

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 22, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to James P. Lawless, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resources Management, SSMC-4, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (telephone 301-713-3155, ext. 194).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Public Law 96-282, the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act, authorizes the Administrator of NOAA to issue licenses to eligible U.S. citizen applicants for the exploration of deep seabed mineral resources. Information must be submitted as part of a license application so that NOAA can determine if statutory requirements for eligibility are met. License holders are required to do environmental monitoring and to submit reports to allow NOAA to track activities and their impact on the environment.

II. Method of Collection

The requirements are contained in 15 CFR 970. No forms are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0145.

Form Number: N/A.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2.

Estimated Time Per Response: An annual report is expected to take about 20 hours. An application would take from 2,000-4,000 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 40 hours (no applications have been received for a number of years and none are expected).

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041698E]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 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 and the New England Fishery Management Council will hold a Joint Dogfish Committee meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, May 8, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Logan Airport, 225 McLellan Highway, E. Boston, MA; telephone: 617-569-5250.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to establish qualifying criteria for limited access permits, adopt the definition of overfishing, discuss stock rebuilding strategies, and adopt draft management measures.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this 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 the agenda listed 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 Mid-Atlantic Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 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

[I.D. 041698D]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Council's Vessel Bycatcher Accountability (VBA) Committee and the newly-established Halibut Bycatcher Mortality Avoidance Program (HMAP) and Individual Vessel Checklist Program (IVCP) Committees have scheduled meetings for May 13-15, 1998, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The VBA Committee will meet Wednesday, May 13, 1998, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

The HMAP Committee will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 14, 1998, with the IVCP Committee beginning later that same day. The meeting will conclude at noon on Friday, May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Nordby Conference Center, Suite A, Fishermen's Terminal, 1711 West Nickerson, Seattle, WA.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Witherell, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VBA Committee will continue work to finalize options for analysis of a

program for individual vessel bycatch accountability. The HMAP and IVCP Committees will hold their initial meetings to discuss tasking and to develop workplans.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 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

[I.D. 041698C]

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Workshop.

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a workshop on the dolphin-fish and wahoo. A review panel and workshop participants will review biological information and current management programs pertaining to these species. The review panel will make consensus recommendations to the Council on management options for these species in the form of a written report. The public is invited to observe this workshop.

DATES: The workshop will be held May 6-8, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2001 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (803) 571-1000.

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:

Workshop Dates

May 6, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Sessions I & II

Workshop participants will review and discuss available information regarding the biology, population structure and migration patterns, as well as fisheries and population dynamics of dolphin-fish and wahoo species in the Caribbean and the Southeastern United States;

May 7, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.—Session III

Workshop participants will discuss and develop consensus recommendations relative to dolphin-fish and wahoo natural mortality, growth rate and longevity, age/size at first reproduction and fecundity, stock structure and migration patterns, data collection and research needs, and the status of these stocks before formulating consensus recommendations to the Council on data, input parameters and stock status;

May 7, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.—Session IV

Workshop participants will review available information pertaining to current dolphin-fish and wahoo management programs in the Caribbean and the Southeastern United States, and receive an update on the South Atlantic Council's request to be designated as lead council for dolphin-fish and wahoo management;

May 7, 1998, 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.—Session V

Workshop participants will consider a wide range of management options for managing dolphin-fish and wahoo throughout the South Atlantic Council's area of management jurisdiction for these species and formulate consensus recommendations on options for the Council to consider in the Dolphin-fish/Wahoo Fishery Management Plan;

May 8, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to noon—Session VI

The panel will review, discuss and approve the final workshop report and the timeframe for Council action will also be discussed.

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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 the agenda 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 1, 1998.

Dated: April 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

[I.D. 032798A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Marine Mammal Research Group, Box 6244, Victoria, B.C., Canada V8P 5L5, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 926.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 30, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 4625) that an amendment of permit No. 926, issued June 10, 1994 (59 FR 31217), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment