

the Vandenberg coast and on the Northern Channel Islands.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

**Laurie K. Allen,**

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022404B]

#### Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 16, 2004 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Chateau LeMoyne, 301 Rue Dauphine, New Orleans, LA 70112; telephone: 1-800-747-3279.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The LEAP will convene to review possible changes to the NMFS 2005 commercial shark fishing seasons. The LEAP will also review scoping documents that would potentially limit access in the commercial king mackerel and reef fish fisheries to replace the existing moratoria. A scoping document that would potentially allow marine aquaculture will also be reviewed along with a scoping document to potentially extend the existing moratorium on the issuance of new charter vessel permits. The LEAP will also review draft amendments that would establish rebuilding plans for red snapper and vermilion snapper in the Gulf, and scoping options for a variety of management measures pertaining to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf

states as well as NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the LEAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meetings. Actions of the LEAP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 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 Trish Kennedy at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 9, 2004.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

**Peter H. Fricke,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022404C]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public 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 Research Set Aside (RSA) Committee, Executive Committee, and Fisheries Issues Focus Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held Tuesday, March 16, through Thursday, March 18, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Shell Island Resort Hotel, 2700 N. Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC; telephone: 910-256-8696.

*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 16, 2004

10 a.m. until noon The Council will tour a local area Summer Flounder and Black Sea Bass Mariculture Facility.

1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Research Set Aside Committee will meet.

3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet.

6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. There will be a New England Council Scoping Hearing on its Omnibus Essential Fishing Habitat (EFH) Amendment.

##### Wednesday, March 17, 2004

8 a.m. to 10 a.m. The Fisheries Issues Focus Committee will meet.

10 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. The Council will meet.

4 p.m. to 8 p.m. The Council will visit the Wrightsville Beach U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Station.

##### Thursday, March 18, 2004

8 a.m. until noon The Council will meet.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: Describe and discuss the RSA program and 2005 Request for Proposal (RFP), review RSA grants review/approval process, discuss possible RSA program improvements, discuss how the RSA program should be incorporated into NMFS science and management programs; Review the Council's selection criteria for industry advisors, and address future committee items; Discuss how slot sizes may be used in recreational fisheries, address using market forces to mitigate impacts of restrictive fishery regulations, discuss Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (MRFSS) Program and its implications for future, review and discuss Council's October 2003 action regarding summer flounder petition; Review Framework 5 options regarding multi-year setting of specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; Receive a presentation on seafood labeling and an overview of current USCG operations and issues; the Council will also receive and discuss organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting, the South

Atlantic Council report, and act on any new and/or old business.

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

These meetings are 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: February 25, 2004.

**Peter H. Fricke**,

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

#### Science Advisory Board; Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, March 16, 2004, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, March 17, 2004, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**Place:** The meeting will be held both days at the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, VA.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute time period set aside on Tuesday, March 16, for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by March 8, 2004, to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after March 8, 2004, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Research Review, (2) NOAA Social Science Research Activities, (3) Reports of Cooperative Institute reviews, (4) Ocean Modeling review, (5) FY 2005 budget requests, and (6) public statements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, E-mail: [Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov)); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: February 25, 2004.

**Louisa Koch**,

*Deputy Assistant Administrator, OAR.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Defense Security Service (DSS) announces the proposed continuation of a public information collection affecting cleared

DoD contractors and seeks public comments on the provision thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information to be collected; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by April 29, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Defense Security Service, Chief Program Integration Branch, ATTN: Mr. Richard L. Lawhorn, 1340 Braddock Place, Alexandria, VA 22314-1650.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed data collection or obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instrument, please write to the above address, or call Defense Security Service, (703) 325-5327.

**Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:** "Department of Defense Security Agreement", "Appendage to Department of Defense Security Agreement" "Certificate Pertaining to Foreign Interests"; DD Forms, 441, 441-1 and SF 328; 0704-0194.

**Needs and Uses:** Executive Order (EO) 12829, "National Industrial Security Program (NISIP)" stipulates that the Secretary of Defense shall serve as the Executive Agent for inspecting and monitoring the contractors, licensees, and grantees who require or will require access, to or who store or will store classified information; and for determining the eligibility for access to classified information of contractors, licensees, and grantees and their respective employees. The specific requirements necessary to protect classified information released to private industry are set forth in DoD 5200.22M, "National Industrial Security Program Operating Manual (NISIPOM)"; Respondents must execute DD Form 441, "Department of Defense Security Agreement", which is the initial contract between industry and the government. This legally binding document details the responsibility of both parties and obligates the contractor to fulfill requirements outlined in DoD 5220.22M. The DD Form 441-1, "Appendage to Department of Defense Security Agreement," is used to extend the agreement to branch offices of the contractor. SF Form 328, "Certificate