

APPENDIX—Continued
SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

| Country | Program(s) | Gross ¹ Subsidy (\$/lb) | Net ² Subsidy (\$/lb) |
|-----------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| U.K. | EU Restitution Payments | \$ 0.00 | \$ 0.00 |

¹ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

² Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122805A]

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 Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, Bycatch Committee, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held from Tuesday, January 17, 2006, through Thursday, January 19, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for a meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Annapolis Hotel, 173 Jennifer Rd, Annapolis, MD; telephone 410-266-3131.

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:

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 17, 2005

The Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. The Committee will discuss and adopt alternatives for Amendment 10 and discuss potential impacts of New England Council's Herring Amendment 1 on Mid-Atlantic vessels.

The Bycatch Committee will meet from 1:30-2:30 p.m. The Committee will review the Magnuson-Stevens Act

mandate regarding standardized bycatch reporting methodology and discuss NMFS standardized bycatch reporting methodology initiative.

The Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee will meet from 2:30-3:30. The Committee will discuss different versions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization (Administration, House, and Senate Bills) and review Council's recommended Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization priorities.

The Ecosystems Committee will meet from 3:30-5 pm. The Committee will develop a draft final report.

Wednesday, January 18, 2005

The Council will convene at 8 a.m., at which time, NMFS' Northeast Fisheries Science Center will give a presentation on Ecosystems Capabilities. The Council will receive a report on the outcome of the 42nd SAW/SARC process from 9-10 a.m. A report will be given regarding the outcome of the 42nd SAW/SARC process for Atlantic Mackerel, Illex Squid, and Silver Hake (Whiting). Regular Council business will be conducted from 10 a.m. until noon. From 1-4 p.m. the Council will address Framework 6 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP and Amendment 15 Scoping Document. The Executive Committee will meet from 4-5 p.m.

Thursday, January 19, 2005

On Thursday, January 19, the Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee will meet from 8-9 a.m. to develop Council comments on the amendment to the HMS/Billfish Fishery Management Plan. The Council will convene at 9 a.m. to address Framework 3 to the Joint Monkfish FMP. The Council will receive a presentation by a U.S. Navy official on undersea warfare training ranges at 10 a.m. At 11 a.m. until adjournment, the Council will receive committee reports and address any continuing or new business. The Council will also conduct its regular business session to approve December 2005 minutes and receive reports. Meeting 1 of Framework 6 to Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP will be held to review options regarding use of conservation

equivalency by multi-state sub regions. Issues to be included in the Scoping Document to Amendment 15 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP will also be discussed. The Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Committee will develop comments on the proposed amendment to the consolidated HMS Fishery Management Plan. The Council will review and adopt proposed changes regarding utilization of DAS (days-at-sea) to Framework 3 of the Joint Monkfish FMP. A U.S. Navy official will give a presentation on Undersea Warfare Training Ranges. The presentation will be followed by committee reports and any continuing or new business.

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 M. Jan Saunders (302-674-2331 ext: 18) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 30, 2005.

Tracey Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121905B]

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Scientific Research Permit

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for a scientific research permit; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of a request for a scientific research permit (SRP) to track the survival and movement of highly migratory species (HMS) with satellite pop-up tags in the Atlantic Ocean, specifically the Charleston Bump and adjacent areas. NMFS invites comments from interested parties on this SRP request.

DATES: Written comments on the application for a scientific research permit must be received by 5 p.m. on January 26, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- Email: SF1.121905B@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line the following identifier: I.D. 121905B.

- Mail: Margo Schulze-Haugen, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on SRP Application."

- Fax: (301)427-2593.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Megan Caldwell, by phone: (301)713-2347; fax: (301)713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SRPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity with respect to Atlantic HMS.

Since 2000, the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SC DNR) has requested the authorization of an SRP for the collection, tagging, and release of several HMS in the Charleston Bump area to monitor survival rates and movement patterns; the same request has been submitted for 2006. The proposed sampling would occur no further north than 30°00 N., 75°00 W. and no further south than 35°00 N. and 75°00 W., specifically focusing collection efforts in the Charleston Bump area. The research would be conducted from February through December 2006, during both the closed (February 1 to April 30) and open seasons. Operations would be conducted during the closed season to reduce gear conflicts. Additionally, for the past several years, this research typically coincided with the closure because the state-owned research vessel

is rigged for longline sampling in the first several months of the year.

Species likely to be tagged while conducting research in this area are swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*), blue marlin (*Makaira nigricans*), white marlin (*Tetrapturus albidus*), sailfish (*Istiophorus platypterus*), yellowfin tuna (*Thunnus albacares*), shortfin mako sharks (*Isurus oxyrinchus*), night sharks (*Carcharhinus signatus*), silky shark (*Carcharhinus falciformis*), dusky sharks (*Carcharhinus obscurus*), bigeye thresher sharks (*Alopias superciliosus*), and thresher sharks (*Alopias vulpinus*).

For each fish tagged, researchers will record species, estimated length and weight, GPS location, sea surface temperature, and any other data archived by the tag. Over the past three years, the average number of incidental mortalities that occurred during this research project were 14 swordfish, five scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*), four night sharks, two silky sharks, two yellowfin tuna, one blackfin tuna (*Thunnus atlanticus*), and one sandbar shark (*Carcharhinus plumbeus*). For all incidental mortalities, data would be collected, such as length, weight, DNA samples, contaminant samples, aging samples, and gonad samples.

Research would be conducted onboard a bonafide research vessel owned by the State of South Carolina. Collection of HMS would occur with pelagic longline gear divided into two sections with 60 16/0 non-offset circle hooks, totaling six nautical miles in length and 120 hooks. All hooks would be baited with whole finfish and/or squid. Green chemical light sticks may be attached to the gangions. The soak time would be no longer than four hours.

While sea turtle interactions are not anticipated and have not occurred in the past, sea turtle handling and release equipment and instructions will be onboard the vessel at all times while engaged in this research activity. Additionally, one individual of the research team is trained and experienced in sea turtle handling and release techniques.

In past years, this research was categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare either an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. This action was categorically excluded because it was of limited size and magnitude and would not have significant effects individually or cumulatively on the environment. As noted above, limited numbers of incidental mortalities occurred while

conducting this research over the past several years. All mortalities of sharks and swordfish were counted against the respective quota. Further, all fish tagged were to be released alive, with minimal or no post release mortality anticipated. If any animals died during the collection and/or tagging process, age structures (otoliths) and reproductive tissues were allowed to be sampled. If an SRP were to be issued, the number of incidental mortalities would be limited to ten animals per species. Any mortalities beyond this amount would need an additional authorization. This SRP, if issued, is issued, would involve the same research activity as in past years.

This research may benefit all interested parties by providing fishery managers with additional data necessary to consider the importance of the Charleston Bump ecosystem in the management and conservation of HMS in the Atlantic Ocean.

The regulations that would prohibit the proposed activities include requirements for permits and fees (50 CFR 635.4), size limits (50 CFR 635.20), gear operation and deployment (50 CFR 635.21), commercial quotas (50 CFR 635.27), and closures (50 CFR 635.28).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 29, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial