

(5) *Losing loan ceiling reservations.* NMFS intends to ensure that it obligates this entire fiscal year 2001 loan ceiling before October 1, 2001. If an applicant with a loan ceiling reservation does not comply with NMFS' loan processing requirements promptly enough for NMFS to prospectively achieve this intention, NMFS may transfer the loan ceiling reservation to another applicant who can and will comply.

(6) *Applications and waiting list.* All potential applicants must first discuss their loan projects with the appropriate NMFS Regional Financial Services Branch (see **ADDRESSES**).

If a potential applicant appears to be ineligible for an FFP loan or unable to meet the FFP's loan risk criteria, NMFS will take no further action.

If, however, a potential applicant prospectively appears to be both eligible and able to meet the loan risk criteria, NMFS will then either advise the applicant that it may submit an application and application fee or add the applicant to the FFP waiting list for submitting future applications when lending priorities and/or unreserved loan ceilings permit.

NMFS will reserve sufficient loan ceiling for every applicant that submits an application and application fee after NMFS advises the applicant that it may do so.

Although NMFS advises a potential applicant that it may submit a loan application and application fee, only subsequent loan investigation and analysis will determine whether, and under what conditions, NMFS will approve a loan.

Subject to fiscal year 2002 loan priorities and loan ceilings, NMFS will consider as FY 2002 application candidates all parties on the FY 2001 waiting list for whom NMFS did not reserve FY 2001 loan ceiling. NMFS will do so in the chronological order in which parties were added to the waiting list.

All FFP loans are subject to the FFP operating rules. Potential applicants should see these rules (50 CFR part 253, subpart B) for further eligibility and qualification details.

IV. Administrative Requirements

The Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 bars additional Federal loans (other than disaster loans) to delinquent Federal borrowers (excluding debt under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986).

Loan applicants are subject to name-check reviews intended to reveal whether applicant principals have been convicted of, or are facing, criminal charges for fraud, theft, perjury, or other

matters affecting the applicant's honesty, integrity, or credit-worthiness.

False application statements can result in loan denial, loan termination, and possible punishment by fines or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Applicants must complete a Form CD-511 because they are subject to 15 CFR part 26 (Federal assistance debarment) and the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352 (using appropriated funds to influence Federal financial transactions). NMFS will furnish this form when it advises potential applicants to submit their applications.

V. Classification

Neither the Administrative Procedure Act nor any other law requires prior notice and opportunity for public comment about this loan notice. Consequently, the Regulatory Flexibility Act does not require a regulatory flexibility analysis.

This notice is not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

FFP applications are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

This notice refers to collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. Applications for FFP loans have been approved by OMB under control number 0648-0012. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 11.5 hours per application, 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 collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Michael L. Grable (see the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above).

Notwithstanding any other provision of 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 Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

William T. Hogarth,

Acting Assistant Administrator for 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; Public 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 (Council) and its Information and Education Committee, Large Pelagic Committee, Executive Committee, and Law Enforcement Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001, through Thursday March 22, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Golden Inn, Oceanfront at 78th Street, Avalon, NJ; telephone: 609-368-5155.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: *Tuesday, March 20, 2001, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.—* Information and Education Committee program.

*Wednesday, March 21, 2001, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.—*the Large Pelagics Committee will meet

*9 a.m. to 5 p.m.—*Council will meet.

*Thursday, March 22, 2001, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.—*the Executive Committee and Law Enforcement Committee will meet.

*9 a.m. to 1 p.m.—*Council will meet.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Review and discuss new bycatch reduction technologies; review recent NMFS actions and rules affecting Highly Migratory Species (HMS); review, discuss, and adopt Framework 2 management measures regarding extension of *Illex* moratorium, *Loligo* exemption in *Illex* fishery, real time management of *Loligo*, rule roll-over for mackerel; address preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS), or Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS), to assess potential effects on the human environment owing to initiation of Amendment 13 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery

Management Plan (FMP), which deals with new surfclam overfishing definition, fishing gear impacts on essential fish habitat (EFH), multi-year quotas, reversal of the requirement of regulatory action to suspend the surfclam size limit, development of a vessel monitoring system; address preparation of an EIS, or SEIS, to assess potential effects on the human environment owing to initiation of Amendment 13 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP, which deals with future commercial fishery management measures for black sea bass, and fishing gear impacts on EFH; the Executive Committee will review outcomes from the February Coordinating Council meeting, and review outcomes from NMFS meeting on National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements/responsibilities (potential EFH and EIS impacts); the Law Enforcement Committee will address means to better integrate and synchronize timing of law enforcement comments regarding proposed management actions and enforceability; the Council will hear organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report where the Council may address possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting. Council may also address possible actions from the South Atlantic Council meeting on dolphin/wahoo; may discuss whiting management and possible impacts on the Mid-Atlantic Council fisheries; and may address and recommend a position regarding joint venture processing allocation for mackerel.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

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: March 1, 2001.

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. 030101A]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meetings.

SUMMARY: Two committees of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20-23, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Gulf of Alaska Rationalization Committee will meet beginning at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 20, and continue on Wednesday, March 21, until their agenda is completed. The Committee will continue discussions on the aspects of rationalizing the groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska, focusing on the following points:

1. Determine whether rationalization in the Gulf of Alaska is needed;
2. If so, for what species and/or areas;
3. Determine the need for analyses of the economic impacts of:
 - a. individual fishing quotas;
 - b. processor quotas;
 - c. cooperatives; and/or
 - d. community quotas.

The Council's Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Committee will also meet at the hotel, beginning at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 22, continuing through Friday, March 23. The Committee will continue their task of developing alternatives, elements, and options for rationalization of the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands crab fisheries. Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council when

tasking staff with an analysis for future crab management programs.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, 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 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Procedures in Considering Requests Under the Textile and Apparel "Short Supply" Provisions of The African Growth and Opportunity Act and The United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act

March 2, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

ACTION: Notice of Procedures.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the procedures the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee) will follow in implementing certain provisions of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act). Title I of the Act (the African Growth and Opportunity Act or the AGOA) and Title II of the Act (the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act or the CBTPA) provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products from designated beneficiary countries. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns or fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. However, the AGOA and the CBTPA authorize quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel