

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.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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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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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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

deployed by this fishery were monitored by observers, and four green sea turtle interactions were reported by the observers. All four green turtles were dead when brought aboard, or died before being released. A fifth turtle was observed taken recently in 2008, and was also dead on retrieval. The NMFS Pacific Islands Region Office (PIRO) is preparing to draft a new BiOp for the American Samoa fishery, which consider measures to reduce the potential for further interactions between longlines and sea turtles. NMFS PIRO has suggested that the Council consider taking action to reduce turtle takes in the fishery, and which could be included in the BiOp analyses. Solutions that have been proposed by NMFS include requiring hooks to be set at least 100 meters deep, requiring the use of 45 gram or heavier weights on branch lines within 1 meter from each hook, requiring the use of longer float lines, restricting hook deployment to an appropriate distance away from either side of floats, requiring the use of the largest practical whole fish bait with the hook point covered, requiring the use of 16/0 or larger circle hooks with greater than 10 degree offset. Longline fishers in American Samoa may also have suggestions for measures that could reduce sea turtle interactions with longlines. The Council is convening the meeting in American Samoa to brief fishers on the forthcoming BiOp and to take comments on potential measures from longline fishers in addition to those listed above.

Tuesday, July 22, 2008, 4 p.m. - 9 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Advisory Panel

1. Status Report on 2007 Advisory Panel Recommendations
2. Emerging Fishery Issues and Fisheries Development
3. Update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Provisions
 - a. Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)
 - c. Cooperative Research
4. Pelagic Fisheries Management
 - a. Update on Longline Permit Application Process
 - b. Bycatch Reduction of Sea Turtles
5. Other Fishery/Management Related Issues
 - a. Barter, Trade and Subsistence Issues
 - b. Council Five Year Research Priorities
 - c. Community Development Program (CDP) Options
6. Public Comments
7. Discussion and Recommendation

Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team

1. Update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Provisions
 - a. Annual Catch Limits
 - b. Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP)
 - c. Cooperative Research
2. Pelagic Fisheries Management
 - a. Update on Pelagic Longline Permit Application Process
 - b. Bycatch Reduction of Sea Turtles
3. Other Fishery/Management Related Issues
 - a. Barter, Trade and Subsistence Issues
 - b. Council Five Year Research Priorities
 - c. Community Development Program (CDP) Options
4. Public Comments
5. Discussion and Recommendation
6. Review of Annual Report Module for American Samoa
 - a. Bottomfish
 - b. Coral Reef
 - c. Precious Corals
 - d. Crustaceans

Thursday, July 24, 2008, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

American Samoa Archipelago Plan Team

1. Review of Annual Report Module for American Samoa
 - a. Bottomfish
 - b. Coral Reef
 - c. Precious Corals
 - d. Crustaceans
 2. Update on Coral Reef Fishing Local Action Strategy
 3. Public Comments
 4. Discussion and Recommendations
- The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout each agenda. The Advisory Panel and Plan Team will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.
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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

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

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period for the Revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty-day public comment period on the revised Management Plan for the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.

The Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve is located in St. Johns and Flagler counties and is geographically separated into a northern and southern component separated by the City of St. Augustine. The reserve was designated in 1999. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan brings the Reserve into compliance and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the Reserve. Updated programmatic objectives, new facilities, and a boundary expansion are notable revisions from the previous management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure;