

SUMMARY: The Council's Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force (RFDTF) will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held November 16, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This will be the second meeting of the RFDTF which will discuss the following topics: review of recommendations from the first task force meetings and progress to date, U.S. Coast Guard safety requirements for small-scale commercial fishing vessels, support for recreational fishing in Hawaii, economic impact of recreational fishing in the Western Pacific Region, impacts of current and proposed fishery management plans on recreational fisheries in Hawaii, and other business as required.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

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

[Docket No. 990921259-9259-01]

National Weather Service (NWS) Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: NWS, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Deferral of public comment period and clarification regarding NWS proposed actions for the Erie, Pennsylvania, Weather Service Office (WSO).

SUMMARY: The NWS published in 64 FR 52491, Sept. 29, 1999, a notice and opportunity for public comment on proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of WSO Erie, Pennsylvania, and WSO Fairbanks, Alaska. This notice defers the public comment period on proposed certifications of WSO Erie and provides updated and clarifying information regarding NWS proposed actions for WSO Erie.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300 extension 136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWS published in 64 FR 52491, Sept. 29, 1999, a notice and opportunity for public comment on the proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of WSO Erie, Pennsylvania, and WSO Fairbanks, Alaska. With respect to WSO Erie certifications, the notice informed the public that the NWS determined removal of the WSR-74C radar would cause a degradation of service for some lake-effect snow events in the Erie, Pennsylvania, service area. It further informed the public that to address this degradation, the NWS would continue operating the WSR-74C radar at Erie during the winter season until a new Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) radar is installed at the Erie airport and suitability of weather data from the FAA radar is validated by the NWS in consultation with users.

Since the publication of the September 29, 1999, FR notice, certain information in the notice has changed. In addition, the NWS believes its planned course of action for WSO Erie requires clarification. First, the NWS has been advised that installation of the new FAA radar at Erie will begin in May 2002, not 2001 as indicated in the September 29, 1999, FR notice. Second, regarding the NWS planned course of action, the NWS stresses it will not seek the Modernization Transition Committee's endorsement of the Erie

consolidation, automation, and closure certifications nor will it seek the Secretary's final approval of these certifications until actions to address the identified degradation have been fully and successfully implemented and user groups have been appropriately consulted. Therefore, NWS believes seeking comments from the public at this time is premature since the NWS plan for use of data from the new FAA radar is several years from completion. Accordingly, NWS is deferring the public comment period on its proposed certifications for WSO Erie until actions to address the identified degradation have been fully and successfully implemented and user groups have been appropriately consulted. The NWS will provide advance notice in the FR of the public comment period at that time.

Dated: October 29, 1999.

John J. Kelly, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071599E]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Atlantic Tuna Fisheries; Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Applications for EFPs; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of applications for EFPs. If issued, these EFPs would authorize the retention of Atlantic tunas (other than bluefin tuna) by vessels participating in the coastal driftnet fishery for Atlantic bonito. NMFS anticipates the receipt of several more EFP applications for this same purpose. If EFPs are issued for the coastal driftnet fishery, NMFS would collect information on target catch and bycatch and assess the potential impacts of authorizing driftnet gear for certain Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) fisheries. While this information is being collected, issuance of EFPs will reduce regulatory discards of Atlantic tunas.

DATES: Written comments on NMFS' consideration to issue such EFPs must be received on or before December 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the EFP applications and the regulations governing issuance of EFPs are available upon request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah McLaughlin, 978-281-9260; fax: 978-281-9340.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: EFPs are requested and issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 concerning scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity, and regulations at 50 CFR 635.32 concerning specifically authorized activities.

The final rule to implement the Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks Fishery Management Plan (HMS FMP) prohibits the use of driftnets in the Atlantic tuna and swordfish fisheries (64 FR 29090, May 28, 1999). In responding to comments on the proposed rule, NMFS recognized that the prohibition on driftnets for Atlantic tunas would preclude participants in the mid-Atlantic coastal driftnet fishery from retaining their catch of skipjack tuna, and advised coastal driftnet vessel operators who wish to use driftnet gear when targeting species other than Atlantic tunas (e.g., bait fish and Atlantic bonito) to apply to NMFS for an EFP to land incidentally caught Atlantic tunas (other than bluefin tuna). NMFS may issue EFPs to these individuals in 2000 in order to collect more information on catch and bycatch in this fishery and help determine NMFS' future course of action relative to the current prohibition on driftnet gear; issuance of EFPs would reduce regulatory discards while NMFS collects this information. NMFS estimates that the prohibition of driftnet gear in the Atlantic tuna fisheries affects approximately 20 vessel operators in the coastal gillnet fishery.

NMFS is seeking public comment on the potential impacts of issuing EFPs for the purpose of landing Atlantic tunas (other than bluefin tuna) incidentally caught in the coastal driftnet fishery. The two EFP requests received to date specifically request authorization to retain skipjack tuna. Based on 1997 landings information from the fishery conducted prior to the prohibition, NMFS estimates that up to 20 vessels may request an EFP for the retention of skipjack tuna and may retain up to a total of 32,000 lb. (14.5 mt) of skipjack tuna. In 1998, Atlantic-wide landings of

31,455 mt and U.S. landings of 84.3 mt were reported to ICCAT for 1997. It is probable that such incidental catch of skipjack cannot be practically avoided and would otherwise be discarded dead.

All EFPs issued during the 2000 season would expire December 31, 2000, and reports on catch and bycatch would be required of participants in the exempted fishery prior to any consideration of renewal. A final decision on issuance of EFPs will depend on the submission of such required information, NMFS' review of public comments received on the applications, conclusions of any environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and any consultations with appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, or Federal agencies.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 28, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

U.S. Marine Corps

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: U.S. Marine Corps, DoD.

ACTION: Amend records systems.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Marine Corps proposes to amend three systems of records notices in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This action will be effective without further notice on December 6, 1999, unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to the Head, FOIA and Privacy Act Section, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps, 2 Navy Annex, Washington, DC 20380-1775.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. B. L. Thompson at (703) 614-4008 or DSN 224-4008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Marine Corps record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed actions are not within the purview of subsection (r) of the

Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, which would require the submission of a new or altered system report for each system. The specific changes to the records systems being amended are set forth below followed by the notices, as amended, published in their entirety.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

L. M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense

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SYSTEM NAME:

Work Measurement Labor Distribution Cards (*February 22, 1993, 58 FR 10630*).

CHANGES:

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AUTHORITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE SYSTEM:

Delete entry and replace with '5 U.S.C. 301, Departmental Regulation; 10 U.S.C. 5013, Secretary of the Navy; and 10 U.S.C. 5041, Headquarters, Marine Corps.'

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STORAGE:

Delete entry and replace with 'Paper and electronic files.'

RETRIEVABILITY:

Delete entry and replace with 'Records retrieved alphabetically by last name of the individual.'

SAFEGUARDS:

Delete entry and replace with 'Records are maintained in areas accessible only by supervisory personnel. Access to electronic records is controlled by password or other user identification code.'

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RECORD SOURCE CATEGORIES:

Delete entry and replace with 'Individual and individual's supervisor.'

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SYSTEM NAME:

Work Measurement Labor Distribution Cards.

SYSTEM LOCATION:

All Marine Corps activities.

CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:

Marine Corps employees, civilian, military and occasional summer hires funded by state and local programs.