

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be collected on the Fisheries Finance Program Application Form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0012.

Form Number: NOAA FORM 88-1.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for profit organizations—commercial fishermen, partnerships, and corporations applying for financing or buyback funds.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1650.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6.3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information 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: March 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031898C]

Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT announces its Spring Meeting with its Species Working Groups on April 6-8, 1998.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee will be held on April 6, 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; on April 7, 1998, from 8 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m.; and on April 8, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed meetings of the Species Working Groups will be held on April 7, 1998, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on April 8, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to discuss (1) the U.S. implementation of ICCAT recommendations; (2) research and monitoring activities; (3) the results of the Committee's Species Working Groups meetings; and (4) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species, including possible special presentations by individual speakers. While the public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, there will be no opportunity for public comment. Sessions of the Advisory Committee's Species Working Groups will not be open to the public, but the results of those discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's open session on April 8. In addition, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session the morning of April 8 to discuss internal operational matters. Accordingly, the determination has been made that the committee shall go into executive session at that time.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301) 713-2276 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting 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; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Migratory Committee (Committee) and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board (Board) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, City Avenue and Monument Road, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-581-5000.

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: The purpose of this meeting is to review the recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee regarding the status of the bluefish stock. The Committee and Board may recommend management measures compatible with the new assessment information.

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

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 Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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

[I.D. 031898D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of Groundfish Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 8, 1998 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, (Route 1) Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is for the development of comments on alternative measures to address the overfished condition of Gulf of Maine cod; identification of issues and options, and a review of proposals to meet the stock rebuilding objectives necessary to bring the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan into compliance with the requirements of the Sustainable Fisheries Act; discussion of other tasks as assigned by the Groundfish Oversight Committee.

Although other issues not contained in these agendas may come before this Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of

formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

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. 031098F]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of revision of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has rescheduled the public meeting of the Whiting Committee (Committee) that was scheduled for Tuesday, April 7, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on March 17, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for revisions.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial notice published on March 17, 1998 (63 FR 13034). The original notice stated that only the Whiting Committee would meet on Tuesday, April 7, 1998. The meeting has been rescheduled to meet on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, and will now be a joint meeting of the Whiting Committee, Whiting Advisory Panel, and Whiting Plan Development Team. The Whiting Committee will reconvene

by itself on April 9, if necessary. The April 9 meeting may be cancelled if the Committee feels that the April 8 meeting will be sufficient to develop management measures for public hearings. Recommendation from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. The agenda is as follows:

Wednesday, April 8, 1998, 10:00 a.m.—Joint Whiting Committee, Advisory Panel, and Plan Development Team meeting

Agenda: Discussion of appropriate trip limits, mesh restrictions, and other measures to end and prevent overfishing on silver hake (whiting) and red hake stocks and to provide basic protection for offshore hake; discussion and development of management measures for public hearings.

Thursday, April 9, 1998, 9:00 a.m.—Whiting Committee meeting

Agenda: Final development of management measures for public hearings.

All other information previously published remains unchanged.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

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. 031698C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research/enhancement permits (1128, 1129) and modifications to scientific research permits (900, 946, 1056). Issuance of scientific research permit #1113.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife at La Grande, OR (ODFW) (1128) and the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife at Olympia, WA (WDFW) (1129) have applied in due form for permits and that the Fish Ecology Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center at Seattle, WA (NWFS) has applied in due form for modifications to permits (900, 946, 1056) that would authorize takes of endangered and threatened anadromous