

calendar year 1996 administrative review cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Belgium within this time limit. (See Memorandum from Richard W. Moreland, dated March 26, 1998, to Robert S. LaRussa "Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Belgium: Extension of the Deadline for the Preliminary Results of the 1996 Administrative Review", which is a public document on file in the Central Records Unit.)

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Department will extend the time for completion of the preliminary results of this review from May 3, 1998 to no later than August 31, 1998.

Dated: April 1, 1998.

**Maria Tildon,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/  
CVD Enforcement, Group II.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010698C]

#### International Whaling Commission; Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice sets forth guidelines for participating on the Committee and a tentative schedule of meetings and other important dates.

**DATES:** The April 23, 1998, meeting has been rescheduled for May 1, 1998, 2:00 p.m. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional information.

**ADDRESSES:** The May 1, 1998, meeting will be held in Room 1863, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, Washington, DC.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine Corson, telephone: (301) 713-2322.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The May 1, 1998, Interagency Committee meeting will review recent events relating to the IWC and will review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who is also the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in United States whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

The schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 1998 follows.

*May 1, 1998:* See **ADDRESSES**. Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 1998 IWC annual meeting.

*April 27 to May 9, 1998 (Oman):* IWC Scientific Committee Meeting.

*May 11 to 20, 1998 (Oman):* IWC 50th Annual Meeting.

#### Special Accommodations

Department of Commerce meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids

should be directed to Catherine Corson at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 6, 1998.

**Patricia Montanio,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040698A]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

**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's Scientific and Statistical Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 45 Industrial Highway, Essington, PA; telephone: 610-521-2400.

*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 discuss the bluefish stock assessment and make recommendations on the status of the bluefish stocks.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee 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: April 6, 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.031098F]

**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of date change of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has rescheduled the public meeting of the Whiting Committee (Committee), Whiting Advisory Panel, and Whiting Plan Development Team that was scheduled for Wednesday and Thursday, April 8 and 9, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on March 24, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for revisions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel, 35 Governor Winthrop Boulevard, New London, CT; telephone: (860) 443-7000.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The initial notice was published on March 24, 1998 (63 FR 14069). The meeting has been rescheduled to meet on Monday, April 27, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. The Whiting Committee will reconvene by itself on April 28 at 9:00 a.m. The April 28 meeting may be cancelled if the Committee feels that the April 27 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 will remain the same.

All other information previously published remains unchanged.

Dated: April 7, 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. 040398A]

**Permits; Foreign Fishing**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS publishes for public review and comment a summary of an application submitted by the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct fishing operations in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in 1998 under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and/or to the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed here:

Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906, (617) 231-0422;

David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901-6790, (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2337.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with a Memorandum of Understanding with the Secretary of State, NMFS publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to fish in the U.S. EEZ under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*).

This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct joint venture (JV) operations in 1998 in the Northwest

Atlantic Ocean for Atlantic mackerel and Atlantic herring. The large stern trawler/processor ANDREY MARKIN is identified as the vessel that would receive Atlantic mackerel and Atlantic herring from U.S. vessels in JV operations.

Dated: April 6, 1998.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala**

April 7, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a guaranteed access level.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 13, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this level, 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.

On the request of the Government of Guatemala, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for Categories 342/642.

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