

receive benefits under the following programs during the POR:

- A. VAT Reductions
- B. Export Credits Under Law 227/77
- C. Capital Grants Under Law 675/77
- D. Retraining Grants Under Law 675/77
- E. Interest Contributions on Bank Loans Under Law 675/77
- F. Interest Grants Financed by IRI Bonds
- G. Preferential Financing for Export Promotion Under Law 394/81
- H. Corporate Income Tax (IRPEG) Exemptions
- I. European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund
- J. Urban Redevelopment Under Law 181
- K. Local Income Tax (ILOR) Exemptions
- L. Industrial Development Loans Under Law 64/86
- M. Export Marketing Grants Under Law 304/90
- N. Lump-Sum Interest Payment Under the Sabatini Law for Companies in Southern Italy
- O. Remission of Taxes on Export Credit Insurance under Article 33 of Law 227/77
- P. European Social Fund
- Q. European Regional Development Fund
- R. Export Restitution Payments

We did not receive any comments on these programs from the interested parties and our review of the record has not led us to change our findings from the preliminary results.

#### Final Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997, we determine the net subsidy for CO.R.EX. to be 0.95 percent *ad valorem*. We will instruct the Customs Service to assess countervailing duties at this net subsidy rate on all entries of the subject merchandise from CO.R.EX. entered, or withdraw from warehouse, for consumption on or after January 1, 1997 and on or before December 31, 1997.

The Department also intends to instruct the Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties of 0.95 percent of the f.o.b. invoice value on all shipments of the subject merchandise from CO.R.EX. entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this new shipper review. The cash deposit rates for all other producers/exporters remain unchanged from the last completed administrative review (see *Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Pasta from Italy* 63 FR 35665 (August 14, 1998)).

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)

(2) (B) and 777 (i) (1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: November 23, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111398E]

#### Eligibility To Participate in the 1999 Directed Pollock Fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area and Eligibility To Be Considered for Disbursement of Funds Pursuant to the American Fisheries Act

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

**ACTION:** Solicitation of applications.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS invites owners of vessels that meet the requirements in either section 208(b)(8) or (e)(21) of the American Fisheries Act (AFA) to apply for eligibility to participate in the offshore directed pollock fishery in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Management Area (BSAI) after January 1, 1999. Section 208(b)(8) requirements apply to catcher vessels that deliver to catcher/processors in the offshore component. Section 208(e)(21) requirements apply to catcher/processors in the offshore component. Owners of vessels that are not specifically named in section 208(b) or (e) must apply to participate in the offshore directed pollock fishery in the BSAI after January 1, 1999.

NMFS also invites owners of vessels that meet the requirements in either section 207(d)(2)(A) or (B) to apply for consideration of the disbursement of funds. If a contract for a cooperative pursuant to section 210(a) is filed by vessels listed in section 208(e), then vessels listed in section 208(e)(10) through (14) will receive the disbursement of funds. However, if no such contract is under section 208(b) or 208(e)(1) through (20) that provide applications will be considered for the disbursement of funds.

Vessel owners may use a single application for both purposes; however, applications for the disbursement of funds must be received by NMFS prior to December 15, 1998. This action is necessary to meet the statutory deadline of December 31, 1998, specified in the

AFA and is intended to meet the objectives of the U.S. Congress for vessels participating in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI.

**DATES:** Effective November 25, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be addressed to Philip J. Smith, Administrator, Restricted Access Management, Alaska Region. NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, Room 453, Juneau, AK 99801, or P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802. Copies of the relevant portions of the AFA also are available at the above address. Comments regarding the collection of information burden can be sent to the above address and to the Office of Management and Budget, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Washington, DC 20503, Attention: NOAA Desk Officer.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Lepore, 907-586-7228.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. General Information

The AFA, Pub. L. 105-277, was signed into law on October 21, 1998. Section 208 of the AFA specifies which vessels and processors are eligible to harvest pollock in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI, either by directly naming the eligible vessels or processors, or by providing criteria to determine eligibility. Section 208(h) provides that in the event that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is unable to make a final determination about the eligibility of a vessel under section 208(b)(8) or (e)(21) before January 1, 1999, such vessels, upon the filing of an application asserting eligibility, shall be eligible to participate in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI pending a final determination by the Secretary.

##### 2. Eligibility Under Section 208(b)(8) To Participate in the Directed Pollock Fishery in the BSAI

Section 208(b)(8) sets out three requirements that must be met by catcher vessels not specifically named in section 208(b)(1) through (7) in order for those vessels to deliver to catcher/processor vessels fish harvested in the directed pollock fishery after January 1, 1999. First, a catcher vessel must have delivered at least 250 metric tons (mt) of pollock in the directed pollock fishery in 1997. Second, at least 75 percent of the pollock harvested by a catcher vessel must have been delivered to a catcher/processor for processing by the offshore component. Third, a catcher vessel must be eligible to harvest pollock in the directed pollock fishery under the License Limitation Program (LLP) (63 FR 52642, October 1,

1998). For purposes of this action, a catcher vessel means a vessel that is used for harvesting fish and that does not process pollock onboard.

3. Eligibility Under Section 208(e)(21) To Participate in the Directed Pollock Fishery in the BSAI

Section 208(e)(21) sets out two requirements that must be met by catcher/processors not specifically named in section 208(e) for those vessels to participate in the directed pollock fishery after January 1, 1999. First, a catcher/processor must have harvested more than 2,000 mt of the pollock in the 1997 directed pollock fishery. Second, a catcher/processor must be eligible to harvest pollock in the directed pollock fishery under the LLP. Catcher/processors determined to be eligible under section 208(e)(21) will be prohibited from harvesting more than one-half of one percent of the pollock apportioned to the offshore component by section 206(b)(2). For purposes of this action, a catcher/processor means a vessel that is used for harvesting fish and processing that fish.

4. Temporary Eligibility To Participate in the Directed Pollock Fishery in the BSAI

Although the potential exists for NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary, to determine eligibility for catcher vessels based on the first two requirements in

section 208(b)(8) and for catcher/processor vessels based on the first requirement in section 208(e)(21) by January 1, 1999, NMFS cannot determine the requirement of eligibility under the LLP until applications for the LLP are solicited and eligibility for that program is determined. NMFS anticipates that will not occur until late 1999. Because eligibility for the LLP cannot be determined before January 1, 1999, owners of vessels that qualify under section 208(b)(8) or (e)(21) will need to submit an application asserting eligibility to participate in the directed pollock fishery, as provided in section 208(h). If NMFS determines, based on a submitted application that a vessel does not meet the first two requirements in section 208(b)(8) or the first requirement in section 208(e)(21), an initial administrative determination (IAD) will be issued denying eligibility to participate in the 1999 directed pollock fishery in the BSAI. An applicant can appeal that IAD under 50 CFR 679.43.

5. Disbursement of Funds to Eligible Vessels

Section 207(d)(2) of the AFA provides that the Secretary shall pay by December 31, 1998, \$5,000,000 to the owners of the catcher vessels eligible under section 208(b) and the catcher/processors eligible under section 208(e)(1) through (20), if a contract for

a cooperative has not been filed by that date. This payment will be divided among the owner(s) of catcher vessels named in section 208(b)(1) through (7), catcher vessels for which an application has been submitted for eligibility under section 208(b)(8), and catcher/processor vessels named in section 208(e)(1) through (20). This apportionment will be based on the proportional amount of pollock harvested by each of these vessels in the 1997 directed pollock fishery minus any obligation to the Federal government that has not been satisfied by the owner(s) of any such vessels. If a contract for a cooperative is filed, only the named vessels in section 208(e)(10) through (14) will receive the disbursement.

To provide NMFS with time to meet the statutory deadline for the \$5,000,000 disbursement, applications from owners of vessels that are eligible under section 207(d)(2) must be received by December 15, 1998, to be considered for the disbursement. Regardless of the status of the cooperative, the applications from owners of vessels that meet the requirements of section 208(b)(8) will be used to establish eligibility to participate in the 1999 directed pollock fishery.

6. Application Table

The following table provides a quick reference for who should apply.

Owners of the category of vessels set out below must apply if they wish to . . .	. . . Fish in 1999	. . . Receive payments
Catcher Vessels named in sections 208(b)(1) through (7) .....	NO .....	YES <sup>1</sup>
Catcher Vessels eligible based on criteria in sections 208(b)(8) .....	YES .....	YES <sup>1</sup>
Catcher/processor vessels named in sections 208(e)(1) through (20) .....	NO .....	YES <sup>2</sup>
Catcher/processor vessels eligible based on criteria in section 208(e)(21) .....	YES .....	N/A

<sup>1</sup> Will receive payment only if no contract has been filed under section 210(a).  
<sup>2</sup> If contract is filed under section 210(a), only vessels listed in section 208(e)(10) through (14) will receive payment. If contract is not filed under section 210(a), \$5,000,000 will be divided among vessels that are eligible under sections 208(b) and (e)(1) through (20) based on the amount of harvest of pollock in the directed pollock fishery by each such vessel in 1997 in such a manner as the Secretary deems appropriate.

7. Application Information

Applications must be submitted to NMFS (see ADDRESSES). Applications for payments under section 207(d)(2) must be received by December 15, 1998, to be considered for disbursement. Applications submitted to NMFS must contain: (1) the name of the vessel; (2) the owner(s) of the vessel; (3) the business address(es) and telephone and FAX number(s) of owner(s); (4) the section of the AFA under which the vessel is eligible to participate; (5) the amount of pollock harvested in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI in 1997; and (6) evidence supporting the amount of pollock harvested in the directed pollock fishery in the BSAI in

1997. NMFS will review applications submitted pursuant to section 208(h) and will issue temporary permits so that vessels may participate in the 1999 directed pollock fishery pending a final determination of eligibility.

8. Eligibility Determination

Eligibility to participate in the directed pollock fishery pursuant to AFA does not confer any right of compensation, monetary or otherwise, to the owners of vessels named specifically in the AFA or owners who submit applications. When NMFS is able to determine the status of vessels under the LLP, the privilege to participate in the directed pollock fishery will be revoked if a vessel is not

eligible to participate based on the requirements of the LLP.

9. Paperwork Reduction Act Requirements

Notwithstanding any other provisions of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number. This notice contains a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) and which has been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0366. Public reporting burden for this

collection of information is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate, or any other aspect of this data collection, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to NMFS and OMB (see ADDRESSES)

**Authority:** Title II, Pub. L. 105-277.

Dated: November 25, 1998.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112398C]

#### 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 (Council) and its Executive Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Large Pelagics Committee, Comprehensive Management Committee and Tilefish Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 15, 1998 to Thursday, December 17, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA, telephone: 610-521-5900.

*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, December 15th, the Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The Large Pelagics Committee will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, December 16th, the Executive Committee will meet from

8:00-9:00 a.m. The Tilefish Committee and Law Enforcement Committee will meet simultaneously from 9:00-10:00 a.m. The Council, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 17th, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Council will meet from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 2:00 p.m.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Discussion and possible adoption of management measures for Atlantic mackerel, *Illex* and *Loligo* squids, and butterfish; review and adopt Amendment 1 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Secretarial submission; review public comments and adopt the Spiny Dogfish FMP for Secretarial approval; review Highly Migratory Species (HMS) FMPs and make possible recommendations; develop plans for Tilefish FMP development for 1999; review Monitoring Committee recommendations and develop recommendations on summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass 1999 recreational management measures; discussion of commercial management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; discuss plans for comprehensive management for 1999 and possible recommendation on scup discards; discuss law enforcement concerns regarding management measures for Mid-Atlantic FMPs; discussion and possible adoption of management measures for bluefish, species managed by the New England Council, and dolphin and wahoo, and other fishery management matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council 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: November 24, 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.112598A]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (1187).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Stephen M.H. Connett, St. George's School, has applied in due form for a scientific research permit (1187) to take listed sea turtles.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before December 31, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (978-281-9250).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michelle Rogers, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Stephen M.H. Connett, St. George's School, requests a scientific research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Mr. Connett has requested a five-year scientific research permit to take 200 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 300 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 200 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), 5 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), 5 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and 5 olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles annually in the Northwestern Atlantic Ocean for the purpose of obtaining life history data on all turtles captured, and determining migratory behavior and habitat utilization of juvenile turtles captured on foraging grounds. Turtles will be captured by hand and/or dip net, weighed, measured, flipper tagged, tissue