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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2004, the President signed Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) Number 12 that directed the Secretary of Commerce to promulgate a Federal Standard by February 27, 2005, that assures secure and reliable forms of identification of Federal and Federal contractor employees. In response, the NIST Computer Security Division has initiated development of this standard. The principal requirements of HSPD Number 12 are to create a secure and reliable automated system that may be used Government-wide to: (1) Establish the authentic true identity of an individual; (2) issue an identity credential token to each authenticated individual containing an "electronic representation" of the identity and the person to whom it is issued which can later be verified using appropriate technical means when access to a secure Federal facility or information system is requested; (3) provide graduated criteria that provide appropriate levels of assurance and security to the application; (4) be strongly resistant to identity fraud, counterfeiting, and exploitation by individuals, terrorist organizations, or conspiracy groups; (5) initiate development and use of interoperable automated systems meeting these requirements.

To meet these requirements, the draft FIPS proposes (1) a credential issuance process that relies upon identity documentation supplemented by record checking; (2) specifications for storage of biometric information on the identity credential; (3) use of existing graduated criteria for employee position sensitivity and physical/logical access levels; (4) security controls to counter fraud and exploitation; and (5) information to facilitate agency establishment of real-time credential validity checking and integration of the new credential into physical and logical access systems.

Under the requirements of HSPD Number 12, the standard must be promulgated by February 27, 2005. NIST anticipates that the initial standard will be augmented over the course of two to three years as additional supporting technical guidelines, recommendations, reference implementations, and conformance tests are developed.

Authority: NIST's activities to develop computer security standards to protect

Federal non-national security systems is undertaken pursuant to specific responsibilities assigned to NIST in the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002. In addition, development of FIPS 201 is being undertaken in response to Homeland Security Presidential Directive Number 12.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Richard F. Kayser,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 7, 2004, from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST's activities; a preview of a new NIST overview; a VCAT member's presentation on managing organizations with remote sites; an update on outreach strategy; an update on the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program; and updates from the Fall Senior Management Board Strategy Retreat. Two laboratory tours are scheduled. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. and to end at 9 a.m. on December 7, on the NIST budget and planning information will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will

have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, December 2, 2004, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's e-mail address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene on December 7 at 8:15 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 24, 2003, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111804B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); 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 Magnuson-Stevens Act (MSA) Reauthorization Committee; its Ecosystem Committee; and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004 through

Thursday, December 9, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be at the Holiday Inn Select, Interstate 95 and Naamans Road, Claymont (North Wilmington), DE 19703; telephone 302-792-2700.

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, December 7, 2004

1 p.m. to 3 p.m., the MSA Reauthorization Committee will meet.
3 p.m. to 5 p.m., the Ecosystem Committee will meet.

Wednesday, December 8, 2004

8:30-9:30 a.m., the Executive Committee will meet.
9:30 a.m., the Council will convene.
9:30-11:45 a.m., the Council will meet jointly with the Atlantic States Marine Fishery Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board (Board) to establish recreational management measures of the 2005 summer flounder fishery.

1 p.m., Council will present its 2004 Fisheries Achievement Award.

1:15 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Council, jointly with the ASMFC's Board, will set recreation management measures for scup and black sea bass fisheries for 2005.

Thursday, December 9, 2004

8:30 a.m., the Council will convene.
8:45 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., Council will hear a NMFS presentation regarding its Sea Turtle Strategy under the Endangered Species Act.

9:30 a.m. until adjournment, Council will approve the August and October Council meeting minutes, hear organizational reports, receive status of the Council's Fishery Management Plans, and hear the Executive Director's Report. Council will then receive Committee and Council liaison reports and address any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: on December 7, the meeting of the MSA Reauthorization Committee will review Bills proposed during the 108th Congress, discuss U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy Report and its implications on MSA, and discuss

strengths and weaknesses of current law and how it could be reinforced or modified; and, the meeting of the Ecosystem Committee will review NMFS' ecosystem survey meeting outcome, and review the status of GIS (Geographic Information System) capabilities and applications for fishery management. On December 8, the meeting of the Executive Committee will discuss the implication of decoupling Council and Commission FMPs, and possible elimination/transfer of authority to jointly manage dogfish and monkfish FMPs. The joint meeting with the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will set recreational management for the 2005 summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass recreational fisheries. For each fishery, the Council and Commission will review and discuss the Monitoring Committee's recommendations on management measures, and will also review and discuss the Advisory Panels' recommendations on management measures. Council will present its Fisheries Achievement Award to Sonja Fordham of The Ocean Conservancy. On December 9, the Council will convene at 8:30 a.m. to receive a presentation from NMFS regarding its Sea Turtle Strategy under the Endangered Species Act; approve August and October Council meeting minutes; hear organizational reports, liaison reports, internal staff reports and committee 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo (302-674-2331) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 18, 2004.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111704D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee in December, 2004 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 6, 2004 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (978) 339-2200.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ad Hoc Bycatch Committee will meet to begin the development of fishery management measures to reduce potential bycatch in fisheries, in particular the very large 2003-year class of haddock.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 action to address the emergency.

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