

measures mentioned in this document. No rookeries, mating grounds, areas of concentrated feeding, or other areas of special significance for marine mammals occur within or near the planned area of operations during the season of operations.

Because bowhead whales are east of the seismic area in the Canadian Beaufort Sea until late August/early September, seismic activities are not expected to impact subsistence hunting of bowhead whales prior to that date. After August 31, 1998, aerial survey flights for bowhead whale assessments will be initiated. Appropriate mitigation measures to avoid an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of bowhead whales for subsistence needs will be the subject of consultation between Western Geophysical and subsistence users.

Also, while open-water seismic exploration in the U.S. Beaufort Sea has some potential to influence seal hunting activities by residents of Nuiqsut, because (1) the peak sealing season is during the winter months, (2) the main summer sealing is off the Colville Delta, and (3) the zone of influence by seismic sources on belukha and seals is fairly small, NMFS believes that Western Geophysical's seismic survey will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses.

Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an incidental harassment authorization for the 1998 Beaufort Sea open water season for a seismic survey provided the above mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed seismic activity would result in the harassment of only small numbers of bowhead whales, gray whales, and possibly belukha whales, bearded seals, and largha seals; would have a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks; and would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of marine mammal stocks for subsistence uses.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, and information, concerning this request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: May 14, 1998.

Patricia A. 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. 051398E]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 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 Comprehensive Management Committee; Committee Chairmen; Information and Education Committee; Habitat Committee; Executive Committee; and Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 1998, to Thursday, June 4, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Sheraton Grand Hotel, Bicentennial Park, New Bern, NC; telephone: 919-638-3585.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, June 2, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 8:00-10:00 a.m. The Committee Chairmen will meet from 10:00-11:00 a.m. The Information and Education Committee will meet from 11:00 a.m. until noon. The Habitat Committee, together with the Dogfish Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Squid, Mackerel and Butterfish Committee, Habitat Advisors, and Scientific and Statistical Committee, will meet from 1:00-5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, June 3, the Executive Committee will meet from 7:00-9:00 a.m. Council will meet from 9:00-11:00 a.m. The Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet as a Council Committee of the Whole from 11:00 until noon. Council will meet from 1:00-2:00 p.m. to review the Whiting Fishery Management Plan. Council will meet from 2:00-5:00 p.m., together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Board,

to review Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan. On Thursday, June 4, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Distribution and abundance and EFH identification and recommendations on dogfish, surfclams, ocean quahogs, and squid, mackerel, butterfish; Review and adoption of NMFS recommendations on bluefish EFH; Review and hearing adoption of NMFS consistency amendment for consistency in Northeast vessel permits (replacement and upgrade); Adoption of mackerel limited entry provisions for public hearing document; Review and comment on whiting, winter flounder, herring and scallop management measures; Review and adoption of Amendment 1 to the Bluefish FMP for public hearing; Review and adoption of Dogfish FMP for public hearing; Review and adoption of Monkfish FMP; Review comprehensive management matrix; Review Council newsletter, view Council website; hear committee reports and other fishery management matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups 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: May 14, 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

[051398D]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in June, 1998 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between June 4 and June 17, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Gloucester, MA, Warwick, RI, and Portland, ME. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director; (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, June 4, 1998, 9:30 a.m.— Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: NMFS Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 281-9300.

Development of essential fish habitat (EFH) designations for Council-managed species and review of the EFH draft public hearing document.

Thursday, June 11, 1998, 10:30 a.m.— Whiting Committee Meeting

Location: Marine Trade Center, Two Portland Fish Pier, Third Floor, Suite 109, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-5450.

Review of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and draft public hearing document associated with (whiting) Amendment 10 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

Wednesday, June 17, 1998, 10 a.m.— Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Radisson Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

Review and comment on the management measures proposed for Amendment 7 to the Sea Scallop FMP. The amendment is intended to rebuild the scallop resource by substantially reducing fishing effort.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings.

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 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: May 14, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Individual MCJROTC Instructor Evaluation Summary; NAVMC 10942; OMB Number 0703-0016.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 348.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 348.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 174.

Needs and Uses: This form provides a written record of the overall performance of duty of Marine instructors who are responsible for implementing the Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (MCJROTC). The Individual MCJROTC Instructor Evaluation Summary is completed by principals to evaluate the effectiveness of individual Marine instructors. The form is further used as a performance related counseling tool and as a record of service performance to document performance and growth of individual Marine instructors. Evaluating the performance of instructors is essential in ensuring that they provide quality training.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Biennially.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: May 13, 1998.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Academic Certification for Marine Corps Officer Candidate Program; NAVMC 10469; OMB Number 0703-0011.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 3,500.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 3,500.

Average Burden Per Response: 15 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 875.

Needs and Uses: Used by Marine Corps officer procurement personnel, this form provides a standardized method for determining the academic eligibility of applicants for all Reserve officer candidate programs. Use of this form is the only accurate and specific method to determine a Reserve officer applicant's academic qualifications. Each applicant interested in enrolling in an undergraduate or graduate Reserve officer commission program completes and return the form.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.