

in the final rule implementing Amendment 13.

NMFS is under a Court-ordered deadline to implement Amendment 13 by May 1, 2004. The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004 (Division H, Section 105), however, prohibited NMFS from expending funds to implement the Amendment during this fiscal year. However, on April 13, 2004, President Bush signed into law H.R. 2584, which contains a provision repealing Section 105 of division H of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2004, thus enabling NMFS to implement Amendment 13 and publish the final rule. NMFS will publish the final rule in the **Federal Register** in the near future.

In addition, the public is informed that the ROD for Amendment 13 in compliance with NEPA is available on the NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center's website: <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/groundfish/#mg>

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 14, 2004.

John Oliver,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041404E]

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 Fisheries Issues Focus Committee, Research Set-Aside Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee, and Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 4, through Thursday, May 6, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ 07094; telephone: 201-348-6900.

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, May 4, 2004, 12 noon to 1 p.m.* – The Fisheries Issues Focus Committee will meet.

1 p.m. to 2 p.m. – The Research Set-Aside Committee will meet.

2 p.m. to 4 p.m. – The Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – The Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet.

Wednesday, May 5, 2004, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. – The Executive Committee will meet.

9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – Council will meet.

3:30 to 4 p.m. – There will be a NMFS Outreach Briefing.

4 p.m. to 5 p.m. – There will be a South Atlantic Council Scoping Hearing on Amendment 15 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics Fishery Management Plan.

Thursday, May 6, 2004, 8 a.m. until approximately noon – The Council will meet.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: Review status of states recreational saltwater fishing license programs; Review of New England Council (NEC) process to incorporate research results into NMFS scientific data bases; Address strategies to optimize use of multi-year quota setting mechanisms for surfclams and ocean quahogs; Review action on herring and its impacts on mackerel; Receive report from annual Council Chairmen's meeting; Review and resolve Advisory Panel appointment issues; Receive update on Council's FY04 budget; Receive reports on Climatic Impacts on East Coast Fishery Stocks and Clean Ocean Zone Initiative; Review and adopt Framework 5 regarding multi-year total allowable landings (TALs) for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass; Discuss items related to Dogfish Amendment 1; Receive a NMFS Outreach Briefing on the Northeast Regional Bycatch Workshop; the Council will also receive and hear committee and organizational reports, and act on any new and/or continuing 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 Kathy Collins at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 15, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permit No. 1198

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research Permit No. 1198 submitted by the Florida Marine Research Institute, Jacksonville Field Laboratory, 6134 Authority Avenue, Building 200, Jacksonville, FL 32221, has been granted.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289, fax (301)713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Hubard or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered