

(Commission) was established by the Appalachian States Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Consent Act (Public Law 100-319, May 19, 1988). The Commission represents the states of Delaware, Maryland and West Virginia, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to assist in the establishment of a regional low-level radioactive waste disposal facility as required by the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Amendments Act (Public Law 99-240, January 15, 1986).

The primary purpose of this meeting is to: consider a revised budget for 1997-98; consider a proposed budget for 1998-99; elect officers; and hear a status report on the siting of a regional LLRW disposal facility. A draft agenda can be obtained by contacting the Commission at 717-234-6295.

Marc S. Tenan,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement

SUMMARY: In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act and with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Alaska and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct public scoping meetings on the proposed Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) to solicit comments on significant issues related to the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Draft Management Plan (DMP). The DEIS and DMP will address research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the reserve.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, June 24, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Homer City Hall, City Council Chambers, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99663.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, June 26, 1997 at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Seldovia Community Center, Seldovia, Alaska 99603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Glenn Seaman, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, at (907) 267-2331, or Matt Menashes, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 165.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In May 1997, NOAA approved the nomination of Kachemak Bay in Alaska as a proposed National Estuarine Research Reserve. Research reserves provide natural coastal habitats as field laboratories for baseline ecological studies and education programs. Research and monitoring programs are designed to enhance scientific understanding of the coastal environment and aid in resource management decision making.

The Kachemak Bay NERR is proposed to be managed by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), in cooperation with the Alaska Department of Natural Resources (ADNR). The ADFG has statutory authority to manage the state's critical habitat areas system, in which Kachemak Bay is included. The ADNR has management authority over the Kachemak Bay State Park, which is included in the proposed boundaries for the Kachemak Bay NERR.

The ADFG has developed a preliminary draft management plan outline for the NERR which identifies specific needs and priorities related to research, monitoring, education, and resource protection at the proposed site. It also outlines an administrative plan, volunteer program and facilities development needs, public access, and visitor use policies.

At the public meetings, ADFG and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the process for developing a DMP and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

The public meetings will be held in Homer, Alaska, at the City Council Chambers, 491 West Pioneer Avenue, on June 24, 1997, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and in Seldovia, Alaska, at the Seldovia Community Center, on June 26, 1997 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions, comments or substantive information regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend either of the above meetings. Parties who wish to respond in writing should do so by July 9, 1997, to Glenn Seaman, Habitat and Restoration Division, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333

Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1599, or Matthew Menashes, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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Nancy Foster,
Assistant Administrator, for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060297A]

South 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 South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Golden Crab Committee and Advisory Panel, Spiny Lobster Committee and Advisory Panel, Habitat and Environmental Protection Committee, Calico Scallop Committee, Snapper Grouper Committee, Controlled Access Committee, Mackerel Committee, and a Council session.

DATES: The meetings will be held from June 16-20, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Pier House Resort, One Duval Street, Key West, FL; telephone: (305) 296-4600.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306; Charleston, SC 29407-4699.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Buchanan, Public Information Officer; telephone: (803) 571-4366; fax: (803) 769-4520; email: susan.buchanan@noaa.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates

June 16, 1997, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Joint Golden Crab Committee and Advisory Panel

The committee and advisory panel will hear reports regarding the status of Golden Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP) implementation and the numbers

of permits that have been issued and disapproved, the status of the golden crab resource, and a report on golden crab data collection. The committee and advisory panel will discuss potential need for framework action or plan amendment for the golden crab fishery.

June 16, 1997, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Joint Spiny Lobster Committee and Advisory Panel

The committee and advisory panel will hear reports on the status of the Florida trap certificate program and the status of the spiny lobster resource, and discuss potential need for framework action or plan amendment.

June 16, 1997, 6:00 p.m. until all business is complete—Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program Scoping Meeting (ACCSP)

As a partner in the ACCSP, the Council will hold a scoping meeting to solicit public input on ways to improve commercial and recreational fisheries data collection.

June 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel

The committee will review the timeframe for development of the Council Habitat Plan, discuss the national habitat workshop, review the Habitat Advisory Panel's recommendations, and review the draft Habitat Plan outline.

June 17, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Calico Scallop Committee

The committee will meet to review previous scoping meeting information, review requests for management action from industry, discuss a preliminary options paper, and develop measures to be included in the Calico Scallop FMP.

June 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee

The committee will meet to hear a report on the Red Snapper Assessment and clarify management measures in Amendment 9 to the Snapper Grouper FMP if deemed necessary.

June 18, 1997, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Controlled Access Committee

The committee will meet to clarify the Council's intent for NMFS on issues that arise in the interim period before implementation of Amendment 8 to the Snapper Grouper FMP.

June 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Mackerel Committee

The committee will meet to hear the status of Mackerel Amendment 8 and framework action, review the Mackerel Amendment 9 options paper, and develop South Atlantic Council management measures for Amendment 9 and recommendations for Gulf Council measures.

June 19, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Council Session

The full Council will convene to review public scoping comments on the issue of sale of bag limit (recreational) caught fish, review the options paper on this issue, and take action on how to proceed with this issue; hear the Snapper Grouper Committee Report and clarify management measures in Snapper Grouper Amendment 9 if necessary; hear the Controlled Access Committee report and clarify the Council's intent for NMFS on issues that arise in the interim period before implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 8; hear the Mackerel Committee report and decide on management measures to include in Mackerel Amendment 9; hear the Golden Crab Committee report and decide if there is need for framework action or plan amendment; hear the Spiny Lobster Committee report and decide if there is need for framework action or plan amendment; and hear the Calico Scallop Committee report before deciding which management measures to include in the FMP.

June 20, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Council Session

The full Council will convene to hear the Habitat Committee report, receive an update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Implementation, hear a status report on the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, hear agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by June 9, 1997.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

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. 052797E]

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 (P770

#73) and an request to modify permit 1010 (P503S).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed Snake River salmon, and that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has applied in due form for a modification to Permit 1010.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before July 9, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The applications 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

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division (P770 #73) requests a five-year 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). This permit would be a continuation of work covered under Permit 852, and is to monitor wild smolt migrations of Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and to conduct genetic analysis. The applicant requests authorization to capture, PIT-tag, and release up to 30,000 wild juveniles, with 450 indirect mortalities, per year. The applicant also wishes to lethally take up to 800 wild juveniles (80 from each of 10 different populations) and up to 300 (100 from each of 3 different populations) listed hatchery juveniles per year. In low abundance years, lethal take will be suspended, and replaced with non-lethal fin clip for DNA analysis.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (P503S) requests a modification to existing permit 1010, to allow the release of maturing spring chinook salmon from their captive rearing program.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular