

Under the section on overfishing criteria and rebuilding period for stocks for the crustacean fisheries, the Council has proposed that MSY, OY, and the overfishing thresholds be set as follows:

For penaeid shrimp - as the parent stock numbers (as indexed from current virtual population analysis [VPA] procedures) for the 3 penaeid species of shrimp in the Gulf of Mexico at or above the following levels:

Brown Shrimp - 125 million individuals, age 7+ months during the November through February period;

White shrimp - 330 million individuals, age 7+ months during the May through August period;

Pink shrimp - 100 million individuals, age 5+ months during the July through June year.

For royal red shrimp - as 650,000 pounds

For spiny lobster - as 20 percent transitional SPR or SSBR (spawning stock biomass per recruit), except OY is set at 30 percent SPR.

For stone crab - as the harvest that results from a realized egg production per recruit at or above 70 percent of potential production. This harvest capacity is currently estimated at between 3.0 and 3.5 million pounds (MP) of claws (minimum 70mm propodus length).

Overfished thresholds are specified as one-half of MSY or slightly higher for the crustacean stocks, none of which are overfished.

The effect of specifying overfishing criteria at a higher level for the finfish stocks is that additional stocks may be classified as overfished when NMFS approves the SFA amendment in 1999. The amendment also identified Gulf fishing communities dependent on fishing so that eventually the impact of fishery management measures on these communities can be assessed.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP and SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by 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 Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by December 29, 1998.

Dated: December 16, 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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 (Council) Demersal Committee and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will hold a public meeting. **DATES:** The meeting will be held on Thursday, January 14, 1999 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Ramada Plaza Hotel, Old-Town, 901 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA; telephone: 703-683-6000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss possible changes in the commercial and recreational management systems for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass and make recommendations on the development of amendments to the plan.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee 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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 public meetings of its Large Pelagics Oversight and Social Sciences Advisory Committees in January, 1999 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: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, January 4, 1999 10:00 a.m.— Large Pelagics Committee Meeting
Location: Council Office conference room; 5 Broadway (Route 1 South); Saugus, MA 01906; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

The committee will develop Council comments on the Draft Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks.

Friday, January 22, 1999 10 a.m.— Social Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: Council Office conference room; 5 Broadway (Route 1 South); Saugus, MA 01906; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

The committee will develop recommendations on information to be included in the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Reports and social and economic impacts analyses in New England Council fishery management plans.

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 Council 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 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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting (work session).

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Salmon Technical Team (STT) will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19, 1999 and continue from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day through Friday, January 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Council office in Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the STT work session is to draft the "Review of 1998 Ocean Salmon Fisheries." The final report will be distributed to the public and reviewed by the Council at its March 1999 meeting in Portland, OR.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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

The work session is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the work session date.

Dated: December 16, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121098A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an amendment to an application for a scientific research permit (1122); Issuance of a modifications to a scientific research permit (984)

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received an amended permit application from the Bureau of Land Management, Roseburg District Office at Roseburg, OR (BLM) (1122); and NMFS has issued a modification to a scientific research permits to Dr. Mary L. Moser, of the Center for Marine Science Research (984).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the applications must be received on or before January 20, 1999.

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

For permit 1122: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

For permit 984: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For permit 1122: Tom Lichatowich, Portland, OR (503-230-5438).

For permit 984: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (301-713-1401)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Permits are requested under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the requests for a permit should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the below application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the ESA, is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to parts 217-222 of Title 50 CFR, the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice: Cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*), Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

To date, protective regulations for threatened Oregon Coast coho salmon