

determination is affirmative, the ITC will, within 45 days, determine whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with Sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 14, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041900B]

Mid-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 Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Comprehensive Management Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, Information & Education Committee, Habitat Committee, Large Pelagics Committee, Executive Committee, and Demersal Committee as a Council Committee of the Whole together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2000 to Thursday, May 11, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Sheraton Inn, N. duPont Highway, Dover, DE; telephone: 302-678-8500.

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: On Tuesday, May 9, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet.

The Law Enforcement Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.

The Information & Education Committee will meet from 11:00 a.m. until noon.

The Habitat Committee will meet from 1:00-5:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, May 10, 2000, from 8:00-9:00 a.m., the Large Pelagics Committee will meet.

The Executive Committee will meet from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Council convenes at 10:00 a.m. and meets with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

On Thursday, May 11, 2000, Council will be in session from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Review and modify draft framework action regarding research quota set asides, review and rank Council research priorities, and discuss summer flounder workshop design. Review nomination process for quarterly Law Enforcement recognitions. Discuss use of teleconferencing in lieu of meetings, explore possibilities for future Information & Education presentations, and discuss ideas for the June Newsletter. Review and discuss Minerals Management Service Environmental Assessment for sand mining (NJ south to VA), discuss NMFS general concurrence process regarding Council Fishery Management Plans (FMPs), evaluate performance of NMFS success in use of elevation process with Corps of Engineers, and review Long Island Sound Environmental Impact Statement regarding ocean disposal sites. Develop recommendations regarding NMFS proposed division line for north-south Atlantic bluefin tuna angling categories. Discuss possible decoupling of joint Dogfish and Monkfish FMPs, and review composition of monitoring committees. Initiate action to amend the summer flounder section of the FMP by considering perpetuation of conservation equivalency (or not), and amend the scup section of the FMP by revising the process used for allocation of total allowable catch, discards, and

total allowable levels, and by possibly re-establishing state-by-state quota allocations. Address scup recreational specifications for 2000 by determining a response to NMFS' rejection of 50 fish possession limit. The Council will also approve minutes from its March, 2000 meeting, review and comment on March meeting actions, and receive organizational reports from the NMFS Regional Administrator, NMFS Science Center Director, NOAA Office of General Counsel, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Federal Enforcement units and the ASMFC. It will also receive Committee reports from the following committees: New England Council, South Atlantic Council, Monkfish, Comprehensive Management, Law Enforcement, Information & Education, Habitat, Large Pelagics, and Executive.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, such 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.

Request for Comment on Experimental Fishing Proposal

On May 11, 2000, the NMFS Northeast Regional Administrator will request oral public comment on a proposed experimental fishery that requires issuance of Experimental Fishing Permits (EFPs). The public may comment at that time, or may submit comments in writing. Written comments must be received by May 11, 2000 and should be submitted to: Patricia Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Written comments may be submitted by facsimile (fax) to 978-281-9135, but may not be submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The proposal is summarized below.

The NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) proposes to conduct cooperative research with industry that would require two vessels to conduct *Illex Squid* (*Illex illecebrosus*) surveys in the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone on the edge of the continental shelf between northeastern Georges Bank and Cape Fear, North Carolina (approximately 35°-41° latitude). The purpose of the surveys is to calculate a pre-fishery abundance estimate and improve data

input to stock assessments. Vessel operations would be under the supervision and control of NEFSC scientific personnel.

The stratified random sampling will occur at depths of 60–100 fathoms and 101–200 fathoms outside of all multispecies closed areas (Closed Area II and Nantucket Lightship Closed Area). Participating commercial *Illex* Squid vessels will employ standardized, scientific towing and sampling protocols. Towing will occur at 100 pre-determined stations at one half hour intervals and a tow speed of 3.5 knots. The codend mesh size of the liners will measure 1 inch (25.4 mm) diamond throughout the codend circumference for a total length of 30 feet.

The target species is *Illex* Squid, however some bycatch may be encountered. Any and all species landed for commercial purposes will be done so in accordance with the respective fishery requirements and landing restrictions. *Illex* length, weight and age data will be recorded along with other physical parameters (bottom temperature, depth, vessel speed and location data). Total catch weight information will be recorded for all other species retained. The survey will commence on or about May 20, 2000, and will continue through May 31, 2000. Timing is critical to survey success, which intends to capture the spring migration of *Illex* onto the continental shelf.

EFPs would be issued to two participating Federally permitted *Illex* Squid vessels to exempt them from the gear restrictions of the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan.

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: April 20, 2000.

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. 041900A]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panel will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The STAR Panel for bank rockfish and darkblotched rockfish will meet beginning at 1:00 p.m., May 15, 2000 and continue through May 19 until business is completed. Except for Monday, May 15, 2000, the STAR Panel will meet each day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The STAR Panel for bank rockfish and darkblotched rockfish will be held in The Marilyn Potts Guin Library, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, 2030 Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326–6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to review draft stock assessment documents for bank rockfish and darkblotched rockfish and any other pertinent information, work with stock assessment teams to make necessary revisions, and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the STAR Panel agenda may come before the panel for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel 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 panel's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 19, 2000.

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. 041700A]

Marine Mammals; Photography Permit (File No. 980–1570)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Clive Lonsdale, Lonsdale Films, 113 Fakenham Road, Great Ryburg, Norfolk NR21 7AQ, United Kingdom, has applied in due form for a permit to take orcas (*Orcinus orca*) and gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) for purposes of commercial photography.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907–586–7235).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of § 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a “pilot” application for Level B Harassment of non-listed and non-