period for the Supplement to the DEIS/DMP will end on February 26, 2002. All written comments received by this deadline will be considered in the preparation of the FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laurie McGilvray (301) 713-3155 extension 158, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Supplement to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan are available upon request to the Estuarine Reserves Division.

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Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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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 meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Ecosystem Management Committee, Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, Protected Resources Committee, and Executive Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, January 28 through Thursday, January 31, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Suite Hotel, 350 Rt. 3 West, Secaucus, NJ 07094, telephone 201-863-8700.

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: *Monday, January 28, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—the Ecosystem Planning Committee will meet.*

Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 8 a.m. until noon the Ecosystem Planning Committee will continue its meeting.

Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.—the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet.

Tuesday, January 29, 2002, from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.—the Protected Resources Committee will meet.

Wednesday, January 30, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.—the Executive Committee will meet.

Wednesday, January 30, 2002—the Council will convene at 10 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m.

Thursday, January 31, 2002, 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.—Council will meet.

Agenda items for the committees and Council meeting(s), as appropriate, are: Discussion of alternative recreational and commercial management approaches for MAFMC species; review scoping comments for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish FMP, review Amendment 9 issues paper, finalize management measures for Amendment 9 public hearing draft, and develop timeline for Amendment 9 completion; review update to recent bottlenose dolphin take reduction team's report; receive and discuss the advisory report on the status of monkfish, Georges Bank winter flounder, and Loligo squid developed at the 34th Stock Assessment Workshop; discuss approval of Framework Adjustment 1 to the Monkfish FMP (options include: 1) no action and allowing the FMP Year 4 default measures to take effect eliminating the directed fishery, 2) the preferred alternative of postponing the Year 4 default measures for one year and adjusting trip limits and days at sea allocations to achieve fishing year 2000 landing levels after accounting for the court-ordered adjustment to the gillnet trip limits, 3) adjusting management measures to reduce catches to the Years 2 and 3 total allowable catch targets); convene public scoping meeting for Amendment 2 to the Monkfish FMP; receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding

possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting.

On Wednesday, January 30, there will be a scoping meeting for Amendment 2 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Councils propose to amend the Monkfish FMP. The amendment process will serve two purposes: it will enable the Councils to modify the FMP rules as needed and to update the analysis of the cumulative impact of the FMP on the human environment. In the process, the Councils will prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) as described in the National Environmental Policy Act for the amendment. This notice is to inform you that the Councils will gather information for the preparation of the SEIS and to ask for your input on the range of issues to be addressed and alternatives to be considered. The Councils are taking this action for the following reasons: (1) to address updated scientific information on the status of the stocks, (2) to address problems with the implementation and enforcement of the current management program, (3) to evaluate the impact of the rebuilding program on the human environment, (4) to consider proposals for providing controlled access to the monkfish resource south of the North Carolina/Virginia border to vessels from that area that are currently excluded, and (5) to comply with a federal Court Order to update the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) elements of the FMP. You may comment at any of the public Council or committee meetings where Amendment 2 is on the agenda, or you may submit written comments by February 11, 2002 to:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director,
New England Fishery Management
Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport,
MA 01950; telephone: 978-465-0492,
fax: 978-465-3116.

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 this meeting. 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council (see **ADDRESSES**) least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 8, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010302F]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting to plan the annual management cycle and strategize on 2002 Council initiatives. This meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The GMT working meeting will convene on Monday, February 4, 2002 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, February 5 through Thursday, February 7 until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The GMT working meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, West Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220; 503-326-6352.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384, 503-326-6352.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Fishery Management Staff Officer for Groundfish, 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the GMT working meeting is to plan the GMT's annual schedule and strategies to effectively aid the Council in managing 2002 West Coast groundfish fisheries and Council initiatives expected to arise in 2002. Additionally, the GMT will discuss groundfish management measures in place for the winter and spring months, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's

groundfish strategic plan, consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, review new groundfish stock assessments and survey results, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. GMT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice requiring emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing and Scientific Research Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of 2002 Exempted Fishing and Scientific Research Permits; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the intent to issue Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs) and Scientific Research Permits (SRPs) for the collection of Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS). These EFPs/SRPs would authorize collections of a limited number of tunas, swordfish, billfishes, and sharks from Federal waters in the Atlantic Ocean and Gulf of Mexico for the purposes of scientific data collection and public display. Generally, the EFPs will be valid